



THE GOOD LIFE

Practices for
Abundant Living

Our Worship of God

April 11, 2021

9:15 am

Prelude

All Things Bright and Beautiful
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

arr. Keveren

Welcome

Pastor Michael McEntyre

Invocation (unison)

**Good Shepherd,
you call each of us by name,
and we know your voice.
Thank you for opening the gate for us,
that we may come and go freely,
have life and have it abundantly.
May we listen today with open minds
and receptive hearts. Amen.**

Opening Hymn 77

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration!*

*Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what he ordaineth?*

*Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee,
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If with his love he befriend thee.*

*Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen sound from his people again:
Gladly forever adore him.*

Lighting of the Christ Candle

*As we light the Christ Candle in the Sanctuary, we invite you to
light a candle in your place of worship as a reminder
of God's presence who invites us to rest and reflect together.*

Scripture Reading

Charles & Sachiko Cantrell

John 10:1-10

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise be to Christ.

Sharing Our Gifts

Hymn 542

Near the Heart of God

*There is a place of quiet rest near to the heart of God,
A place where sin cannot oppress, near to the heart of God.
O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God,
Hold us who wait before thee near to the heart of God.*

*There is a place of comfort sweet near to the heart of God,
A place where we our Savior meet, near to the heart of God.
O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God,
Hold us who wait before thee near to the heart of God.*

*There is a place of full release near to the heart of God,
A place where all is joy and peace, near to the heart of God.
O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God,
Hold us who wait before thee near to the heart of God.*

Message

Listen

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Moment of Reflection

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With You, O Lord

*With you, O Lord, is life in all its fullness,
And in your light we shall see true light.*

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Litany of Intention (unison)

**We are ordinary people, going about our lives,
Realizing that we are Beloved through and through,
Realizing that Heaven is available to us now,
Realizing that what we do here on earth matters,
Realizing that Christ's invitation is for us, too;
And jumping in - gratefully, joyfully, and with intention –
to this Kin-dom work.**

Hymn of Response

Come and Find the Quiet Center
Sung to BEACH SPRING

*Come and find the quiet center
in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter,
be at peace, and simply be.*

*Silence is a friend who claims us,
cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us,
knows our being, touches base,
making space within our thinking,
lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking,
finding scope for faith begun.*

*In the Spirit let us travel,
open to each other's pain,
let our loves and fears unravel,
celebrate the space we gain:
there's a place for deepest dreaming,
there's a time for heart to care,*

*in the Spirit's lively scheming
there is always room to spare!*

Life of the Church

Benediction

Postlude

Jesus Shall Reign
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

arr. Kim

Worship Notes

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, Words: Joachim Neander, 1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt. Music: *Emeuerten Gesangbuch*, Stralsund, 1665.

Near to the Heart of God, Words and Music: Cleland B. McAfee, 1901.

With You, O Lord, Words: Taize community, Music: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994.

Litany of Intention, from *Litany for a New Day* by Fran Pratt.

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, April 11

- 9:15 am Online Worship Service
- 10:00 am Student Ministry Group online
- 10:00 am Sunday Morning Small Groups/Bible Study
- 11:15 am Worship Service on the front lawn

Tuesday, April 13

- 1:00 pm Crafty Critters Zoom Call
- 7:00 pm First Baptist Book Club

Wednesday, April 14

- 12:00 pm Zoom at Noon with Pastor Carol
- 6:00 pm The Calling
- 6:30 pm Handbells Rehearsal
- 7:45 pm Chancel Choir Zoom

Friday, April 16

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

Sunday, April 18

- 9:15 am Online Worship Service
- 10:00 am Student Ministry Group online
- 10:00 am Sunday Morning Small Groups/Bible Study
- 11:15 am Worship Service on the front lawn
- 1:00 pm Church Business Meeting via Zoom

Announcements

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.

The Good Life: Practices for Abundant Living

New Sermon Series Begins Today!

What makes for a good life? Grappling with questions about what makes a good life is part of being human; this past year has led many of us to evaluate this question even further. In the coming months, as more people get vaccinated and we move toward our new normal, this sermon series *The Good Life: Practices for Abundant Living*, invites us to think about and reflect on how we want to live going forward in light of our Christian values. Instead of simply longing for what was, our hope is to discern how God is calling us to live now, and consciously make choices to follow in Christ’s footsteps. Without this space for reflection, chances are the inevitable tide of busyness will wash away any opportunity for reflection. This series is built on the wisdom of Christian theology and the ways in which authentic Christian practices bring about true and lasting life satisfaction.

First Baptist Book Club - April 13

The First Baptist Book Club is excited to announce their next read: *Love is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times* by Michael Curry. As the descendant of slaves and the son of a civil rights activist, Bishop Michael Curry's life illustrates massive changes in our times. Through the prism of his faith, ancestry, and personal journey, *Love Is the Way* shows us how America came this far and, more importantly, how to go a whole lot further. You can purchase the book on your own to read before our next discussion on April 13. Email Brittany, bnull@fbc-columbia.org for the link.

Church Business Meeting

Sunday, April 18, 1:00 pm via Zoom

On Sunday, April 18 at 1:00 pm, First Baptist will gather for a special called Business Meeting via Zoom. Thanks to the hard work of our Finance Committee, the Stepping Toward 200 Taskforce (a team created by the Church Council in 2019), and our Church Council, a motion is being presented to the church to pay off the remaining building debt from our Building Tomorrow Today campaign. Thanks to the generosity of our congregation and recent gifts to our Legacy Giving funds, we have the opportunity to retire our approximate remaining debt of \$375,000. This will save us roughly \$50,000 per year in debt services. The Business Meeting will lay out the path on how this will be accomplished and ask the church to vote to approve the retirement of this loan. We hope all our members will take part in this good work.

Afternoon of Lawn Games

Sunday, April 25 from 2-4 pm

On Sunday, April 25 from 2:00 pm-4:00 pm we will gather on the front lawn of the church building for an afternoon of fun and games! With the weather warming up, people are longing for safe, enjoyable ways to gather. We will play some lawn games like ladder ball, volleyball, corn hole toss, and other such amusements.

Please bring a lawn chair and wear your mask. Remember, no handshakes, hugs, elbow bumps, or any form of physical touching, but laughter, conversation, and fun are encouraged.

First Baptist Hiking Club

Who is ready to explore the great outdoors with actual human connection? Well, we have an opportunity for you! Join Kimberly Moeller and Misty Phillips as they lead you through some awesome hiking trails both around Columbia and, at times, through other adventures in Missouri. We will spend time in the great outdoors together as we build a hiking community, get exercise, and provide healing from COVID. Nature is a great way to find peace and often a spiritual connection with others and God. We respectfully ask that masks be worn regardless of vaccination status.

Join us the 4th weekend of each month (rotating between Saturday and Sunday), beginning Sunday April 25th at 1:00 pm at MKT Trail Forum Blvd. There is a parking lot at the Forum entrance. A calendar with hiking opportunities for the year will be forthcoming soon.

If you would like to join us or be on the email list for future hikes, please RSVP by email to Kimberly Moeller at knmoelle@gmail.com or Misty Phillips at mistya2014@gmail.com.

ForColumbia Signups Begin April 18

ForColumbia is back and gearing up to serve our city on June 5, 2021. First Baptist will be leading 2 projects this year, but there are a variety of opportunities across the city to choose from, with various levels of Covid awareness and sensitivity to meet a variety of volunteer needs.

Our project at Benton Elementary will include enhancing the outdoor learning space, assembling a chicken coop, planting flowers, putting up fencing, spreading mulch, painting play elements, and putting together picnic tables. We are also looking for an old boat or canoe that could be partially buried and added to the area. Please contact Pastor Michael McEntyre at mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org, if you might be able to help us locate one. This project is outside and is possible to maintain social distance at all times.

Our project at our Extra Mile house will have two main areas to serve. Part of our team will be outdoors helping with general clean up, planting flowers, and sealing the deck. This part of the project is outside, and it is possible to maintain social distance most of the time. The other part of our team will be demolishing and removing old ceilings and wall coverings as well as removing some carpeting in an effort to prep the area for future renovation. This part of the project requires N95 masks, gloves, and safety glasses to protect from dust and particles and is not family friendly. This project is inside with limited social distancing.

Signing Up

Beginning April 18, go to <https://www.forcolumbia.com/volunteer/> and fill in your information, including t-shirt size. Be sure to select our church from the drop-down menu of which church you are signing up under. To volunteer for one of our specific projects, under Group Name, type in "Extra Mile" or "Benton."