

FOR IT IS
by *Grace*
you have been saved
through *Faith*

and this is not from yourselves
IT IS

The Gift of God

EPHESIANS 2:8 *Timothy R. Lott*

Our Worship of God

October 8, 2017

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Sola Gratia: By Grace Alone

Greeting

Ed Rollins

Invitation to Worship

*Amazing Grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.*

Prelude

How Firm a Foundation

Hobby

Scripture Reading

Judy Elliott

Ephesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else.

But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of

God— not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Response: “Even then, grace” (responsive)

Even when we were dead, Paul writes.

Even when we turned away from the One who had created us.

Even when we lived in the grip of what drew our gaze from God.

Even when we were oblivious.

**Even when we followed a path fashioned of nothing
but our own desires.**

Even when we wandered far and willfully away.

**Even when we forgot to look past our own feet and to see
the wonders not of our making.**

Even when we failed to stand in awe, to breathe thanks,
to lean into the love that had waited long for us.

Even when, Paul writes.

Even when,

even then:

grace.

†Proclamation Hymn 130

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

(Please turn to face the cross as it enters)

†Passing the Peace of Christ

†Prayer of Confession (responsive)

Most gracious and most merciful God,
we confess to you and to one another that time after time
we have entered your presence with countless prayers
but with hearts that have been closed to your grace.
We have lifted our hands to you in praise,
but our feet have still walked in the ways of evil.
We have rehearsed your commandments

but have refused to see your face in the needs of our neighbor.
We pray, Lord, that you forgive our lack of faith
and pardon our acts of injustice.

**Grant us the healing that comes from your presence
and the cleansing of your grace,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

† Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

To all who turn from sin in sorrow,
to all who turn to God in hope,
this is God's Word of grace:
We are accepted, we are forgiven, we are loved.
This gift we have from God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Praise to the Lord

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Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee,
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
if with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again:
gladly forever adore him.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever. Amen.

†Hymn 95

All Hail the Power

Omit Stanza 3

Message

Sola Gratia, Grace Alone

Carol McEntyre

†Hymn of Commitment 502

Amazing Grace

†Offertory Sentence (unison)

As we have been gathered in this place because of the faithfulness of those who have gone before us, so we pray that the gifts we offer in these moments might be used to reach out to those in all corners of the word who need hope, who hunger for food and justice, who yearn for peace, and who long for your graceful presence in their lives. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Offertory

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Johnson

†Benediction (responsive)

Out of great love, God, who is rich in mercy,
has made us alive together with Christ.

**Through Christ, God has shown us
the immeasurable riches of grace.**

Let us go into the world to be open channels of that love
and vessels overflowing with that grace.

Amen.

Postlude

Week at a Glance

Sunday, October 8

10:15 am Small Groups

4 pm First Baptist 101

5:30-7 pm College/Young Adult Bible Study

Various Classrooms

Parlor

Youth Suite

Monday, October 9

9-10:30 am Senior Yoga

1-3:30 pm Staff Meeting

5:30-7 pm Serving Team Meeting

Parlor

Conference Room

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Tuesday, October 10

11:45 am – 2 pm Crafty Critters

6 pm – Faith & Film: The Shack

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Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 11

5:30 pm Residency Lay Support Team

6:15-7:15 pm The Calling for Youth

5:30 pm Psalm Players Rehearsal

6:30 pm Chancel Bells Rehearsal

7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Library

Youth Suite

Sanctuary

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Friday, October 13

7 pm Odyssey Chamber Music: Akropolis

Sanctuary

Sunday, October 15

10:15 am Small Groups

4 pm First Baptist 101

4 pm Children's Music

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Announcements

First Baptist 101

If you sense that God is drawing you to the community at First Baptist, we celebrate that and we want you to have a chance to get to know our church! First Baptist 101 is a class for adults who are new members or anyone interested in learning more about First Baptist. We are addressing questions such as, “*What does it mean to be a member of First Baptist?*” and “*What does it mean to be Baptist?*”

First Baptist 101 meets for two more one-hour classes, today and on October 15 at 4 pm in the Parlor, located on the 2nd floor across from the church offices.

Today’s session focuses on understanding First Baptist leadership structure, the church staff, committees, goals and vision of the church and it taught by Pastor Carol McEntyre.

On October 15 we will present an overview of First Baptist ministries, opportunities to serve, and a building tour.

For more information or to sign up for child care, contact Pastor Carol McEntyre at mcentyre@fbc-columbia.org or 573-442-1149

Afternoon at the Farm

Our annual Afternoon at the Farm is Sunday, October 22 at 3 pm., with hayrides, trunk-or-treat, and dinner. Please plan to bring a bag or two of candy for trunk-or-treating, and a side dish to share. Meat, beverages and table service are provided. Details are in the current Spire and on our website at www.fbc-columbia.org.

Odyssey Chamber Music Series

The Odyssey Chamber Music Concert Series welcomes back the Akropolis Reed Quintet, the 2011 Plowman Chamber Music Competition Grand Prize Winner, on Friday, October 13 at 7 pm in the sanctuary. Tickets are \$20 for general admission; \$10 for students; and children under 10 are free.

Sheppard Lecture

Our Fall Sheppard Lecture will feature Amanda Tyler, the Executive Director of the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty (BJC). The Baptist Joint Committee is a leading voice in Washington, D.C., fighting to uphold the historic Baptist principles of religious freedom and separation of church and state.

Saturday, October 28, 10-Noon in the parlor:

How the Baptist Joint Committee Defends Religious Liberty for All

Child care will be available Saturday for infants in the nursery and Yvette Chambers, Director of Children's Ministry, will coordinate a fun filled morning for children, including fall canvas painting, cookie decorating, and pumpkin painting! To register for child care contact Yvette Chambers at chambers@fbc-columbia.org.

Sunday, October 29, 9:15 Awakening and **11:15** Traditional Worship – *Loving and Knowing our Neighbors*.

Sunday, October 29, 10:15 Combined Small Group and brunch in the fellowship hall – *Politics in the Pulpit*.

Combined Worship and Business Meeting November 12

On Sunday, November 12 we will have a combined worship at 9:15 in the Fellowship Hall, followed by brunch and a business meeting.

Child Development Center Halloween Party

The Child Development Center at First Baptist is hosting a Halloween Party on Wednesday, October 25th. First Baptist Families are invited to join the fun. All children are welcome to come in costume, but please no masks, no weapons, and nothing scary. An optional viewing of "It's The Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown" will begin at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall, followed by a costume parade around FBC and CDC, and then activities and games from 6:30 pm-7:30 pm. A supervised Halloween movie will also be played on the third floor for older children who wish to watch it.

Worship Notes

The scripture response, “Even then, grace,” based on Ephesians 2:4-5a, was written by Jan L. Richardson, and posted on **The Painted Prayerbook**. <http://paintedprayerbook.com/>

The Benediction, based on Ephesians 2:4-7, is posted on the **Seekers Church** website. <http://www.seekerschurch.org/>

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Today’s scripture reader is Judy Elliott. Judy and her husband Jim have been members of First Baptist since moving to Columbia in 1968. Judy has served on a number of church committees (even taught a Sunday school class in Spanish) and participates in many community service organizations. Judy especially enjoyed her trip to Tijuana, Mexico, with Ed Rollins and the youth group as they lived in tents and constructed homes for the less fortunate. Judy also worked as a Spanish interpreter at MU Hospitals, taught Spanish at MU for a number of years and has taken more than 800 people for Spanish immersion to Mexico. She continues to teach for MU Osher as a volunteer when she is in Columbia. Jim and Judy have two children and four grandchildren who live in Florida. Two of the grandchildren have returned to study at MU. If Judy is not singing in the choir or playing her harp, she is probably headed for her second home in Florida or Mexico. Judy appreciates the church's care extended to her mother at Tiger Place.



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 Liz Stone to beautify our worship space.

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 Bible Study (grades 6-12) is on the third floor.

Adult Small Groups which dive into various topics (visitors and guests welcomed):

Faith Forum in the second floor classroom, next to the elevator.

Discussion Class in the parlor on the second floor.

Young Adult Small Group in the 2nd floor library.

Women's Small Group in the hospitality room off the sanctuary.

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