



What we need
is here

Our Worship of God

November 24, 2019

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Greeting

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Prelude

A Thanksgiving Prelude
Tamila Freitas, flute

arr. Callahan

†Call to Worship (responsive)

Come, let us celebrate
the wondrous gifts that God has given us.

**Throughout all our lives,
God has blessed us with love and hope.**

Praise be to God who provides for us.

**May our hearts be truly grateful,
and may we show our gratitude
by the ways in which we live and care for others.**

Hallelujah!

Amen.

†Processional Hymn 20

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

†Passing the Peace of Christ

A Time for Gratitude

Reflect on the last time you were content.

*Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;
who, from our mother's arms, hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*

*O may this bounteous Good through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.*

*All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,
the one eternal God whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.*

Litany for Gratitude

Great God, you created the good earth and all its creatures,
the heavens and all they contain.

We give thanks.

You created us to be in community with you.

We give thanks.

You give us life. You give us love.

We give thanks.

For the blessings of family, friendships, and worldly provision,

We give thanks.

For the blessings of talent, aptitude, and meaningful work,

We give thanks.

For the blessings of food, drink, and good conversation,
those times of feast and enjoyment,

We give thanks.

For the blessings of trivial pleasures, small gifts meant for our happiness,

We give thanks.

For the blessings of expression, song, art, human ingenuity, and creativity,

We give thanks.

For the blessings of peace that come from knowing you,

We give thanks.

When we survive hardships,

We give thanks.

When we endure consequences and pain,

We give thanks.

When we must combat evil with goodness and love,

We give thanks.

For the way of Christ, the true and full, shining image of your love,

We give thanks.

For Jesus Christ and the Kingdom he began here,

in which you invite us to participate,

We give thanks.

And for the experience of living on earth, in all its paradoxes and mingling of joy and suffering,

We give thanks. Amen.

A Time for Gratitude

Turn and share about the last time you felt joy.

Philippians 4:4-13

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

I rejoice in the Lord greatly that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned for me, but had no opportunity to show it. Not that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A Time for Gratitude

Write about the last time you experienced awe:

Giving for the Future: a message on Legacy Giving

A Time for Gratitude

Give Thanks for the last time you experienced hope.

†Hymn 60

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Message

Carol McEntyre

†Hymn of Thanksgiving 380

Thanks to God for My Redeemer

“More Than We Can Imagine” One Great Hour of Sharing

Offertory Sentence

This is the time where we make our love visible by promising to give back a portion of what has been given to us.

Let's give with cheerful hearts.

Offertory

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

arr. Burkhardt

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.**

†Benediction

Worship Notes

☞ The sanctuary flowers are given ☞
in honor of Gary Ostercamp's birthday.

Now Thank We All Our God, Words: Martin Rinkart, 1636; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1858. Music: Johann Crüger, 1647; harm, Felix Mendelssohn, 1840

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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, November 24

4:00 pm First Kids' Choir

Choir Room

12:15 pm Freezer Meal Ministry Prep

Kitchen

Monday, November 25

9-10:30 am Senior Yoga

Parlor

10:00 am-12:00 pm Advent Preparations

1-3:00 pm Staff Meeting

Office Commons

Tuesday, November 26

11:45 am – 2 pm Crafty Critters

Conference Room

Thursday, November 28

Thanksgiving – Offices Closed

Friday, November 29

Offices Closed

Sunday, December 1

Hanging of the Green

4:00 pm First Kids' Choir

Choir Room

5:30 pm College & Young Adult Small Group

Student Suite

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

This is the final Sunday to give to American Baptist Churches- USA Mission Offering 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 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.

Hanging of the Green & New Sermon Series Begin 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. Join us as we adorn our spaces for Advent and kick-off this series.

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.

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

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

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