



Laura James

Jesus Walks on Water

Our Worship of God

August 13, 2017

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Greeting

Ed Rollins

Prelude

JanEl Will, piano Concerto
Colleen Ostercamp, organ

Lucchinetti

Gospel Reading

Brittany McDonald Null

Matthew 14:22-33

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear.

But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Christ.

Special Music

When the Storms of Life are Raging

Call to Worship (responsive)

When the struggles of this life storm like waves on the sea,

fill our souls with the assurance of your love.

When fear blocks our ability to trust,

give us courage to walk in your ways.

When peace lies just beyond our grasp,

reach out your hand and steady our lives.

†Processional Hymn 52

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

(Please turn to face the cross as it enters)

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Dedication of Prayer Shawls (responsive)

We bless this prayer shawl and the person who will receive it.

May they see the intricate love and care given to this shawl, mirroring the intricate love and care that God bestows upon all people.

This shawl was made to bring warmth to someone who feels a chill.

May they feel the warm breath of the Holy Spirit as they wrap themselves with it.

This shawl was made to bring comfort to someone who feels alone.

May they feel comfort in knowing that someone prayed for them as they pieced it together.

This shawl was made to bring peace to someone in need of prayer.

May they feel the power of our prayers as they feel the yarn winding through their fingers.

This shawl was made to remind the recipient that they are part of this community.

May they feel touched by our love, moved by our guidance and held up by our support.

†Hymn 520

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Stanzas 1, 3 and 4

Gospel Reading
Matthew 14:22-33

Crystal Henley

*(As the scripture is read, we invite you to close your eyes
and visualize yourself in the Gospel story.)*

Message

Carol McEntyre

Gospel Reading
Matthew 14:22-33

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and visualize yourself in the Gospel story.)*

†Hymn of Commitment 519

It Is Well with My Soul

†Offertory Sentence

Offertory

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us
Piano duet – JanEl Will and Colleen Ostercamp

arr. Raney

†Benediction

Postlude

Week at a Glance

Sunday, Aug 13

12:15-1:30 pm Sermon Discussion Group

Conference Room

Monday, August 14

9:00 am – 10:30 am Senior Yoga

Off-site (see note below)

9:00 am – 3 am CBF Heartland

*Fellowship Hall &
Conference Room*

1-3:30 pm Staff Meeting

Conference Room

5:30 pm Serving Team Meeting

Conference Room

Tuesday, August 15

11:30 am – 2 pm Crafty Critters

E2

Wednesday, August 16

7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sanctuary

NOTE: Yoga will once again meet off-site on August 14. The group will not meet on August 21, 28, or September 4 but will return to normal schedule in the parlor on Sept. 11.

Worship Notes

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Today's scripture reader, Crystal Henley, has been a part of First Baptist Church since she was in First grade. She was baptized here, married here, her husband, Samuel Henley, was baptized here and her 2 sons, Mirek (3) and Gareth (15 months), were dedicated here. Crystal is the daughter of John and Sandy Hall. Crystal is a massage therapist and works in Sam's chiropractic office on Forum.

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Announcements

New Worship Series: Discernment

Speaking to God is one thing; learning to listen is discernment. Join us for a sermon series on knowing God's will and hearing God's voice. Here are the themes for each week:

August 20	I Would Know Your Skinny Butt Anywhere
August 27	Paying Attention
Sept. 3	What God's Guidance Is Not
Sept 10	How God Speaks
Sept. 17	Practicing Discernment

Fall Kick-Off

Save the date for the annual Fall Kick-Off on Sunday, August 27th at 12:15 pm on the church lawn. We will enjoy a western theme with a barnyard bounce house, inflatable-horse races, roping competition, photo ops, and – as always – good food and fellowship! The church will provide chicken, beverages, and tableware. Please bring a side dish to share.

Child Development Center

Please stop by the Child Development Center today to see the beautiful floors and carpets cleaned for us by our new custodian, Jason Bell, and rooms prepped by our CDC teachers for learning and fun! Be certain to take a look at the new trike path poured this week on the playground. The climbing feature is in the works. CDC children, families, and staff enjoyed Open House Thursday evening to welcome everyone to a new school year. Jess Wolfe, our new director as of August 1, hit the ground running. We thank you for caring so much about this ministry of First Baptist Church. All of these accomplishments are made possible because of you! An important side note: It's not too late to enroll! We have several openings for children 3-5.

The Calling

The Calling is for students in 6th through 12th grades. Our kick-off is Wednesday, August 23rd. The group meets throughout the school year each Wednesday from 6:00 – 7:15 pm.

College and Young Adult Ministries

Our weekly college Bible Study resumes on Sunday, Sept. 10th at 5:30 pm. Watch for more details as the date approaches.

First Baptist Adventures

Come join the next First Baptist Adventure on Saturday, August 19th to visit the Churchill Memorial in Fulton, with lunch afterward at The Barnyard Smokehouse. Please sign up by August 14th by contacting the church office or Paula Thomas, Fellowship Ministry Coordinator, at paulalou52@gmail.com or 573-875-1904.

Webcasting for Awakening

Webcasting for Awakening: Several members of our church have been hard at work preparing the Fellowship Hall to be able to webcast the Awakening service each week. We are close to installing our system but we need help with some light carpentry work (building shelves and cutting down a desk) and with location placement for our cameras. Michael McEntyre will be leading a work day to kick start the process on August 24th after lunch (starting at 1:00 pm). We will address the carpentry work first, and the camera placement later in the day. If you would be willing to help, please contact Associate Pastor Michael McEntyre at mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org and let him know when you might be available to come.

Once our system is in place, the real work begins. We will need volunteers to help run the webcast each week, as well as someone to organize and oversee the volunteer schedule. The system itself is not complicated and you don't have to be an expert to serve, just willing to come to a bit of training. If you are interested, please contact the Pastor at mcentyre@fbc-columbia.org to find out more.

Make Music with Us

Someone once said that “music is the best way to unite with God.” That’s pretty amazing stuff! And that’s something I think many of you may want to experience firsthand! If that’s the case, we’ve got music for you that not only unites you with God but also enables you to share laughter and tears with others making music for God.

Here are a few of the options that are starting up in the near future – why don’t you consider joining us?

Chancel Choir rehearsals resume August 16. The choir rehearses in the sanctuary from 7:30-8:45, and we’ve got a place for you.

Chancel Bells rehearsals resume August 23. The bell choir meets in the sanctuary from 6:30-7:30. If you’ve played for years, come on and join the fun. If you’ve never played, I bet we can help you learn and discover the joy of ringing for God.

Psalm Players Band begins again on Wednesday, August 23 from 5:30-6:30 in the sanctuary. We are looking to add new instrumentalists to our group. If you currently play an instrument in a band, here’s another place to practice. If you haven’t played in years, but wouldn’t mind trying again, you are welcome!

We have fun and we grow in our faith at the same time. There’s a place for you in music at First Baptist. Contact Ed Rollins for information or to chat at 442-1149 or rollins@fbc-columbia.org.

Update Your Membership Data

As mentioned in this week's Spire, we find that addresses, phone numbers, emails and family information change constantly. In addition, a recent computer crash resulted in the loss of changes made in the last several months. If you are a newer member, you may have been deleted entirely in the computer crash - for that we apologize! We love you and want to stay connected with you.

So how can you help? Here are several ways:

**During August, check the entrances to our worship spaces for a printed directory showing the information we have on file; find your name, and write any updates. (If you aren't on the list at all, please add yourself on one of the blank pages at the back.)

**Email your information to Janet at churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org.

**Call the church office at 442-1149 Monday-Friday, 8-noon and 1-5 pm.



11:15 am Traditional Worship Service

For those who may prefer a more contemporary worship experience, First Baptist Church offers Awakening Contemporary Worship at 9:15 a.m. each Sunday in the Fellowship Hall.

The flowers are given by Bruce & Betsy Odle in honor of their anniversary.

For Children During Worship:

1st- 5th Graders are encouraged to participate in worship with their family.

Children (Birth-Kindergarten) can be dropped off in the nursery, located next to the sanctuary, prior to worship where they will be cared for by our professional staff.

10:15 Spiritual Formation Hour:

Birth-Age 3 childcare is provided by our professional staff in the nursery, located next to the sanctuary.

First Kids Sunday School (3 year olds through 5th grade) is on the third floor.

Youth (grades 6-12) and Adult Combined Small Groups meet in the Parlor on the second floor for a study of the Enneagram.

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Church Staff

Carol McEntyre, Senior Pastor † Ed Rollins, Associate Pastor

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