

# JESUS, WHY SO MYSTERIOUS?

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*Exploring Jesus'  
secretive identity  
in Mark's Gospel*



# *Our Worship of God*

*January 17, 2021*

*11:15 am*

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**Pre-Service Music**

The Lord's My Shepherd

arr. Hustad

**Welcome**

Pastor Carol McEntyre

**Call to Worship (responsive)**

Jesus comes along side us and calls us by name:

***"[your name], follow me."***

A simple call. A hard call.

**Because following requires leaving.**

**Because following requires us to enter mystery.**

And we look around to see who else Jesus could be talking to.

**And we look around to see the trappings of the life we know.**

It's hard to leave our nets and walk away from the lake.

**But we have come this far,**

**to this hour,**

**where we can listen and be transformed.**

**Opening Song**

Follow You Anywhere

*You make it easy to love You  
You are good and You are kind  
You bring joy into my life  
You make it easy to trust You  
You have never left my side  
You've been faithful ev'ry time*

*All I want is You Jesus  
All I want is You*

*You are the refuge I run to  
You are the fire that leads me through the night  
I'll follow You anywhere  
There's a million reasons to trust You  
Nothing to fear for You are by my side  
I'll follow You anywhere*

*Follow You anywhere oh  
I'll follow You anywhere oh*

*O Jesus You came to my rescue  
Took my place upon that cross  
You redeemed what I had lost  
Now my whole world revolving around You  
You're the center of my life  
You're the treasure You're the prize*

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I'll follow You anywhere oh*

*Wherever You lead me  
Whatever it costs me  
All I want is You  
Jesus all I want is You*

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Jesus all I want is You  
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## **Lighting of the Christ Candle**

*We invite you to light a candle at your place of worship  
as a visual reminder of God's presence with us.*

## **Sharing our Story**

Jon Ludwig

## **Sung Refrain: Day by Day**

*Day by day, day by day,  
O, dear Lord, three things I pray:  
To see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,  
Follow thee more nearly, day by day.*

### Mark 1:14-20

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

The Gospel of our Lord.  
**Praise be to Christ.**

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### Responsive Reading

Gentle and patient  
**God, you are calling.**  
Careful and persistent  
**God, you are calling.**  
In grieving and in praise  
**God, you are calling.**

Through dawn and midday

**God, you are calling.**

Unexpected and planned

**God, you are calling.**

In a still small voice and in power

**God, you are calling.**

Spontaneous and prepared

**God, you are calling.**

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### **Sharing Our Gifts**

#### **Song of Praise**

Abundantly More

*There is healing in the power of the Lord most high*

*There is courage in the shadow of His wings*

*There is peace unending over all my life*

*There is freedom that washes over me*

*I find all I need here in Your presence Lord*

*I open up my soul and You fill me up with*

*All I need here in Your presence Lord*

*Where blessings overflow*

*There's always abundantly more*

*There is rest in the goodness of the Lord my God*

*There is treasure in the kindness of my King*

*There is comfort in knowing Your unfailing love*

*My provider You set my spirit free*

*I find all I need here in Your presence Lord  
I open up my soul and You fill me up with  
All I need here in Your presence Lord  
Where blessings overflow  
There's always abundantly more*

*More than I could ask or seek  
More than I could fathom  
God Your love for me  
Is better than I imagined  
More than I could ask or seek  
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**Message**

Carol McEntyre

## **Hymn of Commitment 710**

## **We Are Called to be God's People**

*We are called to be God's people, showing by our lives his grace,  
One in heart and one in spirit, sign of hope for all the race.  
Let us show how he has changed us, and remade us as his own,  
Let us share our life together as we shall around his throne.*

*We are called to be God's servants, working in his world today;  
Taking his own task upon us, all his sacred words obey.  
Let us rise, then, to his summons, dedicate to him our all,  
That we may be faithful servants, quick to answer now his call.*

*We are called to be God's prophets, speaking for the truth and right,  
Standing firm for godly justice, bringing evil things to light.  
Let us seek the courage needed, our high calling to fulfill,  
That the world may know the blessing of the doing of God's will.*

## **Life of the Church**

## **Benediction**

## **Postlude**

Fanfare in G

by McDonald



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# Worship Notes

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*Call to Worship* ~ adapted from call to worship by Joanna Harader

*Follow You Anywhere*, CCLI Song # 7123196 Brett Younker | Jason Ingram | Kristian Stanfill | Phil Wickham

*Responsive Reading* from Joanie Thurman Williams. It was posted on *Consider Your Call*.

*Abundantly More*, CCLI Song # 7130471, Ethan Hulse | Heath Balltzglier | Matt Armstrong | Seth Condrey

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## Week at a Glance

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### Monday, January 18

Offices Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

### Tuesday, January 19

1:00 pm Crafty Critters Zoom Call

### Wednesday, January 20

12:00 pm Zoom at Noon with Pastor Carol

6:30 pm NO Handbells Rehearsal this week

5:15 pm Psalm Players Zoom

7:45 pm Chancel Choir Zoom

### Friday, January 22

12:15 pm Jesus Calling: Women's Devotional and Prayer Time via Zoom

### Sunday, January 24

10:00 am Online Winter Bible Study with Dr. Hulitt Gloer

10:00 am Student Ministry Group online

11:15 Online Worship Service

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# Announcements

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## Visitors and Prayer Requests

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, let us know you are with us today by texting “guest” to 573-326-9490. If you are in need of prayer, text “prayer” to 573-326-9490 and Brittany, our Pastor of Families and Spiritual Formation will connect with you.

## Annual Business Meeting - January 24 at 1:00 pm via Zoom

We will hold our Annual Business Meeting on January 24 at 1:00 pm via Zoom following the Sunday Online Service. If you’d like to visit with other members, we will begin the Zoom meeting 15 minutes early!

## Introducing Jon Ludwig, Pastoral Care Intern

Jon Ludwig will begin a pastoral care internship at First Baptist and will serve with us through April. A few years ago, our church was blessed with the opportunity to have a Pastoral Resident. During that time, we embraced the role of a “teaching congregation” and jumped at the chance to be a place where future ministers can learn on the job by serving in our church. Jon is interested in pursuing a career in hospital chaplaincy and may eventually seek endorsement through the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, a credential he will need to work in a hospital as a chaplain. We have the opportunity to be part of his journey by providing this internship and hopefully in the future ordaining him to the gospel ministry! Many congregations cannot remember the last time someone from their church sensed a call to ministry and followed that call to ordination. As part of his internship, Jon will help to provide pastoral care and spiritual support for the First Baptist Community.

## Online Winter Bible Study

In January, we invite you to join us for Winter Bible Study via Zoom! This 6-week course is designed for people who want to dig deeper in their Bible study and grow in their understanding of scripture.

Dr. Hulitt Gloer will be leading the course entitled “Reading Mark’s Revolutionary Gospel.” Knowing what Jesus said and did has never been more important than in the days in which we are now living. The Gospel of Mark tells of Jesus’ revolutionary life and message and we will examine it together. The class is perfect for laity who want to study the Bible at a more scholarly level, but you do not have to be a scholar to join. The course is designed for any and all who desire a greater understanding of the Bible. The only prerequisite is a love for the Bible.

Dr. Hulitt Gloer is Emeritus Professor of Preaching and Christian Scriptures at Truett Theological Seminary, Baylor University and taught at Truett when Pastors Michael and Carol McEntyre were students there.

The study will be held on Zoom on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. It began today and will run for 6 weeks. There is no need to register.

## First Baptist Book Club

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays every other month – 7pm via Zoom

With the new year starting, the First Baptist Book Club is ready to relaunch and get our noses in books! The book club will meet the second Tuesday of every other month throughout the year. For now, meetings will be held via Zoom at 7 pm.

The first virtual gathering will take place on Tuesday, February 9. The group will read *Holy Envy* by Barbara Brown Taylor. In this book, Taylor recounts her moving discoveries of finding the sacred in unexpected places while teaching the world’s religions to undergraduates in rural Georgia, revealing how God delights in confounding our expectations. You can purchase the book on your own, and then be ready to discuss beginning February 9! If you would like to sign-up for the book club’s email list, contact Pastor Brittany at [bnull@fbc-columbia.org](mailto:bnull@fbc-columbia.org)

## CBF Offering for Global Missions

During the month of February, First Baptist members will have the opportunity to support the work of Cooperative Baptist Field Personnel around the world, like our very own Keith Holmes and Mary Van Rheenen, by giving to the CBF Offering for Global Missions. Your support of the Offering for Global Missions will share the Gospel message and provide tangible gifts of God's grace and mercy. 100% of your gifts to the Offering goes to funding the ministry of field personnel. You can send in your offering by check (made out to First Baptist Church with CBF missions in the memo line) or beginning February 1, you can choose the missions offering link on our website to give electronically. At the end of February, the church will combine all gifts and send one check to CBF. Thank you for your generosity.

## First Baptist Virtual Game Night – February 12

On Friday, February 12, at 7:00 pm First Baptist will be holding an online game night via Zoom. Stay tuned for more details!

## Financial Assistance for Those Affected by COVID-19

If you have found yourself in need of financial assistance in this disruptive time of a global pandemic, please reach out to any of our pastors (by phone or email) to notify us of your need. Please know that all such requests are confidential. We will get through this together!