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Our Worship of God

March 13, 2022

11:15 am

(+ Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Welcome

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Prelude

A Mighty Fortress is Our God Chancel Bells Becki Forsee, piano Douglas Wanger

+Call to Worship (responsive)

If God is a hen, we are under God's wing. If God is a table, we each have a seat. If God is a house, we are safe from the storm. If God is a party, we're invited to dance. If God is a melody, our names are the lyrics. If this is God's house, then all are welcomed. All are loved. All belong. Let us worship our Holy God.

†Opening Hymn

Here in this place, the new light is streaming, Shadows of doubt are vanished away. See in this space our fears and our dreamings, Brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; Gather us in; our sprits inflame. Call to us now, and we shall awaken; We shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young—our lives are a mystery; We are the old, who yearn for your face. We have been sung throughout all of history, Called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; Gather us in—the proud and the strong; Give us a heart so meek and so lowly; Give us the courage to enter the song.

Not just in buildings, small and confining, Not in some heaven, light years away, Here in this place the new light is shining; Now is God present, and now is the day.

Gather us in and hold us forever; Gather us in and make us your own; Gather us in, all peoples together, Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

+Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

Prayer for Illumination

Pastor Michael McEntyre

Holy God, this life of ours is full to the brim. Our days are overflowing with emails and to-do lists, schedules and notifications, assignments and deadlines. We wake up feeling behind, we go to sleep worrying about tomorrow, and we know—there *has* to be more than this. So we pray:

Bend down and show us the way.

Leave breadcrumbs in the street.

Point us toward awe and wonder.

Guide us to intimacy and trust.

Gift us with laughter that will make us cry and hope that will make us feel alive.

We want a new kind of full to the brim. Show us the way.

We are listening for your cues. Gratefully we pray, **amen.**

Luke 13:31-35

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.""

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

+Hymn 461

Jesus, Lover of my Soul

Affirmation of Faith (unison)

The Lord is my light. The Lord surrounds me like a warm, familiar quilt, in layers of grace. Whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the sturdy foundation and the roof over my head. I am not afraid.

When the world is at its worst when grief clings to my bones, when fear eats at my confidence, when loneliness moves into my house— God sets the table, turns on the lights, and invites me to dance.

So even though there are days that feel like too much to bear, I know—I am not alone.

So I ask the Lord, I seek and I pray let me live in your house all of my days. Amen.

Sharing of our Gifts

Anthem

God So Loved the World

Chancel Choir

God so loved the world, God so loved the world, God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son And that who believeth in him, and that who believeth in him, Shall have everlasting life, everlasting life.

God so loved the world, God so loved the world, God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son And that who believeth in him, and that who believeth in him, Shall have everlasting life, everlasting life.

God sent not his Son to condemn the world, God sent not his Son to condemn the world; That through his blood we might be saved and have everlasting life.

He gave his only begotten Son to set the captives free. He turned our darkness into light and gave us liberty.

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Message

Pastor Michael McEntyre

Under God's Wing

+Hymn of Commitment 68

Lavish Love, Abundant Beauty

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

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship by William Moore, arr. Cindy Berry

Becki Forsee, piano

Worship Notes

~ The flowers on the altar are in memory of ~ Kris Dallman's brother, Kurt Dallman to honor the mission work he started in Cameroon, Africa called the Sunflower Initiative.

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, March 13

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
4:00 pm First Baptist 101 in the Parlor

Monday, March 14

1:00 pm Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Serving Team Meeting

Tuesday, March 15

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

Wednesday, March 16

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 17

10:30 am First Baptist Women's Zoom-Before Amen Book Study

Saturday, March 19

2:00 pm Legacy of White Supremacy in American Christianity Event at Stephens College

Sunday, March 20

9:15 am Awakening Worship

10:15 am Q & A with Robert Jones in the First Baptist Fellowship Hall11:15 am Traditional Worship in the sanctuary and streamed online-Robert P. Jones preaching

Announcements

<u>Visitors</u>

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.



First Baptist 101 - March 13 & 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.

First Baptist 101 will meet for one hour on two Sundays in the Parlor, located on the 2nd floor across from the church offices. Here is an overview of each week:

Sunday, March 13, 4:00 pm - Understanding First Baptist leadership structure, the church staff, committees, goals, and vision of the church taught by Pastor Carol McEntyre

Sunday, April 3, following Brunch Worship- 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 or 573-442-1149.

<u>The Legacy of White Supremacy in</u> <u>American Christianity Event with Robert P. Jones</u> March 19-20

Saturday, March 19 at 2:00

at Stephen's College Windsor Auditorium

Sunday, March 20 at 10:15 & 11:15

at First Baptist

- 10:15 am Q & A with Robert Jones in the First Baptist Fellowship Hall
- 11:15 am Robert P. Jones will preach at First Baptist in the Sanctuary
- *There will be no 9:15 am worship.

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*.

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.

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.

March Missions Giving Opportunity: Ukraine

Last week we announced that First Baptist is expanding its March Missions Giving to CBF Global Missions to include specific support for CBF's Ukraine Relief Fund that has been created to work with field personnel Gennady and Mina Podgaisky through their ministry in Kyiv, Ukraine. We also highlighted the work of several CBF field personnel, whose work is supported by gifts to the larger Offering for Global Missions, who are also working to assist in the humanitarian crisis caused by Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Throughout the month of March, you can choose to support either or both of these giving opportunities through our March Missions Offering for CBF Global Missions. 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.

We invite you to prayerfully consider how you and your family can support the broad work of CBF Field Personnel around the world and the immediate need of those impacted in Ukraine and beyond. Thank you for your generosity.

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

You may have noticed several updates and additions around the church lately. Our Trustee team has been hard at work with several projects (updating sidewalks, repairing roofs and leaks, addressing facility needs), as well as assisting with the work voted on as a part of the Toward 200 recommendations (new entrance ways and updates accessibility into the church, upgrades to our network infrastructure, conference room renovations, webcast support, and more). As a result of this work, we have created quite a list of smaller odd jobs that we could use some help with moving forward. 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 to sign up.

<u>Notes</u>

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<u>Church Staff</u> 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