



What we need
is here

Our Worship of God

November 17, 2019

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Greeting

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Prelude

Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho

Traditional Spiritual

Chancel Bells

arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

Gary Ostercamp, bass

†Call to Worship (responsive)

Delight! Children of God, delight!

We are delighted to be here together; to worship as a family and to be united in a common ministry.

We gather in worship to celebrate this community.

We celebrate the love that we have for one another, the support that we give to one another and the journey we are on to be united by God's grace.

We come together this day to delight in offering our gifts.

We delight in the gifts we are giving, the pledges we are making and the future we are courageously creating.

We join our hearts and our spirits today and delight in giving.

We are here! We are courageous! We are delighted!

Let us worship the God who loves when we delight in giving.

Let us worship God!

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (unison)

Carol McEntyre

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 sin, 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, forever. Amen.

Anthem

At the River

Robert Lowry

*Shall we gather by the river, where bright angel's feet have trod,
With its crystal tide forever, flowing by the throne of God?
Yes, we'll gather by the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,
Gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God.*

*Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down,
Praise our spirits will deliver and provide our robe and crown.
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful, river.
Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.*

*Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease,
Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.
Yes, we'll gather by the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,
Gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God.*

Litany of Praise (Responsive)

O God, we give you thanks for all that you have done for us.
That you have created us, and have given us the gift of life
and set us to live in this fair earth;
that you have given us work to do, and the strength to do it:

We thank you God, with our thoughts, words, and actions.

We give you thanks for all that your church has done for us.
For strength and guidance each week for life's way;
for the friendship and the fellowship which we here enjoy;
for the gifts of your grace, and the prayers of your people:

We thank you God, with our thoughts, words, and actions.

We give you thanks for all that you have done for us in Jesus Christ.
That in Christ you have shown us the length and breadth
And depth and height of your great love for us;
that in Christ you have opened to us a new and living way
into your presence:

We thank you God, with our thoughts, words, and actions.

We give you thanks for everything that has given us
strength for earth and hope for heaven.

Accept this our sacrifice of praise for your love's sake. Amen.

†Hymn 578

Come, All Christians, Be Committed

Offertory Sentence

Offertory

Prelude on "Gift of Finest Wheat"

arr. Callahan

Haggai 1:15b-2:9

In the second year of King Darius, in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the Lord came by the prophet Haggai, saying: Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say, Who is left among you that saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the Lord; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the Lord; work, for I am with you, says the Lord of hosts, according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. For thus says the Lord of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with splendor, says the Lord of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the Lord of hosts. The latter splendor of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the Lord of hosts.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message

Be Courageous and Work

Brittany McDonald Null

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.

†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

There Are Many Ways of Sharing
Sung to NETTLETON

There are many ways of sharing, but God's Spirit gives each one.
There are different ways of caring; it's one Lord whose work is done.
God, whose gifts are overflowing, may we hear you when you call;
Keep us serving, keep us growing, for the common good of all.

We've been baptized in the waters! We've been given work to do.
When you call your precious children, you give gifts for serving you.
God, we join in celebration of the talents you impart.
Bless each baptized one's vocation; give each one a servant's heart.

All are blest by gifts you give us; some are set apart to lead.
Give us Jesus' love within us as we care for those in need.
Give us faith to make decisions; give us joy to share your Word.
Give us unity and vision as we serve your church and world.

†Benediction (responsive)

Hear again the promise God made to the people long ago:
Do not be discouraged!
Be strong and courageous.
Keep working,
for I am with you.
My Spirit remains with you,
and is living among you.
So do not afraid!

**We will be courageous and keep working
because God is with us;
what we need is here.**

Worship Notes

 **The sanctuary flowers are given** 
in honor of Ken & Sue Hammann's Anniversary.

There Are Many Ways of Sharing. Tune: NETTLETON, Text: ©2004 by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

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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.

Week at a Glance

Sunday, November 17

4:00 pm First Kids' Choir

Choir Room

5:30 pm College & Young Adult Small Group

Student Suite

Monday, November 18

9-10:30 Senior Yoga

Parlor

1-3:00 pm Staff Meeting

Office Commons

Tuesday, November 19

11:45 am – 2 pm Crafty Critters

Conference Room

Wednesday, November 20

5:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Fellowship Hall

6-7:15pm The Calling

Student Suite

6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal

Sanctuary

7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Sanctuary

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.

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. Envelopes can be found at the entrance of the worship spaces.

Freezer Meal Ministry- November 24

The Diaconate and Serving Team are looking for 8-10 people to help prepare freezer meals to have on hand for members in need. Our first meeting will be Sunday, November 24 following the Traditional Service. If interested, please email the church office at churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org no later than Friday November 22.

Advent Preparations – November 25

It's that time of the year where we prepare to prepare for Christmas! Join us on 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.

New Sermon Series Begins December 1

Our Advent worship theme this year is *Jesus' Family Tree: A Vulnerable Genealogy*. We will explore the genealogy of Jesus from Matthew Chapter 1. Matthew opens his account of Jesus' life with a list of names: the genealogy of Jesus' family on his father Joseph's side. At first glance these verses appear to be a simple collection of names and seem kind of boring, but these verses, like Mary, are pregnant with hidden treasure. Specifically, these verses mention five women and their families. In a time when genealogies didn't normally contain even a single female name, why are these women included? These particular women, Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and Mary are all vulnerable- either young or poor, two are widows, all are disenfranchised.

Children's Ministry Listening Sessions- December 8 & 15

On Sundays, December 8 and 15 in the Conference Room, during the 10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour, the Children's Ministry Task Force will be hosting listening sessions for parents of children 3-years-old through 5th grade and anyone else interested in providing insight and input into the Children's Ministry. During these each of these two Sundays, the Task Force will host a qualitative needs assessment to hear what brings you and yours to Sunday School and other First Baptist Children's Ministry events, as well as provide space for honest feedback and suggestions. We hope you can attend one of these Sundays.

Christmas Dinner- December 15

On Sunday, December 15 at 5:00 pm is First Baptist's Annual Christmas Dinner. Come prepared for a lovely meal in the Fellowship Hall with turkey, ham, and beverages provided by the church and wonderful side dishes and desserts made by you and your First Baptist friends. We will sing carols and hear musical offerings from our First Kid's Choir. We hope you will join us.

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. Please RSVP through our website at www.fbc-columbia.org

VAC Family Christmas 2019

First Baptist is sponsoring 3 families this year through VAC's Holiday Program. Voluntary Action Center (VAC) is a non-profit that exists to help low-income individuals and families bridge the gap between crisis and stability and improve quality of life in Boone County. Each year VAC coordinates the collection and distribution of food and gifts for approximately 4,000 people during the holiday season. First Baptist is participating again in this needed ministry. In addition to toys, books, and games, families often receive needed clothing and household supplies through this program. Cards with individual gift requests will be available Sunday, November 24 on the bulletin board, in the hallway, outside the Sanctuary. Get involved by choosing an item that you would like to donate, take the card, then return the purchased item to the church by December 8. Items do not need to be wrapped but we do ask that you include the card from the bulletin board with your gift. If you do not have time to shop but still want to participate, you can make a monetary donation by December 1. Simply indicate "VAC Family Christmas" on your check or offering envelope. A few of our "shopping elves" will be making a trip to pick up last minute items. If you have any questions, please contact Michael McEntyre, Associate Pastor of Youth, Interim Administration, and Missions, with questions at mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org.



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:

-*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.

Church Staff

Rev. Dr. Carol McEntyre, Senior Pastor

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Brittany McDonald Null, Interim Assistant Pastor

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