



# Our Worship of God

March 20, 2022

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

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Welcome

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Prelude

**There is a Balm in Gilead**  
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

†Call to Worship (responsive)

We gather to worship God,

**Who creates us and loves us;**

Who gifts us with diversity and makes us for community;

**Who gives Jesus Christ to show us how to live;**

Who inspires children, youth, young adults, and people of all ages,

**To seek justice, share power,**

**and live together in love and equality;**

Who invites us to join the struggle for wholeness and wellbeing for all,

**and whose presence, grace, and love**

**sustain us in our living.**

We gather to worship God.

**To God be all glory, honor, and praise!**

†Opening Song

No Outsiders

†Passing the Peace of Christ

†Hymn of Hope 712

The Kingdom of God is Justice and Joy

**Genesis 4:1-16**

Now the man knew his wife Eve, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, “I have produced a man with the help of the Lord.” Next she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a tiller of the ground. In the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground, and Abel for his part brought of the firstlings of his flock, their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell. The Lord said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your countenance fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is lurking at the door; its desire is for you, but you must master it.”

Cain said to his brother Abel, “Let us go out to the field.” And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel, and killed him. Then the Lord said to Cain, “Where is your brother Abel?” He said, “I do not know; am I my brother’s keeper?” And the Lord said, “What have you done? Listen; your brother’s blood is crying out to me from the ground! And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand. When you till the ground, it will no longer yield to you its strength; you will be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth.” Cain said to the Lord, “My punishment is greater than I can bear! Today you have driven me away from the soil, and I shall be hidden from your face; I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and anyone who meets me may kill me.” Then the Lord said to him, “Not so! Whoever kills Cain will suffer a sevenfold vengeance.” And the Lord put a mark on Cain, so that no one who came upon him would kill him. Then Cain went away from the presence of the Lord, and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Litany for Addressing Racism**

Oh God, we are gradually waking up

**To the knowledge of our deep and hidden sins;**

Most particularly, to the sin of racism

**Which has affected our culture, psyche, and practice.**

We thought we could say, “Oh, those racist generations have passed on.  
The civil rights movement already happened.”

**We thought we had leveled the playing field.**

We thought we could ignore Whiteness.

**We thought we didn’t have to see color.**

But we know that we have more work to do,

**To cleanse, heal and establish justice.**

We quit before the work was finished.

**We were wrong.**

Help us to see what we couldn’t see before.

**Help us to examine everything:**

Every custom and system,

**Every group dynamic and assumption,**

To leave no stone unturned in our mission

**To rout out injustice;**

To take every thought captive

**To the loving ethic of Christ.**

*silence*

This work is messy.

**We feel sensitive about it.**

We feel overwhelmed and ashamed.

**Help us not to minimize or shirk,**

Nor capitulate to our fragile egos,

**Nor be blinded by our privilege.**

Give us robust hearts,

**Willing to take an unflinching look at the racism within us.**

And as we sift through our habits, culture and customs,

**Examining them with a new sensitivity to injustice,**

Help us to embody hope,

**Peacemaking,**

Restoration,

**And above all, love for our neighbors.**

Make us aligned to the Community of Heaven,

**Diligently working for liberation.**

**Amen.**

Anthem

**Called as Partners in Christ's Service**  
*Chancel Choir, Awakening Praise Band*

*Called as partners in Christ's service  
Called to ministries of grace  
We respond with deep commitment  
Fresh new lines of faith to trace  
May we learn the art of sharing  
Side by side and friend with friend  
Equal partners in our caring  
To fulfil God's chosen end  
Christ's example Christ's inspiring  
Christ's clear call to work and worth  
Let us follow never faltering  
Reconciling folk on earth  
Men and women richer poorer  
All God's people young and old  
Blending human skills together  
Gracious gifts from God unfold  
Thus new patterns for Christ's mission  
In a small or global sense  
Help us bear each other's burdens  
Breaking down each wall or fence  
Words of comfort words of vision  
Words of challenge said with care  
Bring new power and strength for action  
Make us colleagues free and fair  
So God grant us for tomorrow  
Ways to order human life  
That surround each person's sorrow  
With a calm that conquers strife  
Make us partners in our living  
Our compassion to increase  
Messengers of faith thus giving  
Hope and confidence and peace*

## Message

*Where is your brother? What have you done?* Robert P. Jones

## †Hymn of Commitment

Sing a New World into Being

*Sing a new world into being,  
Sound a bold and hopeful theme.  
Find a tune for silent yearnings,  
Lend your voice and dare to dream:  
Dream a church where all who worship  
Find their lives and loves belong.  
Sing a new world into being.  
Sing as Christ inspires your song!*

*Sing a new world into being,  
Where each gender, class, and race  
Brings its rainbow gifts and colors  
To God's limitless embrace;  
Where the lines that once divided  
Form instead the ties that bind.  
Sing a new world into being.  
Risk transforming heart and mind!*

*Sing a new world into being.  
Where the homeless find a home,  
Where no children ever hunger  
But are filled in God's shalom;  
Where all people work for justice,  
Where all hate and vengeance cease.  
Sing a new world into being.  
Raise the harmonies of peace.*

*Sing a new world into being.  
Join the ancient prophets' cry  
For a time of heath and plenty  
When all tears have been wiped dry;  
When compassion flows like waters,  
Pouring balm for all who grieve.  
Sing a new world into being.  
Live the promise you believe!*

## **Life of the Church and Sharing of our Gifts**

### **†Benediction**

Pastor Carol McEntyre

May God bless you with a restless discomfort  
about easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships,  
so that you may seek truth boldly and love deep within your heart.

May God bless you with holy anger  
at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people,  
so that you may tirelessly work for justice, freedom,  
and peace among all people.

May God bless you with the gift of tears  
to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation,  
or the loss of all that they cherish,  
so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them  
and transform their pain into joy.

May God bless you with enough foolishness  
to believe that you really can make a difference in this world,  
so that you are able, with God's grace,  
to do what others claim cannot be done.

### **†Postlude**

Awakening Praise Band



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# Worship Notes

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**Robert P. Jones** is the CEO and founder of Public Religion Research Institute (PRRI) and the author of *White Too Long: The Legacy of White Supremacy in American Christianity*, which won a 2021 American Book Award. He is also the author of *The End of White Christian America*, which won the 2019 Grawemeyer Award in Religion. Jones writes regularly on politics, culture, and religion for *The Atlantic* online, *TIME*, *NBC Think*, and other outlets. He is frequently featured in major national media, such as *CNN*, *MSNBC*, *NPR*, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, and others. Jones writes weekly at <https://robertpjones.substack.com>, a newsletter for those dedicated to the work of truth-telling, repair, and healing from the legacy of white supremacy in American Christianity.

He holds a Ph.D. in religion from Emory University, an M.Div. from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and a B.S. in computing science and mathematics from Mississippi College.

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*“Jesus’ lament over Jerusalem’s intransigence is powerful because you can hear a righteous indignation and a deep anguish. He foreshadows his own execution, but his pain is for the waywardness of his people. As I consider the destruction we continue to visit upon each other and all of creation, I imagine God is still grieved.”*

*The Kingdom of God is Justice and Joy*, Words: Bryn Austin Rees, 1973. Music: William Croft, 1708.

*No Outsiders*, CCLI Song # 7101035 Chris Llewellyn | Ed Cash | Gareth Gilkeson | Hank Bentley

*Let Justice Rain*, CCLI Song # 7140920 Hannah Rand | Lenora Rand

*Sing a New World Into Being*, Text ©2006 GIA Publications, Music: ©1991, GIA Publications

*Litany for Addressing Racism*, by Fran Pratt

*Called as Partners in Christ’s Service*, Authors: Jane Parker Huber, John Zundel  
Tune Name: BEECHER

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# Week at a Glance

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## Sunday, March 20

NO Awakening Worship

10:15 am Q & A with Robert Jones in the First Baptist Fellowship Hall

11:15 am Traditional Worship in the sanctuary and streamed online

-Robert P. Jones preaching

2:00 pm First Baptist Hiking Club at Rock Bridge State Park

## Monday, March 21

1:00 pm Staff Meeting

## Tuesday, March 22

1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room and via Zoom

## Wednesday, March 23

10:00 am Yoga Class

6:00 pm The Calling in the Student Ministry Suite

6:30 pm Chancel Bells

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

## Thursday, March 24

10:30 am First Baptist Women's Zoom-*Love is the Way* Book Study

## Sunday, March 27

9:15 am Awakening Worship

10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour

- Adult, Youth small groups & First Kids Sunday School

11:15 am Traditional Worship in the sanctuary and streamed online

7:00 pm *White Too Long* Book Discussion in the Fellowship Hall

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# Announcements

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## Visitors

If you are visiting with us online, 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 visitor card at [fbc-columbia.org/guest](http://fbc-columbia.org/guest) or use this QR code.



## First Baptist Hiking Club - Today at 2pm

After a chilly month, we're back to hitting the trails! We will be meeting at the High Ridge trail today at 2 pm. High Ridge trail is a 1.9 mile grassy loop in Rock Bridge State Park. This trail climbs to a hilltop and follows a ridge before descending to Clear Creek. There are a number of views of the park from the ridge, and of native grasslands as well. Contact Kimberly Moeller for more information.

## March Missions Giving Opportunity: Ukraine

Throughout the month of March, you can choose to support either CBF Global Missions or CBF Ukraine Relief or both of these giving opportunities through our March Missions Offering. To give online, visit the church website, select the “online giving options” link and then choose either the CBF Offering for Global Missions or CBF’s Ukraine Relief Fund.

To give in person, make your check out to First Baptist and indicate your desired area of support (Global Missions or Ukraine Relief) in the memo section. In our worship services, you may also use one of the Offering for Global Missions envelopes and write in your instructions on the back of the envelope.

At the conclusion of our March Missions Month, **First Baptist will match the funds given (up to \$4,000)** and send all contributions to CBF Global to be dispersed appropriately.

## Women's Bible Study – *Love is the Way* - March 24

Our Women's Bible Study group will begin a new study of the book *Love is the Way – Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times* by Bishop Michael Curry on Thursday, March 24, 10:30-11:30 a.m. In 2015 Bishop Curry was the first African-American elected to lead the Episcopal Church. Curry's message in this book is that by following the path of Love for God, for others and for ourselves we find all we truly need.

Ronda Wahl is leading the study. We would love to have you join us. If you have questions, please contact Betty Felts (573-442-6650) or via email: [edleybettyfelts@gmail.com](mailto:edleybettyfelts@gmail.com) to obtain our zoom website information.

## White Too Long Book Discussion – March 27

On March 27 at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall, First Baptist will be holding a discussion following the Robert P. Jones' event *The Legacy of White Supremacy in American Christianity*. Join us as we debrief the event and discuss his award-winning book, *White Too Long*.

## No plans for Spring Break? Come lend a hand at the church!

As we journey towards Easter (April 17), the Trustees are looking for church members who might be able to lend a hand in assisting with some of these finishing touches in order to make our church as beautiful and inviting as possible for Holy Week. Projects include:

- Several small painting projects and touch up throughout the building
- Cleaning/organizing of spaces
- Assistance with network cabling project
- Replacing stained ceiling tiles
- Light carpentry work

Our current plan is to gather small groups of volunteers for specific projects to work on these tasks over Spring Break. If you plan to be in town the week of March 28-April 1 and would like to lend a hand, please email Michael McEntyre at [mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org](mailto:mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org) to sign up.

## First Baptist 101 - April 3

If you sense that God is drawing you to the community at First Baptist, we celebrate that, and we want you to have a chance to get to know our church! First Baptist 101 is a class that is open to adults who are new members or for those who are interested in learning more about First Baptist.

Sunday, April 3, following Brunch Worship there will be a n overview of First Baptist ministries, opportunities to serve, and a building tour

For more information or to sign-up for childcare, contact Pastor Carol McEntyre at [mcentyre@fbc-columbia.org](mailto:mcentyre@fbc-columbia.org) or 573-442-1149.

## Next Brunch Worship – April 3

Join us for the next Brunch Worship on Sunday, April 3 at 10:15 am. This will be a combined worship, with no 9:15 or 11:15 am services.

**What will happen at Brunch Worship?** When you arrive, you will be given a name tag and you will take a seat at a table of your choosing. We will begin with a call to worship and an opening song. Then, we will pass the peace of Christ as we fill up our plates with food. The meal will be a potluck. You are invited to contribute to worship by bringing whatever entree, dessert, fruit, salad, muffin, or store-bought contribution you want to make! After our plates are full, we will take some time to eat and converse. Then, we will hear a scripture reading, listen to a short reflection, and explore scripture together through discussion. Finally, we will sing, pray, and clean up together. All children and youth are invited to be full participants in Brunch Worship. Childcare will continue to be available for children from birth through kindergarten. A Virtual Brunch Worship option will be available via Zoom for our church family who cannot join us in person.

## Downtown Palm Sunday Service

### April 10, at the Boone County Courthouse Amphitheater

Sunday, April 10, is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week, and our annual ecumenical downtown Palm Sunday worship service. The Downtown Palm Sunday Service begins at 9:00 am at the Boone County Courthouse Amphitheater and is typically around 20 minutes. For those who attend the Awakening Service, we invite you to participate in the Downtown Palm Sunday Service and then join us for the rest of Awakening Worship at First Baptist. If you attend Traditional Worship, we encourage you to go to the Downtown Palm Sunday Service and come to First Baptist for Adult Small Groups and Traditional Worship. We look forward to waving palm branches together with our downtown siblings of faith.

## Easter Sunday at First Baptist - April 17

Join us for Easter Worship on April 17. We will celebrate Christ's resurrection, the day hope is realized, in the Awakening Contemporary Worship service at 9:15 am in the Fellowship Hall, and the Traditional Worship service at 11:15 am in the Sanctuary. At 10:15 am, there will be pastries and beverages to enjoy. You can grab a treat and head to a small group or gather with friends on the courtyard patio.

## Updated COVID Policy from Church Council

Beginning Sunday, April 4, we will no longer require masks during worship or other First Baptist events. If you want to wear a mask, you are welcomed to do so. We also encourage everyone to be mindful of those in our congregation with compromised immune systems, especially when interacting with folks in the church building. We will continue to space the chairs out in the Fellowship Hall, and the Sanctuary has ample seating. Those who may desire more distance can choose their seats accordingly. Nursery workers will continue to wear masks to protect our youngest members who can't get vaccinated yet.



**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*