

# The Way



*I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert.*

*Isaiah 43 :19*



## Order of Worship

March 15, 2015

9:15 am

*The Fourth Sunday of the Season of Lent*

— **The Way** —

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship\*

God calls to the lost, the least, and all who long for home;

**God calls when we wander from the path chosen for us and waste the gifts we have been given.**

God calls and welcomes us back to worship this day;

**let us celebrate and rejoice in God's presence forever; let us worship God together.**

Opening Our Hearts Through Song

Our God Saves

Song of Praise

We Fall Down

Invitation To Pass The Peace of Christ

**"What foods remind you of home?"**

Scripture Reading

Luke 15:11-32

Song of God's Acceptance

Come As You Are

A Modern Prodigal

Prayer

Offertory

Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing

Song of Centering

Remind Me Who I Am

Message

Carol McEntyre

Song of Response

In Christ Alone

Benediction

Today and everyday, God reaches out to us with open arms.

**No matter how far away we wander, we are always welcomed home.**

In the embrace of God's love we find acceptance, forgiveness and freedom.

**Praise God for the gift of resurrection and the grace of new beginnings!**

Going To Serve

## Announcements

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### Worship Notes

The Labyrinth on the front cover is Robert Morris's "Glass Labyrinth" at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art in Kansas City, MO.

\*Call to Worship: *Inspired by Luke 15:1-10*  
Posted on the Presbyterian Church in Canada website.  
<http://presbyterian.ca/worship/>

### The Way

For the worship series this Lenten season, we will offer a unique prayer opportunity to help us find "The Way." The labyrinth is a path which leads, via a circuitous route, to the center of an intricate design and back out again. Often during prayer, we get distracted, Labyrinths help us focus as we pray and walk. The Labyrinth will be open:

**Wednesday, March 18 5:00 pm-7:00 pm**

**Thursday, April 2 9:00 am-5:00 pm**

### Fellowship Adventures

*Fellowship Adventures: opportunities for the First Baptist community to get together for fun and fellowship!*

*All are invited!*

Upcoming Adventures:

**March 17:** 5:30 pm dinner at Sophia's, wear green!

**April 18:** Drive to Vienna, Missouri for lunch at Moreland's Restaurant - RSVP by April 16.

Contact Paula Thomas ([paulalou52@gmail.com](mailto:paulalou52@gmail.com)) for more information!

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### Plowman Chamber Music Competition

**March 21** marks the return of the Plowman Chamber Music Competition to Columbia and to First Baptist Church. This event happens every two years and brings 15 small ensembles to Columbia from all across the nation to compete for prizes totaling over \$10,000. If you would like to assist in volunteering for the event, please visit <http://www.plowmancompetition.org/> and look under "Support" for more information! It's a huge day and any assistance will be most appreciated.

### Easter Lilies and Spring Flowers

During Easter, the First Baptist sanctuary will be filled with beautiful lilies and spring flowers. If you would like to place one or more of these beautiful plants in the sanctuary in memory of, or in honor of, a family member or friend, please fill out the form provided on Sunday morning, and return it to the church office, along with \$10.00 for each flower you order. Orders may be made until March 29.

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### Palm Sunday — Downtown

**March 29** is Palm Sunday. We will participate in the downtown Palm Sunday service. We will gather on the front lawn at First Baptist at 10:20 am to walk downtown. Pick up a palm leaf and come worship with us!

### Good Friday

Join us on Friday, **April 3** for a Good Friday service at 7:00 pm.

### Easter Sunday Schedule — April 5

8:15 am	Youth Sunrise Service on the Front Lawn
8:45 am	Breakfast (hallway outside the sanctuary)
9:15 am	Awakening Worship
10:15 am	Sunday morning small groups
11:15 am	Traditional Worship

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### Easter Egg Hunt!

**April 4<sup>th</sup> — 10:00 am**  
*at First Baptist Church on the Front Lawn*  
Join us for *activities, treats, and a BIG egg hunt!*



### Book Study

The Gift of Years will be co-facilitated by Bob Russell and Carol McEntyre on Tuesdays at noon over lunch, beginning **April 7 to May 17** in the parlor. In *The Gift of Years*, Catholic nun, activist and author, Joan Chittister, who is now in her 70s, examines how it feels “to be facing that time of life for which there is no career plan.” This study is open to people of all ages, and could be particularly meaningful to those who are nearing retirement or are beyond retirement. You are encouraged to invite friends to participate; the book will be on sale in the church office and before and after worship in the hallway outside the Sanctuary for \$10 this Sunday.

**Nursery:** (ages birth-three) located on the first floor outside the sanctuary and is available from 9:15-12:15 while parents are in worship or Sunday Morning Small Groups.

**Extended Session:** children ages 3- 5 including kindergarten may be dropped off during both worship services in the nursery for extended session, an extension of First Kids Sunday School.

**10:15 Spiritual Formation Hour:**

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

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

Adult Small Groups:

Discussion Class in the Parlor on the second floor.

Faith Forum in the second floor classroom, next to the elevator.

Community Small Group in the library on the second floor.

**First Baptist Church partners in mission with the American Baptist Churches, USA, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, and Alliance of Baptists.**

*For those who may prefer a more traditional worship experience, First Baptist Church offers a traditional worship at 11:15 a.m. each Sunday morning in the Sanctuary.*

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Our God Saves (4972837); We Fall Down (2437367); Come As You Are (7017790); Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing (108389); Remind Me Who I Am (5998298); In Christ Alone (3350395)

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