

Brunch Worship

worshipping God through
song, food, and conversation

Our Worship of God

January 1, 2023

10:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

~ Brunch Worship ~

Welcome

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

Call to Worship (responsive)

A new day has dawned, a new year begun.

O Lord, call us so we may hear Your voice.

The world turns to hopes and dreams of the future.

O Lord, keep us in Your ways and on Your path.

We enter this new year with hope and excitement.

O Lord, remind us that You lead us.

O Lord, guide us as we look to You, and worship You.

Amen.

†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* ~

Worshiping God by Nourishing our Bodies

Scripture Reading

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born and a time to die;
a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted;
a time to kill and a time to heal;
a time to break down and a time to build up;
a time to weep and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn and a time to dance;
a time to throw away stones and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing;
a time to seek and a time to lose;
a time to keep and a time to throw away;
a time to tear and a time to sew;
a time to keep silent and a time to speak;
a time to love and a time to hate;
a time for war and a time for peace.

What gain have the workers from their toil? I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. God has made everything suitable for its time; moreover, God has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Examen: Part 1- Gratitude

God of wisdom and truth,
at the beginning of this new year
we look back and we look forward.

In the year that has passed we experienced joy
and we experienced sorrow;
We felt blessed
and we felt challenged.
Some things went by much too fast,
and some things lingered for far too long.

Here in this place
we are reminded that you are present through it all.
We are reminded that we are never alone.
We are reminded that nothing can separate us from your love.

So, at the beginning of this new year,
we pause now to reflect on the year that has passed.

We remember the things from this past year that we are most thankful for.
We recall the moments we were the happiest.
We consider the times we felt most alive.
We recognize the times we gave and received the most love.

We are grateful, God,
that you were present in those times.

A Time for Play (10 Minutes)

*Using Play-Doh or Chenille Stems, create something you were grateful for
this past year or a time when you felt the happiest.*

Share your creations with your table.

*All my words fall short
I got nothing new
How could I express
All my gratitude*

*I could sing these songs
As I often do
But every song must end
And You never do*

*So I throw up my hands
And praise You again and again
'Cause all that I have is a hallelujah hallelujah
And I know it's not much
But I've nothing else fit for a king
Except for a heart singing hallelujah
Hallelujah*

*I've got one response
I've got just one move
With my arms stretched wide
I will worship You*

*So I throw up my hands
And praise You again and again
'Cause all that I have is a hallelujah hallelujah
And I know it's not much
But I've nothing else fit for a king
Except for a heart singing hallelujah
Hallelujah*

*Come on my soul
Oh don't you get shy on me
Lift up your song*

*'Cause you've got a lion inside of those lungs
Get up and praise the Lord*

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Prayer for Examen: Part 2 – Disconnection

We also remember the things from this past year that we are least thankful for.

We recall the moments we were the least happy.

We consider the times we felt life draining from us.

We recognize the times we gave and received the least love.

We are grateful, God,

that you were present in those times too.

A Time for Reflection (5 Minutes)

Spend some time reflecting on the moments when you felt least close to God this year. Craft a prayer using words, pictures, or playdoh expressing your thoughts, feelings, or actions during that time.

*Kids: Use the Play-Doh or chenille stems to make the first letter of someone you would like to pray for. Then say,
"God, be with this person, show them your love."*

Prayer of Examen: Part 3 – Preparing for the Year to Come

Gracious God,
at the beginning of this new year,
we also look forward to the year to come.
We are confident that you will be with us still,
when we are thankful and when we are not;
 when we are happy and when we are sad;
when we feel alive and when we feel drained;
 when we give and receive love and when we do not.
God, the world we live in is messy and challenging,
it is the world of paradox,
a world of pain,
 a world of healing,
a world of fear,
 a world of hope,
a world of weeping,
 a world of laughing,
a world of injustice,
 a world of love.
Yet, God, you are with us always.
 So give us grace and give us courage
 to live faithfully in this imperfect world.

A Time to Set Our Intentions for the New Year (10 Minutes)

*Using chenille stems, make one word that can guide you this year
or create a sculpture that reflects one word.*

Need help? Choose from the list below:

Hope

Joy

Peace

Love

Kindness

Goodness

Respect

Imagination

Rest

Wonder

Wisdom

Courage

Comfort

Play

Grace

Gratitude

Then, use this word to guide your hopes and dreams for the year.

Use the coloring page to put some of your ideas!

How can these dreams help you connect with God, others, or yourself?

A Time to Converse (5 Minutes)

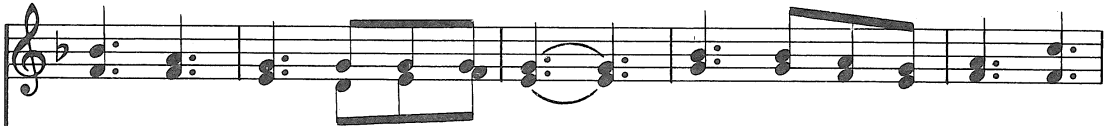
What is one word that sums up your intentions for the year?

Share one of your hopes or dreams for the new year.

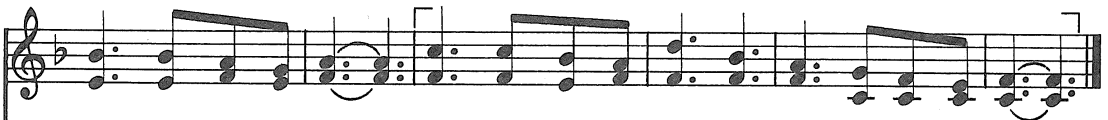
Kids: Can you spell one of the words someone else shared with chenille stems?



1. Take time to be ho - ly, speak oft with thy Lord; a - bide in him
2. Take time to be ho - ly, the world rush - es on; spend much time in
3. Take time to be ho - ly, let him be thy guide, and run not be -
4. Take time to be ho - ly, be calm in thy soul, each thought and each



al - ways, and feed on his Word. Make friends of God's chil - dren;
 se - cret with Je - sus a - lone; by look - ing to Je - sus,
 fore him what - ev - er be - tide; in joy or in sor - row
 mo - tive be - neath his con - trol; thus led by his Spir - it



help those who are weak, for - get - ting in noth - ing his bless - ing to seek.
 like him thou shalt be; thy friends in thy con - duct his like - ness shall see.
 still fol - low thy Lord, and, look - ing to Je - sus, still trust in his Word.
 to foun - tains of love, thou soon shalt be fit - ted for ser - vice a - bove.

Prayer of Examen: Part 4 – The Lord's Prayer

Remind us always of the promise of your kingdom,
 emerging around us and through us.
 It is for this kingdom that we now pray,
 using the words Jesus taught us:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sin, as we forgive those who sin against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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*

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A well for the thirsty
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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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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

†Hymn

We Are Called to Be God's People



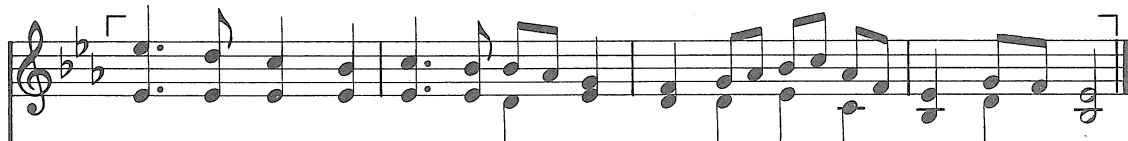
1. We are called to be God's peo - ple, show - ing by our lives his grace,
 2. We are called to be God's ser - vants, work - ing in his world to - day;
 3. We are called to be God's proph - ets, speak - ing for the truth and right,



one in heart and one in spir - it, sign of hope for all the race.
 tak - ing his own task up - on us, all his sa - cred words o - bey.
 stand - ing firm for god - ly jus - tice, bring - ing e - vil things to light.



Let us show how he has changed us, and re - made us as his own,
 Let us rise, then, to his sum - mons, ded - i - cate to him our all,
 Let us seek the cour - age need - ed, our high call - ing to ful - fill,



let us share our life to - geth - er as we shall a - round his throne.
 that we may be faith - ful ser - vants, quick to an - swer now his call.
 that the world may know the bless - ing of the do - ing of God's will.

Life of the Church

†Benediction for the New Year

Let us look for Christ wherever we go.
Let us never stop seeking,
Believing that there is a light that shines in the darkness
Which the darkness shall not overcome.
And may the love of the Creator,
The joy of the Spirit,
And the peace of the Christ-child,
Be with you this New Year, and evermore.

Post-Worship Cleanup

Worship Notes

Call to Worship, written by Rev. Mindi and posted on her **Rev-o-lution** website. <http://rev-o-lution.org/>

Gratitude, CCLI Song # 7158417 Benjamin Hastings | Brandon Lake | Dante Bowe

Take Time to Be Holy, Words: William D. Longstaff, 1882. Music: George C. Stebbins, 1890.

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

We Are Called to Be God's People, Words: Thomas A. Jackson, 1973, alt. Music: Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797.

Benediction for the New Year, ~ by Cara Heafey, UK. Posted on Worship Words at <http://worshipwords.co.uk/new-year-blessing-cara-heafey-uk/>

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Week at a Glance

Monday, January 2

OFFICES CLOSED

Tuesday, January 3

1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

Wednesday, January 4

10:00 am Yoga Class

6:30-7:30 pm Chancel Bells

Thursday, January 5

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

Sunday, January 8

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



Annual Business Meeting

Sunday, January 22 - 10:15 am in the Fellowship Hall

Join us Sunday, January 22 at 10:15 am in the Fellowship Hall for our Annual Business Meeting. We will vote on the Nominating Committee report and elect our leadership for 2023. Then, we will hear a report from the finance committee and vote on the 2023 budget.

Winter Sermon Series:

Un-Muddying the Water: On Being Baptist

Many First Baptist folx feel kind of embarrassed to wear the label “Baptist” due to the actions of our siblings in Christ, the Southern Baptist. Yet, for good or ill, the stream in which our church swims is Baptist. Our congregation was founded in 1823, and although we were not initially Baptist, the word “baptist” is mentioned as early as 1824 in our records. That is our tradition. Therefore, as we move toward our 200th year, we are thinking about what is good and worthy about our faith tradition and what we do want to hold onto as we move forward into the future. Join us beginning Sunday, January 8, as we kick off a winter sermon series: *Un-Muddying the Water: On Being Baptist*.

Sharing Our Stories

The central story of the Church is God as revealed in Jesus Christ. This story is what gathers us together each week, and it is the story that inspired people nearly 200 years ago to found our church. Each of us brings a unique set of life experiences, faith traditions, and encounters with the Spirit that shapes our stories and spiritual journey. So, throughout 2023, Pastor Carol plans to host in-depth conversations with different First Baptist folx about their faith. Stephen Hoell has graciously agreed to go first! Join us on Sunday, January 15, at 10:15 am in the Parlor as Stephen Hoell and Pastor Carol have a 40-minute conversation about his spiritual journey!



Church Staff

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