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REFLECTING ON  
THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

# *Our Worship of God*

*September 4, 2022*

*10:15 am*

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

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## *~ Brunch Worship ~*

**Welcome**

Pastor Carol McEntyre

### **Call to Worship (responsive)**

Happy are we

**when our treasures cannot be quantified.**

Happy are we

**when our knowledge is tempered by mystery.**

Happy are we

**when our pain is held in the balm of love.**

Happy are we

**when our delight comes from beyond ourselves.**

### **Introduction to Brunch Worship**

### **Table Blessing**

### **†Passing the Peace of Christ**

*As you pass the peace of Christ, we invite you to fill your plates.*

## ~ Brunch ~

### Worshiping God by Nourishing our Bodies

*As you eat, spend time getting to know those at your table or in the Zoom Room.*

*Share your name, what brought you to first Baptist,  
how long you have been involved, and what you enjoy about the fall.*

### †Centering Song

Gather Us In

*Here in this place, the new light is streaming,  
Shadows of doubt are vanished away.  
See in this space our fears and our dreamings,  
Brought here to you in the light of this day.*

*Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;  
Gather us in; our spirits inflame.  
Call to us now, and we shall awaken;  
We shall arise at the sound of our name.*

*We are the young—our lives are a mystery;  
We are the old, who yearn for your face.  
We have been sung throughout all of history,  
Called to be light to the whole human race.*

*Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;  
Gather us in—the proud and the strong;  
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly;  
Give us the courage to enter the song.*

*Not just in buildings, small and confining,  
Not in some heaven, light years away,  
Here in this place the new light is shining;  
Now is God present, and now is the day.*

*Gather us in and hold us forever;  
Gather us in and make us your own;  
Gather us in, all peoples together,  
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.*

## Scripture Reading

### **Matthew 5:1-12**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise be to Christ.**

*Blessed are the poorest ones  
For heaven comes to where they are  
In You, in You  
Blessed are the ones who mourn  
For comfort comes to find them all  
In You, in You*

*Those who seek will be made right  
They will be filled and lifted high  
In You, in You  
Blessed are the merciful  
For mercy will be shown to them  
In You, in You*

*Blessed are the ones who call Your Name  
Blessed are the ones You save  
You bless the pure in heart  
We will see our God  
We will see our God*

*Those who long for making peace  
They will be called children of our God  
Of our God  
Blessed are the meek  
For they receive the earth  
And all that's found in You  
In You*

*Blessed are the ones who call Your Name  
Blessed are the ones You save  
You bless the pure in heart  
We will see our God  
We will see our God*

*If just to know You  
If just to love You  
What more can I ask for  
What more can I ask for  
If just to know You  
If just to love You  
What more can I ask for  
What more can I ask for*

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## **Children's Time with Pastor Brittany**

*Children are invited to join Pastor Brittany.*

**Reflection**

Pastor Carol McEntyre

## Living into the Beatitudes

**Mourn (The Way of Lament):** I have moved from avoiding pain to facing pain. I am no longer afraid to feel the empty places in my life. When I am hurting, I share it with God and others. I can weep like Jesus.

Yes 1 2 3 4 No

**Meek (The Way of Humility):** I have come to a place where I don't have to compete or be the strong one all the time. My identity is no longer based on rivalry and comparison but on being the person God has created me to be.

Yes 1 2 3 4 No

**Righteous/Justice (The Way of Justice):** I have embraced my agency and power to do good even when I feel small and powerless in the face of the world's challenges. I do not throw my hands up in resignation but am working to co-create a better world with God.

Yes 1 2 3 4 No

**Pure in Heart (The Way of Right Motive):** I have come to a place where I can be open and honest with God and others- vulnerable and transparent because I have nothing to hide. I don't have to put on "airs" or pretend to be what I'm not.

Yes 1 2 3 4 No

**Peacemaker (The Way of Peace):** I have come to the place where I avoid creating a sense of safety and security by dividing the world into us and them. I see now there are no sides. We are all children of God.

Yes 1 2 3 4 No

**Persecution (The Way of Surrender):** I have come to a place where I no longer need to retaliate when I am treated unjustly. I am willing to "take the heat" and stand alone for what is right.

Yes 1 2 3 4 No

*Blest are they, the poor in spirit, theirs is the kingdom of God.  
Blest are they full of sorrow, they shall be consoled.*

*Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are You, holy are You!  
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God.*

*Blest are they, the lowly ones, they shall inherit the earth.  
Blest are they who hunger and thirst, they shall have their fill.*

*Blest are they who show mercy, mercy shall be theirs.  
Blest are they, the pure of heart, they shall see God.*

*Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of God.  
Blest are they who suffer in faith, the glory of God is theirs.*

*Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me.  
Rejoice, be glad, Yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see.*



**Writing an Upside-Down Blessing**

**Formula: Blest are you when... for...**

*Blessed are you when you feel overwhelmed,  
for God's presence is always with you.*

*Blessed are you when you are raging,  
for God's holy anger resides within you.*

*Blessed are you when a door closes,  
for the right one is about to open.*

**Question for Conversation:**

Scholars debate between two distinct interpretations of the Beatitudes: a guide by which to live and a blessing for the people on the mountain.

- What are the merits of each?
- Which do you feel most compelled by?
- Did God reveal something to you through either exercise?

## Sharing of our Gifts

### Song of Preparation for Communion

Bigger Table

*Come gather 'round the mystery  
Of love in our broken history  
Where grace heals the fault lines in me  
Time and time again  
It welcomes me in to a*

*A house for the hungry  
A well for the thirsty  
Where all saints come together  
Shoulder to shoulder  
A welcome for the traveler  
New wine for the vineyard  
In all things  
God is able  
Love has a bigger table*

*Show me who is my neighbor  
The Christ hidden in the beggar  
'Cause love doesn't meet a stranger  
Love calls them friend  
And welcomes them in to a*

*A house for the hungry  
A well for the thirsty  
Where all saints come together  
Shoulder to shoulder  
A welcome for the traveler  
New wine for the vineyard  
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God is able  
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*There's an empty seat waiting next to me  
We gotta make some room for each other  
Let my enemy be my family  
Fill my cup 'til it's running over*

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## **Litany for Communion (responsive)**

God in Christ, in a world that applauds arrogance, you call us to be meek.

**In a world that runs from grief, you call us to find comfort in you.**

In a world that rewards competition, you call us to kindness.

**In a world that teaches aggression, you call us to be peacemakers.**

In a world that revels in indulgence, you call us to be pure in heart  
and promise that we will see you.

## **Celebration of Holy Communion**

Here at this table we seek to redefine ourselves, our lives, our values, by what you bless. Here we seek to become more like Christ. As we eat this bread we remember Jesus who lived your way to the very end for the rest of us. As we drink from this cup we remember his love poured out for us and your children everywhere. Strengthen us, nourish us, and guide us by your Spirit as we experience what Christ has given to liberate us for new life.

## **Prayer After Communion (unison)**

God of conversation,

**This space is holy.**

**This space is special.**

**This space is unique,  
because we are fed.**

**We are seen.**

**We belong.**

**Help us remain open to possibility.**

**Amen.**

## **Life of the Church**

### **†Benediction**

Blessed are you, family of faith, as you reflect on Jesus' crucial words.

**For the kin-dom is near, drawing us in to a more just  
and equitable world.**

As you go, go knowing that you are the salt of the earth,

**The light of the world.**

Shine bright, so others may see the inbreaking of God and proclaim:

**Your kin-dom come, on earth as it is in heaven. Amen,**

### **Post-Worship Cleanup**

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# Worship Notes

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# Week at a Glance

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## Sunday, September 4 – Brunch Worship

10:15 am Brunch Worship in the Fellowship Hall

\*No 9:15 am or 11:15 am services

## Monday, September 5

Offices Closed for Labor Day Holiday

## Tuesday, September 6

1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

## Wednesday, September 7

10:00 am Yoga Class

5:30 pm The Calling Dinner

6:00 pm The Calling Meeting

6:30-7:30 pm Chancel Bells

## Thursday, September 8

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

## Friday, September 9

5:30 pm Parents' Night Out

## Sunday, September 11

9:15 am Awakening Worship

10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour

– Adult, Youth small groups & First Kids Sunday School

10:15 am First Kids Donuts with Grownups

11:15 am Traditional Worship in the sanctuary

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# Announcements

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## 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](http://fbc-columbia.org/connect)



## Parents' Night Out – September 9

PNO is back on September 9 from 5:30-7:30 pm. Step away for a few hours while your kids have a blast. This semester's Parents' Night Out is a Popcorn Party! This popcorn-theme game night is jam-packed with games designed to develop Bible Skills and a bit of friendly competition. The Popcorn Party is best suited for readers as many of the activities involve looking through the Bible for clues. Childcare is provided in the nursery for pre-readers and includes popcorn (for those old enough), coloring, and play. The cost is \$5.00. Registration is required to ensure adequate staffing.

## Celebrating 10 years with Pastor Carol

On Sunday, September 18, we will celebrate Pastor Carol McEntyre's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We will share in combined worship with guest preacher, Rev. Dr. Meredith Stone, Executive Director of Baptist Women in Ministry. Following the service, we will be having a catered lunch. RSVP for lunch by September 12 by using the QR Code or by emailing [churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org](mailto:churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org)



## Donuts with Grownups - September 11

Parents and caregivers are invited to First Kids Sunday School at 10:15 for "Donuts with Grownups." Adults will get to see what kids are learning, meet Sunday school teachers, and enjoy fruit and donuts before kids head to small groups.



## Children's Ministry Leaders Volunteers Needed!

Pastor Brittany is still looking for a few more leaders in Children's Ministry for First Kids Sunday School during the 10:15 spiritual formation hour. We are still looking for people to serve in 4 ways:

- Teach PreK-Kindergarten children (ages 4-6) on a regular basis.
- Teach 1st-2nd grades twice a month for the fall semester.
- Substitute when available when leaders are ill or out of town (can specify younger or older children if desired)
- Serve as Faith Partners by welcoming kids during large group time and assisting teachers in small groups. This is a once-a-month commitment.

Contact Brittany McDonald Null at [bnull@fbc-columbia.org](mailto:bnull@fbc-columbia.org) for more information.

## Staff Recognition Week - September 12

As we celebrate Pastor Carol's ten years of ministry with us it is also fitting to celebrate the entire ministry team. We are blessed with faithful, talented and effective church staff members. Each staff member applies their gifts to create significant results to help the church fulfill our mission. The members work well individually but are always willing to take on other responsibilities when needed. We all recognized the positive and loving manner each brings to all communication and relationships. We are also thankful for Pastor Carol's leadership in building, developing, and sustaining the team. During the week of September 12, the Personnel Committee will bring some joy each day of the week with a staff lunch, flowers, ice cream, and brunch breakfast. Please feel free to add your expressions of gratitude to each team member, including Noah Hartsfield, Mike Ide, Bethany James, Brittany McDonald Null, Michael McEntyre, Shelby Myers, Colleen Ostercamp, Jonathan Ray, Julie Walker, Brenda Rice, and Susan Goudie.

## On-Lawn Worship Sunday, October 2

One of the gifts of the pandemic was On-Lawn Worship! We enjoyed worshipping outdoors on our beautiful front lawn and want to continue that practice from time to time. So, we invite you to join us for outdoor worship on the church's front lawn on Sunday, October 2, at 9:15 am or 11:15 am. As a reminder, bring your lawn chair.

## Enneagram Workshop and Book Conversation

Suzanne Stabile, will be in Kansas City on November 12 as she teaches on her newest book, *The Journey Toward Wholeness: Enneagram Wisdom for Stress, Balance, and Transformation*. For those who want to dive deeper into Enneagram wisdom, expert teacher Suzanne Stabile opens the concept of three centers of intelligence: thinking, feeling, and doing. She states, "When we learn to manage these centers, each for its intended purpose, we open a path to reducing fear, improving relationships, and finding wholeness." First Baptist will be taking a group of folx for a day trip to learn and grow together. The early-bird rate for Saturday's workshop is \$60 if you register by October 1 and includes workshop materials for Saturday's teaching as well as snacks and beverages.

In addition to attending the workshop, Pastor Brittany will be leading a book conversation during the month of October on *The Journey Toward Wholeness*. The day and time of the book conversation will depend on those interested. Please note that both the workshop and the book conversation are designed for people who already "know their number" and have a basic understanding of the Enneagram. For more information, or to register, email Pastor Brittany at [bnull@fbc-columbia.org](mailto:bnull@fbc-columbia.org)

## Sermon on the Mount Devotionals

If you want to delve deeper into the Sermon on the Mount, you can purchase a copy of Amy Jill Levine's devotional book *Toward the Kingdom of Heaven*, which includes 40 daily readings on the Sermon on the Mount. Levine takes a detailed and colorful overview of Matthew 5-7. Copies are available for \$10.00.



# First Baptist Church

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Church Staff

*Rev. Dr. Carol McEntyre, Senior Pastor*

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

*Brittany McDonald Null, Pastor of Families and Spiritual Formation*

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

*Amy Johns, Music Director-Traditional Worship*

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

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