

AS BOAZ LIES ON THE THRESHING FLOOR RUTH ASKS HIM TO TAKE HER AS HIS WIFE BOAZ TELLS RUTH THAT



Our Worship of God

August 14, 2022

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Welcome

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Prelude

Hornpipe

G.F. Handel

Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

†Call to Worship (responsive)

What joy it is to have you here today!

We have come filled both with joys and difficulties.

Welcome to this hour in which God will be with you in your burdens and celebrate your joys with you.

We have come to find hope and peace in our lives.

Beloveds of God, know that God is with you.

Thanks be to God who guides us with love.

†Opening Hymn 669

God of Grace and God of Glory

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Ruth 3:6-17

So she went down to the threshing floor and did just as her mother-in-law had instructed her. When Boaz had eaten and drunk and was in a contented mood, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of grain. Then she came stealthily and uncovered his feet and lay down. At midnight the man was startled and turned over, and there, lying at his feet, was a woman! He said, “Who are you?” And she answered, “I am Ruth, your servant; spread your cloak over your servant, for you are next-of-kin.” He said, “May you be blessed by the Lord, my daughter; this last instance of your loyalty is better than the first; you have not gone after young men, whether poor or rich. And now, my daughter, do not be afraid, I will do for you all that you ask, for all the assembly of my people know that you are a worthy woman. But now, though it is true that I am a near kinsman, there is another kinsman more closely related than I. Remain this night, and in the morning, if he will act as next-of-kin for you, good; let him do it. But if he is not willing to act as next-of-kin for you, then, as the Lord lives, I will act as next-of-kin for you. Lie down until the morning.”

So she lay at his feet until morning but got up before one person could recognize another, for he said, “It must not be known that the woman came to the threshing floor.” Then he said, “Bring the cloak you are wearing and hold it out.” So she held it, and he measured out six measures of barley and put it on her back; then he went into the town. She came to her mother-in-law, who said, “How did things go with you, my daughter?” Then she told her all that the man had done for her, saying, “He gave me these six measures of barley, for he said, ‘Do not go back to your mother-in-law empty-handed.’ ”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Litany for Guidance (responsive)

God, when we find ourselves at a moment

When a decision must be made,

A direction must be chosen.

We seek your light and your guidance.

We desire to honor you in all that we do;

In each breath we take,

Every goal,

Every action,

Every thought,

Every interaction.

We acknowledge that our choices matter,

But that you are Author, Creator, Beginner.

We acknowledge our smallness

And our potential.

We acknowledge that we are connected to a great big world—

Parts of a body.

We acknowledge that acts of love reverberate

To all the world.

May all we do, and all we choose,

Be done with love;

That we may be, not a clanging cymbal or gong,

But a beautiful music filling the earth.

Help us to bravely step out onto the path of peace,

Trusting in your help along the way. Amen.

Sharing of Our Gifts

Special Music

The Lord's Prayer
Jonathan and Christine Ray, *vocals*
Colleen Ostercamp, *piano*

by Malotte

Message

Pastor Carol McEntyre

† Hymn of Commitment 370

God of Our Life

Life of the Church

†Benediction

†Postlude

Worship Notes

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, August 14

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

Monday, August 15

1:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, August 16

1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

Wednesday, August 17

10:00 am Yoga Class

6:30-7:30 pm Chancel Bells

Thursday, August 18

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

Sunday, August 21

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

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.



Special Handbell Opportunity

Have you ever been interested in giving the handbells a try? Have you rung in the past and wanted to do so again? Handbell Director Noah Hartsfield is offering a special handbell opportunity in August. A four-week commitment, the group will rehearse on Wednesday nights in August to learn a short piece to play on Sunday, August 28th. The music will be a beginning level piece that will provide a great way to give bell ringing a try. You don't need experience ringing bells or even be a strong music reader - we can teach you. Everyone will be responsible for just one or two notes / bells as we all learn. All in our congregation are invited including older elementary kids (4th and 5th grade), youth, students, and adults. It can be a family adventure!

Rehearsals will be Wednesday night from August 3rd to August 24th from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Nursery care can be arranged for those who need it. Please contact Noah at nhartsfield2010@gmail.com with questions or if you want to participate and need nursery care. If you can let Noah know you want to participate ahead of time that is great, but feel free to show-up on August 3rd ready to go (we do need advanced notification to arrange nursery care though).

“Old West” Fall Kick-Off

August 28 on the front lawn following Traditional Worship

As we look toward the end of summer, we are gearing up for our annual Fall Kick-Off. This year, we are planning to have a western-themed event on the front lawn. The church will provide the meat, catered by Big Daddy’s Barbeque, beverages and tableware. We ask you to bring a side dish or dessert to share. You can look forward to a selection of western games such as “steer” roping, “pony” races, panning for “gold”, photo booth, and much more! So wear your bandana and other western wear and join in the fun!

Blessing of the Backpacks

Join us on August 21 during both worship services for our annual blessing of the backpacks and the new school year. Participants will have the opportunity to share about their feelings for returning to school, receive a backpack tag, and be reminded that God is with us all the time. Whether starting school for the first time, moving to a new school, staying at the same school, or returning to school in person after learning virtually, children, teens, and adults are invited to bring their backpacks and receive a blessing.

New to the Pew Blessing

With the beginning of the school year, we are excited to welcome our newest worshippers to the pews. On Sunday, August 21, during both worship services, we will be presenting Bibles to our first graders and offering a blessing over them and their families. Please let Pastor Brittany know if you are able to attend. We are so excited to have you worship with us!

Celebrating 10 years with Pastor Carol

On Sunday, September 18, we will celebrate Pastor Carol McEntyre's 10th anniversary. We will share in combined worship with guest preacher, Rev. Dr. Meredith Stone, Executive Director of Baptist Women in Ministry. Following the service, we will be having a catered lunch. RSVP for lunch by September 12 by using the QR Code or by emailing churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org



Contemplative Retreat at Conception Abbey - November 4-6

November 4-6 (Friday morning through Sunday evening), you are invited to join Pastor Carol McEntyre for a contemplative retreat at Conception Abbey, which is a beautiful Benedictine monastery located in northwest Missouri. The quiet setting and rural atmosphere of Conception Abbey is the ideal place for a retreat! A contemplative retreat is an opportunity to set aside time to be quiet, rest, and spend time with God. The schedule for the retreat is intentionally very open. A motel-type room 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 \$164.00 for a single room, or a double room is \$154 per person. Six meals are included in the cost. Registration is limited, and early registration is encouraged. To register or for more information, contact Pastor Carol McEntyre at mcentyre@fbc-columbia.org.



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