



*What we need*  
**is here**

# Our Worship of God

November 10, 2019

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

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**Pre-Service Music**

Judy Elliott, *harp*

**Greeting**

Michael McEntyre

**Prelude**

Ode to Joy

Beethoven/Callahan

**†Call to Worship (responsive)**

Friends, we gather together this morning to proclaim  
the ways in which God is working within our midst.

**We have been blessed by God!**

We gather together to give thanks  
for the ways in which God is working within our midst.

**We are being blessed by God!**

We gather together to open our eyes  
to the ways God is using us to work within our midst.

**We will continue to be blessed by God!**

Dear ones, God has given us so much  
and is very much alive, at work and still speaking among us.  
We are called to give back.

**We are called to be good stewards;  
good stewards of our time, of our resources and of our money.**

Let us give thanks to our God of blessings and affirm our commitment  
to the ministry God is calling us into.

**Let us give thanks to God!**

**Let us proclaim our faith in God!**

**Let us worship God!**

**†Processional Hymn 708**

God Your Blessings Overflow  
Sung to “For the Beauty of the Earth”

God, your blessings overflow!  
What can we begin to say?  
How can we begin to show  
All our gratitude this day?  
God, we join to worship you,  
Giving thanks for all you do.

Thank you for the life you give,  
For each friend and family,  
For the land in which we live,  
For your love that sets us free.  
Thank you, God, for daily bread,  
And for feasts of joy you spread.

Yet at tables where we share,  
Sometimes there is also pain.  
There may be an empty chair:  
When will we feel whole again?  
When our days of grief are long,  
Thank you that your love is strong.

So we join in thanks this day,  
And your gifts we freely share,  
So we follow Christ the Way,  
Loving, serving everywhere.  
Spirit, may our lives express  
All our daily thankfulness.

## †Passing the Peace of Christ

### Scripture Reading

Sandy Hall

#### **2 Corinthians 8:1-11**

We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia; for during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints— and this, not merely as we expected; they gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us, so that we might urge Titus that, as he had already made a beginning, so he should also complete this generous undertaking among you. Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something— now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### †Hymn 657

All Things are Yours

## †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.**

### Offertory Prayer

#### Offertory Anthem

Hear My Prayer  
*Chancel Choir*

Moses Hogan

*O Lord, please hear my prayer, in the mornin' when I rise.  
It's Your servant bound for glory.  
O dear Lord, please hear my prayer.  
O Lord, please hear my prayer, keep me safe within Your arms.  
It's your servant bound for glory.  
O dear, Lord, please hear my prayer.  
When my work on earth is done, and You come to take me home.  
Just to know I'm bound for glory. And to hear you say well done.  
Done with sin and sorrow, have mercy, mercy. Amen.*

**2 Corinthians 9:6-11**

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written,

“He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;  
his righteousness endures forever.”

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us;

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message**

*Give Until It Feels Good*

Pastor Carol McEntyre

**Preparing Our Hearts for Giving (responsive)**

This is the time where we make our love visible by promising the gifts of our time, talent, energy and pledges.

**Let's give with cheerful hearts.**

**Special Music**

Walk Together Children

Marques J. Ruff, *soloist*

**Pledge Walk**

**Prayer of Response (unison)**

**Generous God;  
Over and over your grace sustains us,  
over and over your love provides for us,  
over and over your arm steadies us,  
over and over what we need is here.  
We give you these gifts,  
with gratitude and joy,  
thankful that you are God over all. Amen.**

**†Hymn of Commitment 644**

God Whose Giving Knows No Ending  
Sung to BEACH SPRING

**†Benediction**

**†Postlude**

Amazing Grace

arr. Alice Jordan

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# Worship Notes

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Call to Worship: Written by **Sarah E. Weaver 2014** <http://www.preachinginpumps.com/liturgy/stewardship-sunday-call-to-worship-blessed-to-be-a-blessing/>

Prayer of Response, written by Carole Penner, and posted on her **Leading in Worship** blog.  
<http://carolpenner.typepad.com/leadinginworship/>

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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.



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# Week at a Glance

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## Sunday, November 10

**4:00 pm First Kids' Choir**  
**5:00 pm Small Group Planning Session**  
**5:30 pm College & Young Adult Small Group**

*Choir Room*  
*Fellowship Hall*  
*Student Suite*

## Monday, November 11

**9-10:30 Senior Yoga**  
**1-3:00 pm Staff Meeting**  
**5:30 pm Serving Team (Missions) Meeting**

*Parlor*  
*Office Commons*  
*Office Commons*

## Tuesday, November 12

**11:45 am – 2 pm Crafty Critters**

*Conference Room*

## Wednesday, November 13

**4:30 pm Children's Ministry Task Force Meeting**  
**5:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal**  
**6-7:15pm The Calling**  
**6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal**  
**7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal**

*Conference Room*  
*Fellowship Hall*  
*Student Suite*  
*Sanctuary*  
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## Sunday, November 17

**Pledge Walk**  
**10:15 am Advent Jesse Tree Workshop**

*Both Services*  
*Fellowship Hall*

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# Announcements

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## 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.

## Small Group Planning Session – Tonight

**5:00-6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall**

The teaching team has reviewed the small group surveys and would like to meet with those who expressed interest in leading a small group to discuss the results, consider options and develop recommendations. A light meal will be provided for those attending. If you are interested in leading or co-leading a small group, please contact Kim Siegenthaler, Teaching Team chair at [siegenthalerk@missouri.edu](mailto:siegenthalerk@missouri.edu)

## November Missions Offering

Give to American Baptist Churches- USA Mission Offering this November to help with the ongoing disaster relief efforts in the Bahamas. Our annual missions offering this year will support the much-needed disaster recovery efforts funded by the One Great Hour of Sharing ministry.

## Advent Preparations – November 16 and 25

It's that time of the year where we prepare to prepare for Christmas! Join us on Saturday, November 16 from 10 am-noon and Monday, November 25 from 10 am-noon as we gear up for the holiday season. Seasoned crafters and novice decorators are all welcome as we prepare trees, fluff ribbons, paint backdrops and prepare to transform our spaces for the Hanging of the Green.

## Annual Pledge & Giving Drive, November 17

November is our annual pledge and giving drive at First Baptist. A few weeks ago, I, Pastor Carol, stumbled across a poem by preacher and poet, Wendell Berry, and fell in love with the last line, "What we need is here." It is a reminder that most of the time, what we need is right in front of us. This is especially true here at First Baptist. We have so many gifts; we just need to learn to trust God and draw upon the abundance God has given. Pledge and giving season is about being grateful for all that God has given us and giving back a portion for God's continued work in us and among us.

You will receive a commitment card that you and your family can use to pray over and plan for how you will give financially to God through First Baptist in 2020. There will be a time during the worship services when you can come forward and place your card in the offering basket.

## Advent Jesse Tree Workshop – Sunday, November 17

Join us for an intergenerational Advent event on **Sunday, November 17 at 10:15 am** during the Small Group Hour. We will have all the supplies for you to make your own Jesse Tree that you can use in your home this Advent season. Jesse Trees are a tradition used to help tell the story from creation to the birth of Jesus. Along with all of the supplies to make your own Jesse tree, you will receive a simple guide for placing the ornaments each day. There is a suggested donation of \$10 per Jesse Tree. Please RSVP to the church office at [churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org](mailto:churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org) and let us know if you plan to make a tree. The Children's Ministry and Youth Ministry will be participating in the workshop. They will be making fun paper trees and other advent activities.

## Tailgate Party for MO vs. TN – Saturday, November 23

Our pre-game party will start two hours before kickoff in the Grasslands (about two blocks from the Stadium) at the home of Lili Vianello and John Shrum, 1005 Wayne Rd. Lili and John will provide the main course and tailgate attendees are encouraged to bring sides and favorite beverages.



**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.

1<sup>st</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> 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:

-*The Bible Tells Me So* Discussion Group in the Parlor

-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.

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Church Staff

*Rev. Dr. Carol McEntyre, Senior Pastor*

*Michael McEntyre, Associate Pastor of Youth, Missions, and Interim Administration*

*Brittany McDonald Null, Interim Assistant Pastor*

*Shelby Myers, Awakening Worship Praise Band Director, Colleen Ostercamp, Pianist and Organist*

*Marques J. Ruff, Interim Music Director-Traditional Worship*

*Susan Goudie, Administrative Assistant, Bethany James, Nursery Director*

*Brenda Rice, Project Coordinator, Michael Ide, Custodian*