

Our Worship of God

November 13, 2022

9:15 am

(**†** Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Welcome

Pastor Carol McEntyre

†Call to Worship (responsive)

We remember, O God...

The countless saints of history who have blazed a trail of courage through time.

We remember, O God...

The acts of kindness from loved ones, the example of heroes, the healing words of comforters.

We remember, O God...

The supreme love of Jesus, the blessing of his Spirit, the reminder of his words, the power of his kindness.

We remember in every time and place the saints of God who have shown us kindness and the love of God.

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses... let us worship God with joy!

†Opening Song

Love Has a Name

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Moment of Remembrance

All Saints Day is a universal Christian time of worship to honor and remember all Christian saints, known and unknown. The day is observed by remembering and thanking God for all saints. It is a day to glorify Jesus Christ, who by his holy life and death has made the saints holy through baptism and faith.

Litany of Remembrance

Today, we remember the ancestors of our faith, from Abraham to Sarah, to Paul and Phoebe:

We remember you.

We remember those whose lives built the foundation for the First Baptist faith family:

We remember you.

We remember grandparents and parents, aunts and uncles, those who have gone before us in our lifetime:

We remember you.

We lift up the memories of siblings, spouses, partners and significant loves, children and friends, whose lives ended too soon:

We remember you.

We lift up to you, O God, the names of those we have lost in this past year from our lives, knowing that they are with you forever. As we read the names, we will pause after each name to remember, pray, and give thanks for their lives.

Verna Rhodes

Veralee Hardin-Phillips

Hank Steere

Along with these names, there are others you have known outside of these walls. You are invited to ring a bell and speak a name in their honor.

We remember you all and honor you. You will not be forgotten.

We give thanks, O God, for all who have gone on to be with you beyond this life. We trust in the hope of resurrection and the promise of new life in Christ, and know that in our grief and celebration, You, O God, are with us. In the name of Christ, in whom love lives forever, we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayer

†Song of Reflection

Hymn of Heaven

Hebrew Bible Reading

Micah 6:6-8

"With what shall I come before the Lord and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Galatians 5:22-23

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise be to Christ.

Litany for Kindness

God, make us attuned to your compassion,

To the kindness of your heart.

Transform our hearts and minds so that in kindness

We weep with those who weep.

In kindness

We rejoice with those who rejoice.

So that in kindness

We listen to the stories of others.

In kindness

We allow ourselves to see hidden broken hearts.

In kindness,

We perceive a greater story.

In kindness

We consider how to maintain our hope.

In kindness

We consider how to serve our communities.

In kindness

We consider money and power as tools for good, not end-goals.

In kindness

We consider all humans to be made in your image.

Guide our hearts and mouths

And keep us in perfect peace.

Amen.

Sharing of Our Gifts

†Song of Praise

Act Justly, Love Kindly, Walk Humbly

Message

Pastor Carol McEntyre

†Song of Response

Bigger Table

Life of the Church

†Sung Benediction

With Kindness

Christ has no body here but ours: No hands, no feet, here on earth but ours Ours are the eyes through which he looks on this world with kindness.

Ours are the hands through which he works
Ours are the feet on which he moves
Ours the voices through which he speaks to this world with kindness.

Through our touch, our smile, our listening ear Embodied in us, Jesus is living here Let us go now inspirited into this world with kindness.

Worship Notes

Love Has a Name, CCLI Song # 7091348 Kim Walker-Smith | Ran Jackson | Ricky Jackson

Hymn of Heaven, CCLI Song # 7168994 Bill Johnson | Brian Johnson | Chris Davenport | Phil Wickham

Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly, CCLI Song # 7168697 Chris Tomlin | Jason Ingram | Pat Barrett

Bigger Table, CCLI Song # 7202727 Bryan Fowler | Jacob Sooter | Matt Maher

With Kindness, CCLI Song # 5094013 Brian McLaren

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Week at a Glance

<u>Sunday, November 13 – Kindness First Kickoff</u>

- 9:10 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 9:15 am Awakening Worship in the Fellowship Hall
- 10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour Adult, Youth & First Kids Sunday School
- 11:15 am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

Monday, November 14

1:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, November 15

1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

Wednesday, November 16

- 10:00 am Yoga Class
- 5:30 pm The Calling Dinner
- 5:45 pm Chiming Kids Choir (cKc)
- 6:00 pm The Calling Meeting
- 6:30-7:30 pm Chancel Bells

Thursday, November 17

10:30 am First Baptist Women's Zoom Book Study

<u>Sunday, November 20 – Dan Day, Guest Preacher</u>

- 9:10 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 9:15 am Awakening Worship in the Fellowship Hall
- 10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour Adult, Youth & First Kids Sunday School
- 11:15 am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
- 4:00 pm First Families ADVENTure in the Fellowship Hall

Announcements

Visitors

If you are visiting, we are so glad to have you with us! If you would like to receive more information about First Baptist and our ministries, you can fill out a connection card at the welcome table, scan the QR code in the bulletin, or visit our website at fbc-columbia.org/connect



Guest Preacher: Dan Day – November 20

Leading up to our 200th anniversary, First Baptist is welcoming back their former pastors to the pulpit. On November 20, during both worship services, Dan Day will be preaching. Dan Day became pastor of FBC, Columbia in early 1985, coming from a pastorate in his native state of Oklahoma. He is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University and also earned graduate degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (M.Div. and Ph.D.) but spent most of his ministry years as a pastor of churches in Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Missouri, and North Carolina. Upon his retirement as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Raleigh, NC, he spent five years as a faculty member at Campbell University Divinity School in NC, teaching Preaching and Worship. We hope you will join us in giving Dan a warm welcome back!

<u>First Families ADVENTure: Christmas Campout</u> Sunday, November 20 from 4-6 pm in the Fellowship Hall

We are bringing great outdoors to you with a cozy, indoor Christmas Campout. Families are invited to prepare for the Advent season with camp-themed snacks, fun crafts, and exciting activities to help families spend time together learning about the seasons of Advent and Christmas. Families will get a chance to learn about Advent and leave with practices for Advent season.

Chiming Kids Choir (cKc)

Attention friends 2nd grade and up - cKc is up and ringing! You had a chance to hear them on Sunday, November 6, do you want to be part of the action? We are looking at learning a piece to play at the church Christmas Dinner. cKc rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 5:45 pm to 6:15 pm. We will begin rehearsing Christmas music on November 9. The group will not rehearse the week of Thanksgiving (11/23). You don't need to know how to play an instrument or read music. Just come ready to try hard, learn, and have fun! If you'd be interested in joining this great group of young musicians, please let Handbell Director Noah Hartsfield know. You and your parents can reach him at nhartsfield2010@gmail.com, (660) 341-5418, or catch him on Sunday morning.

Special 12-Bell Opportunity

Back in August, Handbell Director Noah Hartsfield offered a short commitment opportunity to learn how to play handbells. After hearing from several church goers, the opportunity is back! We will meet on Monday evenings from 7 pm to 8 pm; November 7 through December 12 (we will not rehearse on Monday, November 28) and learn an Advent/Christmas tune to play on Sunday, December,18. This is a short commitment - 5 weeks of rehearsal is all. It's a great way to learn about the bells and try something new! You do not need to have experience ringing or even reading music. Come willing to learn, have fun, and lift our musical prayers to God! If you are interested, please reach out to Noah at nhartsfield2020@gmail.com or (660) 341-5418 for more information.

<u>First Baptist - Christmas Parade 2022 - November 27</u>

As part of our 200th Anniversary Celebration, we seek not only to remember our history and give thanks for the ways God has been faithful to us in the past but also to foster outreach in the present. One of the avenues for getting the word out about our great congregation is to participate in Columbia's Christmas Parade! We are planning to have a float and walkers taking part in the parade. Anyone in the congregation who wants to join the fun is invited! Stay tuned for more information!

Christmas Dinner - Sunday, December 11, 5pm - Fellowship Hall

We would like to invite you to join us for our Annual Christmas Dinner on Sunday, December 11 at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come prepared for a lovely meal of turkey, ham, and beverages provided by the church, and wonderful side dishes and desserts prepared by you and your First Baptist friends. Come feast and celebrate with us!

199 Reasons to Give

Each November, as we begin our budget planning process for our next year of ministry, we ask our faith community to consider partnering with us by pledging their financial support. Our theme for this year's annual pledge drive is 199 Reasons to Give, which anticipates First Baptist's upcoming 200th anniversary. Your pledge ensures that our unique progressive Christian voice will continue. On Sundays, November 20 and 27, there will be a time set aside for people to offer their pledges during the worship services.

Honest Advent

This year our theme is Honest Advent. The Honest Advent theme is based around the work of Scott Erickson, a painter, illustrator, and self-described "creative curate." His 2020 book, *Honest Advent: Awakening to the Wonder of God-with-Us Then, Here, and Now,* features his artwork along with 25 daily devotionals for the season.

We invite you to come with an open mind and curiosity as we explore the themes of vulnerability, love, identity, embodiment, and participation. Devotionals will be available for purchase for \$15 beginning November 27. In addition, the art show, which accompanies the book, with its alternative symbols for the season, some of which are beautiful, others provocative and thought-provoking, will be on display in our worship spaces and hallway.

Through Erickson's book, an art show, and worship services, we will ask, "is Christ's incarnation still happening in our midst?"

The Hanging of the Green, which marks the beginning of Advent, is November 27 during both worship services.



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