



Full
to
the Brim

An expansive lent

Our Worship of God

March 27, 2022

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Welcome

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Prelude

There in God's Garden
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

setting by Burkhardt

†Call to Worship (responsive)

God's reach is endless.

God's mercy is unstoppable.

God's grace is lavish.

God's love is constant.

God's wisdom is vast.

God's hope is stubborn.

God's presence is here—

with us, among us, moving through us.

Breathe easy. Breathe deeply.

Pause for a few deep breaths

We are in God's house.

Let us worship the One who welcomes us home.

†Opening Hymn 45

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Luke 15:11-32

Then Jesus said, “There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’”

So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

“Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’”

Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise be to Christ.

†Hymn 441

Softy and Tenderly Jesus is Calling

Affirmation of Faith (unison)

**We believe in a God who waits in the driveway for us.
We believe in a God who leaves the porch light on
and throws a feast when we are found.
We believe in a God who doesn't stop looking for us when we get lost.
We believe in a God of prodigal grace—
excessive, extravagant, over-the-top grace.
In response to this grace, we hold tighter to each other.
We remember that humans are not meant to go through life alone;
so we look for ways to welcome each other in, to live like we are family,
and to lead with grace—excessive, extravagant, over-the-top grace.
We believe that this is our call. Let it be so. Amen.**

Sharing of our Gifts

Anthem

The Invitation

by Courtney

*Come, you who thirst, come to the water,
and you who have nothing, come buy and eat.
Seek me while I may be found.
Call on me while I am near.
Come all who thirst, come to the water
and you who have nothing, come buy and eat.
Come to Me.*

Message

Prodigal Grace

Pastor Carol McEntyre

†Hymn of Commitment 486

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Life of the Church

†Benediction

As you leave this place,
may you be awestruck by the beauty of this world.
May you laugh, and may it be contagious.
May you overflow with love for those around you.
May you be effusive with hope and quick to point out joy.
And in all of your living, and breathing, and being,
may you find yourself full to the brim with God's Holy Spirit,
and may it change your life.
In the name of the Lover, the Beloved, and Love itself—
go in peace, full to the brim. Amen.

†Postlude

Adorn Thyself with Gladness

arr. Wold

Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

Worship Notes

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing, Words: Robert Robinson, 1758, alt. Music: Traditional American melody; John Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, 1813.

Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling, Words and Music: Will L. Thompson, 1880.

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy, Words: Frederick W. Faber, 1862. Music: Lizzie S. Tourjée

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Week at a Glance

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

Monday, March 28

1:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, March 29- Church Work Day

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

Wednesday, March 30

10:00 am Yoga Class

6:30 pm Chancel Bells

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 31- Church Work Day

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

Sunday, April 3

10:15 am Brunch Worship in the Fellowship Hall with Zoom option

Following Brunch Worship, First Baptist 101

Announcements

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 or use this QR code.



March Missions Giving Opportunity

As we approach the last week of our Cooperative Baptist Missions Emphasis Month, giving continues to be strong for both our support of the Ukraine Relief Fund and our CBF Field Personnel around the world. Currently we have raised over \$6,000 of unmatched funds for these efforts. If you haven't had the chance to give, you can do so by visiting the online giving page on the church website, fbc-columbia.org.

White Too Long Book Discussion – Tonight at 7pm

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!

On Tuesday and Thursday of Spring Break (Mar 29 and 31), we are looking for some volunteers who can come lend a hand with several smaller odd jobs around the church. As we journey towards Easter, Sunday, April 17, the Trustees are hoping to make our church as beautiful and inviting as possible for Holy Week.

Projects include:

- Several small painting projects, including the new Conference Room closet and the IT closet on the 1st floor.
- Touch up painting throughout the building
- Cleaning and organizing of spaces, with tackling our paint closet as a main goal.
- Assistance with network cabling project. We need a few people working together to make this go more smoothly.
- Light carpentry work, such as mounting TV's, hanging a desk, etc.

You can sign up with Sign Up Genius on the church website or email Michael McEntyre at mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org to let him know when you can help.

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

For more information or to sign-up for child care, contact Pastor Carol McEntyre at mcentyre@fbc-columbia.org or 573-442-1149.

Next Brunch Worship – April 3

We will have 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.

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! 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.

Updated COVID Policy from Church Council

Beginning Sunday, April 3, 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.

Youth Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt - April 13

On Wednesday, April 13, our youth are invited to participate in the Amazing Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt Race! Students will meet at the church a little early (5:45pm), be given instructions, divide up into teams (each team will have an adult leader driving), and be given clues that will lead them to various locations around the city in search of their "egg" that contains the next clue. The team that finds the most eggs and returns to the church by 7:15 pm wins the hunt. We hope all of our students will join us for this "big kid" Easter Egg hunt, Wednesday, April 13 from 5:45 to 7:30pm.

First Kids Easter Egg Hunt - April 16, 10 am

Join us Saturday, April 16 at 10 am for our annual Easter Egg Hunt! Kids are invited to join in the Fellowship Hall for Easter snacks and crafts before our egg hunt takes place at 10:30 am. Kids will be divided for age-specific hunts. Following the egg hunts, families are invited to participate in sack races, lawn games and 9 square

Easter Sunday at First Baptist - April 17

When the women find the tomb empty, they are stunned by the presence and words of the men in dazzling clothing—and yet, they remember. Even in utter shock, they return to their deep knowing and allow themselves to receive the expansiveness of resurrection. Can we be curious enough to return and remember? Can we allow ourselves to be filled with expansive hope?

Join us in person or online Easter Sunday, April 17 at 9:15 for Awakening Worship and 11:15 for Traditional Worship as we celebrate the resurrected Christ together and reflect on the promises of expansive life.

First Baptist Book Club

The First Baptist Book Club will meet on the last Tuesday of the month, April 26 at 6 pm to discuss *No Cure For Being Human* by Kate Bowler. Purchase or check out books on your own and join us in the office commons for snacks and conversation.

ForColumbia Registration is now Open!

Sign up today at forcolumbia.com/volunteer/

ForColumbia is a city-wide day of service that brings together churches in Columbia to be the hands and feet of Christ in our community. On April 30, First Baptist will join with volunteers from more than 45 partner churches to serve. First Baptist will be taking the lead on 3 projects this year: working at the Reentry Opportunity Center, outside work at our Extra Mile house, and building a wheelchair ramp for a community member. However, your service is not limited to those sites.

Currently there are many unique ministry opportunities around the city you could participate in that day. There are morning and/or afternoon time slots available. You can find out more about these sites on the ForColumbia webpage. You can list your skills and preferences on the registration page and ForColumbia can place you where you are most needed. Be sure to put in your email address so your site leaders can email you with updates and needs for your serving site.

To sign up at one of the sites First Baptist is leading, you need to select yes for the registration question: "Are you intending to work as part of a small group or with specific individuals like family members?" And for the next question: "If you selected "Yes", please enter the name of the group (this should be a unique word/name, such as the last name of one person in your group). Please do NOT use your church name."

If you wish to serve with us at the Reentry Opportunity Center, type ROC

If you wish to serve at our LoveColumbia transition house, type EXTRA MILE HOUSE

If you wish to help construct a wheelchair ramp, type ACCESS RAMP

Complete the rest of the form and click Submit Application. If you need help, email Michael McEntyre at mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org. We hope you will make plans to join this city-wide day of service on April 30.



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