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REFLECTING ON
THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

Our Worship of God

November 6, 2022

10:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

~ Brunch Worship ~

Welcome

Pastor Michael McEntyre

Call to Worship (responsive)

You are our foundation, O God, we find strength in You.

Everything that is good comes from You God!

You give us guidance and make our heart glad,

You lead us on the path of love.

In Your presence there is fullness of joy,

In Your kin-dom there is abundance and peace.

Introduction to Brunch Worship

†Sung Table Blessing

Be Present at our Table, Lord

Be present at our table, Lord;

Be here and everywhere adored;

Thy creatures bless, and grant that we

May feast in paradise with Thee.

We thank Thee, Lord, for this our food,

For life and health and every good;

By Thine own hand may we be fed;

Give us each day our daily bread.

†Passing the Peace of Christ

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

~ Brunch ~

Worshipping 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 your favorite holiday tradition.*

Centering our Hearts for Worship

Theme from Beethoven's Ninth Symphony

Chiming Kids Choir

Scripture Reading

Matthew 7:24-29

“Everyone, then, who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a sage who built their house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall because it had been founded on rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish person who built their house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!”

Now when Jesus had finished saying these words, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as their scribes.”

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise be to Christ.

~Living into the Sermon on the Mount~

Our Stance in the World (Matthew 7)

- Do to others as you would have them do to you.
- Realize that aliveness includes tough choices, and that thriving includes suffering.
- Don't be misled by religious talk; what counts is living by Jesus's teaching.

Group Discussion (10 minutes)

- Adults ask kids: If you were ruler, what would your number one rule be, and why? I wonder why Jesus' number one rule was to be kind...
- Kids ask adults: Do you remember who taught you the golden rule and why?
- Why do think versions of the golden rule can be found in many cultures and religions?

Children's Time with Pastor Brittany

*Children are now invited to join Pastor Brittany in the Sanctuary.
Children 3 and under are asked to be accompanied by an adult.*

Personal Identity (Matthew 5:1-16)

- Be among the lowly in spirit, remain sensitive to pain and loss, live in the power of gentleness, show mercy to everyone rather than harshness, don't hide hypocrisy or duplicity in your heart, work for peace, be willing to joyfully suffer persecutions insult for doing what is right.
- Dare to be a nonconformist by being boldly different, like salt and light in the world. Demonstrate your differentness through works of generosity and beauty.

Question for Personal Reflection (3-4 minutes)

Following the way of Jesus, I have moved from harshness to gentleness.

Always 1 2 3 4 Never

I show mercy to my family, co-workers, friends and even enemies.

Always 1 2 3 4 Never

I work for peace and reconciliation in all my relationships.

Always 1 2 3 4 Never

I am seeking to be salt and light in the world by doing good works.

Always 1 2 3 4 Never

†Hymn of Reflection 517

The Solid Rock
verses 1&2

*My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.*

*Refrain:
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand:
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.*

*When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil. [Refrain]*

Responsive Litany for the Way of Love (Matthew 5:21-48)

Never hate, hold grudges, or indulge in anger.

Instead, aim to be the first to reach out a hand in reconciliation.

Avoid exaggeration when making vows.

*Instead, practice clear, straight speech,
so words like yes and no retain their full value.*

Reject revenge.

*Instead, pursue creative and nonviolent ways
to overcome wrongs done to you.*

**Love your enemies as well as your friends,
and so imitate God's big,
generous heart for all creation.**

†Song of Praise

Reckless Love

Jon Ludwig

Inner Work (Matthew 6)

- Cultivate a hidden life of goodness by giving to the poor; praying, and fasting secretly.
- Don't let greed cloud your outlook on life, but store up true wealth by investing in a growing portfolio of generosity and kindness.
- Be especially vigilant about money dictating your life.
- Don't let anxiety run and ruin your life, but instead trust yourself to God's gracious and parental care, and seek first and foremost to build the just and generous society that would fulfill God's best dreams for humanity.
- Don't develop a sharp eye for the faults and failures of others, but instead first work on your own blindness to your own faults and failures.
- Go to God with all your needs, and don't be discouraged if you face long delays. Remember that God loves you as a faithful, caring parent will come through in due time

Group Discussion (5 minutes)

Which of these feels the most natural to you?

Which of these do you feel lead to cultivate?

Preparing our Hearts for Communion

Considering the Sermon as a whole, is your foundation on solid rock? Or on sand? Is there anything you need to do to shore up the foundation?

Hymn of Preparation

The Solid Rock
Verses 3 & 4

*His oath, his covenant, his blood,
support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay.*

Refrain:

*On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand:
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.*

*When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found:
dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne. [Refrain]*

Celebration of Holy Communion

Prayer After Communion (responsive)

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.

Sharing of our Gifts

*How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?*

*“Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.*

*“When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.*

*“When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.*

*“The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake.”*

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

Worship Notes

Call to Worship, based on psalm 16

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, November 6 – Brunch Worship

10:15 am Brunch Worship in the Fellowship Hall

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

4:00 pm First Baptist Book Club – Enneagram Conversation

Monday, November 7

1:00 pm Staff Meeting

7:00 pm 12-Bell opportunity

Tuesday, November 8

1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

Wednesday, November 9

10:00 am Yoga Class

5:30 pm The Calling Dinner

5:45 pm Children's Chime Choir

6:00 pm The Calling Meeting

6:30-7:30 pm Chancel Bells

Thursday, November 10

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

Saturday, November 12

Enneagram Workshop in Kansas City – All Day

Sunday, November 13 – Kindness First Kickoff

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

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



First Baptist Book Club – Tonight

As folks prepare to participate in the enneagram workshop this November, the First Baptist Book Club is reading *Journey Toward Wholeness*, by Suzanne Stabile. The group will meet at 4 pm on November 6 in the office commons. Email Pastor Brittany McDonald Null with any questions: bnull@fbc-columbia.org

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. Mary Carol, his wife, is from Alabama and in addition to being a mother for their twin sons, John and Doug, she taught in public schools, worked as a school counsellor and, during the Day's eleven years in Columbia, she earned two graduate degrees from the University of Missouri. We hope you will join us in giving Dan a warm welcome back!

200 Acts of Kindness (#KindnessFirst)

In honor of our 200th anniversary, we are focusing on kindness over the next year. Kindness takes practice. Therefore, we are challenging First Baptist family and friends to participate in 200 acts of kindness in honor of our 200 years of ministry. #kindnessfirst will launch on November 13. Each month, our community will receive a new kindness focus as we work towards co-creating a kinder world.

Chiming Kids Choir (cKc)

Attention friends 2nd grade and up - cKc is up and ringing! You had a to hear them on during Brunch, 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 5:45-6:15 pm. We will begin rehearsing Christmas music on Nov. 9th. 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 7-8 pm; November 7 through December 12 (we will not rehearse on Monday, November 28) and learn an Advent/Christmas tune to play on Sunday, Dec. 18th. 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.

First Families ADVENTure: Christmas Campout

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.

First Baptist in the Downtown Christmas Parade 2022

November 27

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!

We're Hiring – Childcare Coordinator

First Baptist has begun the search to hire our next Childcare Coordinator. We are looking for someone who has excellent organizational skills, is passionate about working with children, and will make all children and caregivers feel loved as they walk through the nurse doors. If you think you or anyone you know would be a great candidate, we are accepting applications online through indeed or you can visit fbc-columbia.org/jobs for more information.



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Church Staff

Rev. Dr. Carol McEntyre, Senior Pastor

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