

For all that has been

THANKS

For all that will be

YES

Our Worship of God

January 14, 2018

11:15 am

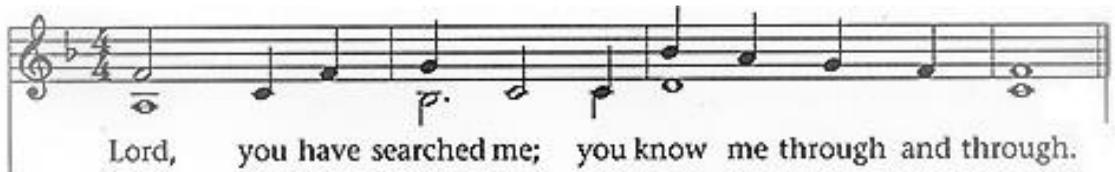
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∞ Second Sunday after the Epiphany ∞

Greeting

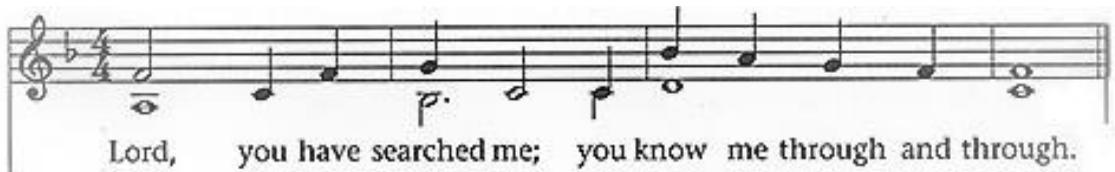
Pastor Carol McEntyre

Invitation to Worship



Lord, you have searched me; you know me through and through.

Search me, O God, and know my heart;
try me and know my restless thoughts.
See if there be any wicked way in me
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.
(Psalm 139:23-24)



Lord, you have searched me; you know me through and through.

Prelude

With Joy

Wagner

Call to Worship (responsive)

Loving God, we have gathered to meet you.

**We have come to listen to you,
to seek you, to worship you.**

You are the beginning of all things,
the life of all things;

you knew us before we were born.

In you we become;

in you we live.

Loving God, you are here and everywhere,
around us and within us;

you know our inmost thoughts.

In you we hope;

in you we live.

You are the source of serenity,
giving peace that is beyond our understanding.

In you we are;

in you we live.

Loving God, we live in you;

we worship you.

Loving God, you live in us;

we worship you. Amen.

†Processional Hymn 45

O God, You Search Me

(Please turn to face the cross as it enters)



1 O God, you search me and you know me. All my
2 You know my rest - ing and my ris - ing. You dis -
3 Be - fore a word is on my tongue, Lord, you have
4 Al - though your Spir - it is up - on me, still I
5 For you cre - at - ed me and shaped me, gave me



thoughts lie o - pen to your gaze. When I
cern my pur - pose from a - far, and with
known its mean - ing through and through. You are
search for shel - ter from your light. There is
life with - in my moth - er's womb. For the



walk or lie down you are be - fore me: ev - er the
love ev - er - last - ing you be - siege me: in ev - ery
with me be - yond my un - der - stand - ing: God of my
no - where on earth I can es - cape you: e - ven the
won - der of who I am, I praise you: safe in your



mak - er and keep - er of my days.
mo - ment of life or death, you are.
pres - ent, my past, and fu - ture, too.
dark - ness is ra - diant in your sight.
hands, all cre - a - tion is made new.

Confession (Unison)

God, you know us better than we know ourselves.

You know our thoughts,

our weaknesses,

our motivations,

our sins.

And you love us still.

Forgive us when we don't believe such love is true or possible;

When we wonder how You could love us just as we are,

when we forget our intricate construction,

fearfully,

wonderfully made,

in Your image!

Remove from our minds every thought which keeps us from you.

Break down the walls,

push aside the pride,

and help us to trust anew.

You know our hearts.

And you love us still.

Amen.

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Renewal of Our Church Covenant (unison)

Because we have responded to Christ's call to follow him as disciples and because we find this calling too difficult and too important to fulfill alone,

We covenant together to support and to pray for one another without ceasing; to be candid in our speech, kind in our attitudes, and caring in all our dealings with one another; to seek the mind and vision of Christ for ourselves and our life together, mindful that our unity does not require uniformity.

Moreover, we covenant to give first priority to our times of public worship and learning; to sustain our common mission by proportionate giving, faithful service and personal witness; to live our lives in a manner worthy of the gospel we profess and of this family of faith; and to seek each other's forgiveness and God's when we fail to honor this covenant, trusting God's Spirit to renew us in stronger faith, brighter hope and broader love.

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.

Anthem

Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me
Renan Leme, violin

arr. Helvey

*Lord, thou hast searched me and dost know where'er I rest, where'er I go;
Thou knowest all that I have planned, and all my ways are in thy hand.*

*My words from thee I cannot hide; I feel thy pow'r on ev'ry side;
O wondrous knowledge, awful might, unfathomed depth, unmeasured height!*

*Where can I go apart from thee, or whither from thy presence flee?
In Heav'n? It is thy dwelling fair; in death's abode? Lo, thou art there.*

*If I the wings of morning take, and far away my dwelling make,
the hand that leadeth me is thine, and my support thy pow'r divine.*

*If deepest darkness cover me, the darkness hideth not from thee;
to thee both night and day are bright, the darkness shineth as the light.*

Scripture Reading

Richard Hayden

Psalms 139:1-18

O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there. If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast. If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night," even the

darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you. For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed. How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

†Hymn 52

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

Message

Known

Brittany McDonald Null

†Hymn of Commitment 635

He Leadeth Me

†Offertory Sentence

Offertory

Be Thou my Vision

arr. Marohnic

†Benediction (responsive)

We've built community, we've worshiped together,
we've served together, we've grown in faith.

For all that has been,

Thanks!

For all that will be,

Yes!

Postlude

Week at a Glance

Sunday, January 14

4-4:50 pm First Kids Music

Sanctuary

4:30 pm Critical Conversations

2nd Baptist

Monday, January 15

Office Closed for Martin Luther King Day

Tuesday, January 16

11:45 am – 2 pm Crafty Critters

E2

1-3:30 pm Staff Meeting

Conference Room

Wednesday, January 17

5:30-7 pm Financial Peace University

Conference Room

5:30 pm Psalm Players Rehearsal

Sanctuary

6-7:15 pm The Calling for Youth

Youth Suite

6:30 pm Chancel Bells Rehearsal

Sanctuary

7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sanctuary

Thursday, January 18

6:30-7:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Fellowship Hall

7 pm Millikin University Choir Concert

Sanctuary

Sunday, January 21

10:15-11:15 am Business Meeting

Fellowship Hall

4-4:50 pm First Kids Music

Sanctuary

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

Youth Suite

Announcements

Dreaming Together in 2018

As our visioning process continues, please plan to participate in the upcoming events:

Sunday, January 28, 9:15 am Combined Worship & Ministry Review: We will come together for Combined Worship at 9:15 am in the Sanctuary. Following worship, we will move to the fellowship hall for a continental breakfast and a ministry review. This will be an opportunity to learn about all the different ministries and to reflect on them. To ask questions like: what in congregational life is working well? What needs improvement? If we were going to drop something, what would it be?

Saturday, February 3, 9:00 am Visioning Listening Session: Dr. Chris Gambill will lead us in a time of reflection on our past. This will be opportunity for you to share what the church means to you and when we have been at our best.

Child care is available for this event – Children’s Minister Yvette Chambers has a full morning of events planned including painting “kindness rocks”, making friendship bracelets, playing Bingo, and playing team building games in the gym. Please RSVP to Yvette by emailing chambers@fbc-columbia.org.

Sunday, February 4, 9:15 am Combined Worship & Visioning Listening Session: We will come together for Combined Worship at 9:15 am in the Sanctuary. Following worship, we will move to the fellowship hall for a continental breakfast and a visioning session led by Dr. Chris Gambill in which we will reflect on the gifts God has given us and how we might use them in unique ways for ministry.

Church Business Meeting

A business meeting will be held on January 21 at 10:15 (during the Small Group hour) to discuss and approve the budget and the nomination of church leadership for 2018.

First Kids Music

First Kids Music for ages 4 through 5th grade resumes meeting on Sundays at 4 pm in the Sanctuary starting today. We will prepare sing in combined worship February 4, and during Easter worship on April first.

Critical Conversations in Troubled Times

Beginning this evening, First Baptist will be partnering with Second Missionary Baptist Church and Broadway Christian Church to participate in a conversation about racism and how faith communities can help bring about grassroots change. The kickoff will be a potluck dinner on this evening at 4:30 at Second Missionary Baptist Church at 407 E. Broadway. The meat will be provided. You are invited to bring a dish of food to share.

The conversation will revolve around reading and discussing “America's Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege, and the Bridge to a New America” by Jim Wallis. We will meet one Sunday evening each month to talk about the book and learn from one another. The books are being provided by a grant, received by Broadway Christian Church, and will be given out at tonight’s kick-off to those who signed up to receive one.

Office Closed Tomorrow

To honor Martin Luther King’s birthday, the church is closed tomorrow.

Millikin University Concert

Millikin University presents the University Choir on tour Thursday, January 18 at 7 pm in the sanctuary. Special guests are the Rock Bridge High School Women’s Chamber Choir and Men’s Chorus.

Worship Notes

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The Confession is inspired by Psalm 139. It was written by Rev. Susan A. Blain and Rev. Scott Ressler.

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Thank you for worshipping with us today! If you wish to share this worship experience with a neighbor, the service is broadcast live, and the sermon is available on our website within a week.



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.*

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.

NOTE: For today, January 14, Adult Small Groups combine in the Fellowship Hall for the Community Leader Forum.

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