



HE IS THE IMAGE OF
the invisible God

THE FIRSTBORN OF ALL CREATION

Colossians 1:15

Our Worship of God

July 14, 2019

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Greeting

Brittany McDonald Null
Pastoral Resident

Prelude

Let All Creation Dance

Burkhardt

Call to Worship (responsive)

It is not we who choose Christ,
but Christ who chose us,
We are not here because of our goodness
but because of Christ's grace,
We are not here to enlighten ourselves,
but to allow Christ to enlighten us,
We have not come to be entertained
but to worship God with heart, soul, mind and strength.

†Processional Hymn 689

The Church's One Foundation

(Please turn to face the cross as it enters.)

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Prayer of Lament (responsive)

(based on Psalm 77)

God, we call out to you!
From the depths of our hearts, we cry,
 “Lord, hear our prayer!”
We are consumed by grief.
The events of the past few days have overwhelmed us—
it’s hard to sleep,
it’s hard to eat,
it’s even hard to pray.

Where are you, God?

Deep down, we know that you love us—
we’ve experienced your mercy and your faithfulness in the past,
and it has sustained us through many difficult times.

**We refuse to believe that you have deserted us,
or that you are unaware of the pain that we’re feeling.**

And so we turn to you again,
 **longing for your presence,
 looking for your comfort and peace.**

Surround us with your unfailing love, O God.
Remind us that you alone are God,
and that you hold us in the palm of your hand.

**Give us courage and strength to face the days ahead,
and strengthen us in the knowledge that we do not face them alone.
Amen.**

Special Music

Moment of Meditation
Pedro Ramiro, *violin*

Colossians 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,
To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Reflection (unison)

**Our hope is in you, Lord, our hearts belong to heaven.
Our hope comes from the gospel,
the word of the truth that you brought to us.
May it bear abundant fruit in our lives.
Let the whole world be filled with your hope!
As we grow in faith, help us truly comprehend your grace, O God;
help us understand this amazing grace,
as we seek to lead lives worthy of you, O Lord.
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

†Hymn 585

Speak, Lord, In the Stillness

Message

Carol McEntyre

†Hymn of Commitment 710

We Are Called to Be God's People

†Offertory Sentence

Offertory

Trust and Obey

arr. Callahan

†Benediction

(Based on Colossians 1:9-11)

May God grant You spiritual wisdom and understanding
so that you may be able to see things from a spiritual point of view,
and so that Your lives may be worthy of God, and pleasing to Christ.

And may you bear fruit in all that you do,
and continue to grow in your understanding of who God is.

And may God give you the strength you need
to endure whatever comes with patience and even joy,
always giving thanks to God who, through Jesus Christ,
has given you new life.

Worship Notes

☞ *The sanctuary flowers are given by* ☞
Kee & Diana Groshong.

Call to Worship written by Bruce Prewer, and posted on Bruce Prewer's Home page:
<http://www.bruceprewer.com/>

Prayer of Reflection, posted on the *Worship Elements* page of the **Ministry Matters**
website. <http://www.ministrymatters.com/>

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Thank you for worshiping 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.

Week at a Glance

Sunday, July 14

6:00 pm Ice Cream Social

Fellowship Hall

Monday, July 15

9-10:30 am Senior Yoga

Parlor

1-3:00 pm Staff Meeting

Office Commons

Tuesday, July 16

11:45 am – 2 pm Crafty Critters

Conference Room

Wednesday, July 17

5:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Fellowship Hall

Announcements

Welcome! We're Glad You're Here

We would love to help you connect with our church. To learn more about First Baptist, fill out an information card during worship and drop it in the offering plate or give it to the pastor after worship. You can also stop by the Connections table and pick up our newsletter, *The Spire*. Information about our Children's Ministry and some of our adult small groups can be found on the back of the bulletin.

Ice Cream Social

The Diaconate are hosting an ice cream social in the Fellowship Hall tonight, July 14, from 6pm- 8pm. We will have ice cream and toppings. We will be helping the Kids Camp team with decorations in preparation for Kids Camp July 29th-August 2nd. We will also be accepting donations which will go to a scholarship for Kids Camp participants.

Enneagram & Relationships Small Group

Sunday, July 21 & 28

10:15 am, Hospitality Room

During the month of June, there were wonderful conversations about each Enneagram number's approach to relationships. Due to unpredictable West Texas weather, the Enneagram and Relationships small group did not meet on Sunday, July 7. In order to end well, we will be extending the class by two weeks. On Sunday, July 21, the group will talk about the strengths each number brings into relationships and three ways each number limits relationships. On Sunday, July 28, the group will discuss ways we can help ourselves and others thrive in relationships. Whether you have been with us from the beginning or one topic peaks your interest, I hope you will join us as we continue to explore the Enneagram!

First Baptist Small Group Survey

The FBC Small Group Survey is here! This is your opportunity to tell us what kind of small group you're interested participating in. Enter the below link into your browser search bar to access the electronic version of the survey.

https://missouri.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_dcbvXCKA0HFo2IT

Paper copies of the survey are also available on Sundays at the entrances to our worship spaces.

First Kids Camp

First Kids Camp registration is now closed but we still need volunteers! If you are interested, please email firstkidscamp@fbccolumbia.org or call the church office at 573-442-1149.

Youth Ministry Workshop – Summer Small Group

June 9-July 21, 10:15 am, 2nd Floor Conference Room

This summer we are beginning the work of reshaping our youth ministry (and possibly, by proxy, some of our children's ministry) future format and curriculum. This small group will help form and guide this process. Michael McEntyre will be leading the group with the help of Stephen Hoell and Noah Hartsfield. Working with the input of the visioning process, we will be gathering to discuss the following:

July 21- Intro the Journey to Adulthood curriculum that Michael has chosen to help guide our discussion and hopefully help build our future framework.

This is an exciting endeavor and we hope you will make an effort to join us this summer when in town. The group is open to everyone and we especially hope to hear from those in our congregation with kids (preschoolers to college students). We look forward to seeing what God (and you all) create for our students here at First Baptist.

Combined Worship – August 4

First Baptist will have Combined Worship on August 4 at 11:15 am in the Sanctuary.

Inclusion Training August 4, 11 and 18

One focus area that came out of our All In Visioning Process was "Work toward increased accessibility and inclusivity in First Baptist ministries and facilities." To do this, we have committed to expanding opportunities for inclusion education and experiences. We have identified two areas of inclusion that we want to work on this summer. The first area of focus is the inclusion of all genders including people who are transgender and nonbinary. On August 4 and 11 at 10:15 in the parlor, Dr. Christy Hutton and Dr. Loren Bauerband from the University of Missouri will be leading this training. The second area of focus is the inclusion of people with disabilities, especially children. On August 18 at 10:15 am in the parlor, Christy Edwards a minister and mother of a special needs child, will be talking about how faith communities can companion this growing population.

First Baptist Youth & Leaders at Unidiversity Camp

July 21-27

Please be in prayer for our students and leaders as we head out for Youth Camp July 21-27. We are taking 9 youth and adults to Unidiversity Camp in East Tennessee again this summer and are looking forward to an incredible week. Please pray for great weather, safe travels, and for God to move in the lives of our students and leaders.



For Children During Worship:

Birth-Kindergarteners can be checked in at the nursery, located next to the sanctuary, where they will be cared for by our professional staff.

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

10:15 Spiritual Formation Hour:

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

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

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

Adult Small Groups are located on the second floor:

- Discussion Class (in the Parlor) likes to take a deep dive into scripture.
- Faith Forum (Elevator Lobby Classroom) is a diverse group that likes to read the lesson for the day together, share information, and ask questions to learn from one another.
- Connections Group (office commons) is made up of younger adults. They spend time building community, sharing life, and often take on heady theological topics.

*The all-gender restroom is located in the Child Development Center Hallway outside the Sanctuary.

Church Staff

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