

Our Worship of God

May 23, 2021

9:15 am

~ Pentecost ~

Welcome

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Call to Worship

One: Come, Holy Spirit. Inspire our hearts with your fiery presence!

All: Let your flame burn within us, stirring us to action.

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One: Come, Holy Spirit. Energize our lives to work for God.

All: Let your wind of hope swirl around us, lifting and moving us from complacency.

One: Come, Holy Spirit. Pour your blessing on us.

All: Let your presence challenge us to proclaim God's presence and love in everything we say and do. Amen.

Opening Song

Build Your Kingdom Here

Come set Your rule and reign
In our hearts again
Increase in us we pray
Unveil why we're made
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope
Like wildfire in our very souls
Holy Spirit come invade us now
We are Your church
We need Your pow'r in us

We seek Your kingdom first
We hunger and we thirst
Refuse to waste our lives
For You're our joy and prize
To see the captives' hearts released
The hurt the sick the poor at peace
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause
We are Your church
We pray revive this earth

Build Your kingdom here
Let the darkness fear
Show Your mighty hand
Heal our streets and land
Set Your church on fire
Purify our hearts
Change the atmosphere
Build Your kingdom here we pray

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r
Reaching the near and far
No force of hell can stop
Your beauty changing hearts
You made us for much more than this
Awake the kingdom seed in us
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ
We are Your church
We are the hope on earth

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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 the Holy Spirit that came like fire on the day of Pentecost.

Children's Moment

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

Gospel Reading

Bob Russell

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

"When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them.

"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

The Gospel of Our Lord. Praise be to Christ.

Prayer for Pentecost (responsive)

Pastor Michael McEntyre

On this day when we remember the Spirit who comes like fire and like a gentle breeze, We pray together:

Come, Holy Spirit, come:

Enter our lives.

Free us from all fear.

Give us strength to carry on.

Give us hope and joy sufficient for each day.

Come, Holy Spirit, come:

Give us power to be the church.

Impart your many gifts to our members, that we may be the body of Christ's presence in the world.

Free us from all fear, and renew our life together.

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Bind us close together.

May we rejoice with one another's joys and

Weep with one another's sorrows.

Bind us together, not only with the sheep of this fold,

But all of Christ's people around this city and world.

Forgive the pride, prejudice, and self-righteousness

Which separate us from one another.

Come, Holy Spirit, come:

That all may be one in Christ, Source of all true unity, Who is with us today and always, Even to the end of time.

Amen.

Sharing Our Gifts

Song of Praise Holy Spirit

There's nothing worth more that will ever come close No thing can compare You're our living hope Your Presence

I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone In Your Presence Lord

Holy Spirit You are welcome here Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere Your glory God is what our hearts long for To be overcome by Your Presence Lord

Your Presence Lord

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Holy Spirit You are welcome here Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere Your glory God is what our hearts long for To be overcome by Your Presence Lord

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Oh God how we love Your Presence Lord
Let us become more aware of Your Presence
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness
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Message

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Song of Response

Hymn of the Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit guide my vision Help me see the way You see Always Jesus ever Jesus Christ in all as Christ in me

Holy Spirit guide my speaking Words of grace and truth abound Let my lips be filled with stories Of the mercy that I've found

You're the light You're my path You're the Shepherd of my soul All I am all I have Holy Spirit lead me on Holy Spirit guide my hearing
Wake my ears to words You speak
In the thunder in the stillness
Let Your voice be clear to me
Let Your voice be clear to me

You're the light You're my path You're the Shepherd of my soul All I am all I have Holy Spirit lead me on

Holy Spirit lead me onward Walking through the great unknown Trusting leaning holding clinging Till the day You lead me home

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Life of the Church

Benediction

Let us go now as Spirited people, Powerful as the wind in doing God's will, Energetic as fire in extending the love of Christ. Be builders of understanding and makers of peace. Amen.

Worship Notes

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, May 23 - Pentecost

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

2:00 pm First Families Pentecost Party

Tuesday, May 25

1:00 pm -3:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Parlor

Wednesday, May 26

12:00 pm Zoom at Noon with Pastor Carol

6:00 pm The Calling

6:30 pm Handbells Rehearsal

7:45 pm Chancel Choir

Friday, May 28

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

Sunday, May 30

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

Monday, May 31

Memorial Day Holiday - Offices Closed

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, you can fill out a visitor card at fbc-columbia.org/guest

New Worship Schedule-Beginning June 6

We will move our outdoor, in-person, on-lawn service to 9:15 am. This will allow those who might not be ready to worship indoors the opportunity to continue worshipping outside even as the weather warms up.

Our 11:15 am service will be a hybrid service for both in-person, indoors worship in the sanctuary and online. The hybrid service will maintain social distancing in the sanctuary with designated seating areas. Masks will be required at all times for attendees, even if vaccinated.

Childcare for Toddlers - Pre-K

We are excited to announce that childcare will be available during the on-lawn service for toddlers through pre-k on the playground. Our Nursery Director, Bethany James, has been hard at work recruiting workers to ensure kids have a fun and safe experience. Children can be checked at 11:00 am at the playground entrance on the front lawn. We are thankful for Bethany's diligent work, and for spaces to safely gather outdoors for worship and play!

ForColumbia Signups -Last day to register is May 24

ForColumbia has many different projects all across the city that can accommodate any skill set or limitation (such as making freezer meals, organizing donations, stencil artwork, painting projects, working in community gardens, and an online prayer group). First Baptist will be leading sites at Benton Elementary by spreading mulch, installing fencing, transplanting flowers, building a chicken coup and repairing playground equipment and our Extra Mile House by demoing sheetrock, ceilings, and flooring, and working outside planting flowers, clearing fence rows, and general yardwork. If you have questions, contact Michael McEntyre at mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org. Sign up today at https://www.forcolumbia.com and help spread God's love throughout our city.

<u>First Families Pentecost Party – This Afternoon</u> 2-4 pm on the front lawn

This year, in celebration of Pentecost, First Kids will be hosting a family event to celebrate Pentecost. Beginning at 2 pm we will hear the Pentecost story and celebrate the gift of the Spirit and the birthday of the Church with cupcakes and pinwheels. Following our guided Pentecost activities, we will have some fun opportunities to gather with sidewalk paint, 9 square in the air, and more. Additionally, the playground will be open but please note there will not be a paid childcare worker to monitor. Wear red and come join the party!

First Baptist Summer One Read(s)

Are you looking for something to read over the summer? Look no further, back by popular demand is our summer one read(s)! We have chosen three books for our One Read. You can read one or read them all. The idea is for everyone to read at their own pace over the summer and then, join the conversations about them in the fall. Hopefully, the books will be thought-provoking, encourage spiritual growth, and fruitful discussion. Books are \$15 each and can be purchased on Sunday mornings or at the church office during the week.

Invitation to the Psalms by Rolf A. Jacobson & Karl N. Jacobson

Invitation to the Psalms is a winsome accessible introduction to the Psalms that delves into how to read Hebrew poetry, the Psalter's basic genres, the metaphorical world of the Psalms, and the theology of the Psalms.

Native: Identity, Belonging, and Rediscovering God by Kaitlin Curtice.

As both a citizen of the Potawatomi Nation and a Christian, Kaitlin Curtice writes about how reconnecting with her Potawatomi identity both informs and challenges her faith. *Native* is deeply personal, beautifully written, and thought provoking. Each section begins with an illustrated poem from Potawatomi tradition.

Convictions: How I Learned What Matters Most by Marcus Borg

On his seventieth birthday, the renowned progressive Christian scholar Marcus Borg wrote *Convictions*. This book is a manifesto for all progressive Christians who seek the best path for following Jesus today.

Annual Church Picnic 2021 – Sunday, June 13 at Bethel Park

What is different about this year's church picnic? Well, we get to have it! The First Baptist Church Picnic is set for Sunday, June 13 at Bethel Park from 4:00-6:00 pm. Typically, we bring a side dish to share. We are not doing that this year, but you can bring your own meal or snacks. You can also bring your favorite outdoor game. Your lawn chair might be nice too. Plus, we get to have the (almost) Annual World Championship Egg Toss!

Contemplative Retreat at Conception Abbey

October 8-10 (Friday morning through Sunday evening), you are invited to join Pastor Carol for a contemplative retreat at Conception Abbey, a beautiful Benedictine monastery located in northwest Missouri. The quiet setting and rural atmosphere of Conception Abbey is the ideal place for retreat.

A contemplative retreat is an opportunity to set aside time to be quiet and spend time with God. The schedule for the retreat is intentionally very open. On Friday afternoon, we will gather at the Abbey for worship and to set the intention for the weekend. You will receive a simple devotional guide with questions, scriptures, and quotes for reflection. Then, we will enter a 24-hour period of silence and listening. During the 24-hour period (from Friday evening, until Saturday evening) you are free to rest, read, journal or walk the lovely grounds at the abbey. You may also choose to join the monastic community for prayer in the Basilica; they gather six times a day to pray. After the Saturday evening meal, we will gather to share what we have experienced during our day of silence, followed by a time of fellowship. Sunday morning, we join in worship again, and share a meal before returning home.

A motel-type building at the Abbey allows private rooms. We will have six scheduled meals in the dining hall—dinner Friday through lunch on Sunday. The cost is \$150.00 for a single room or a double room is \$145.00. Meals are included in the cost. We have 10 rooms reserved, which means registration is limited and early registration is encouraged. To register or for more information contact Pastor Carol at mcentyre@fbc-columbia.org.