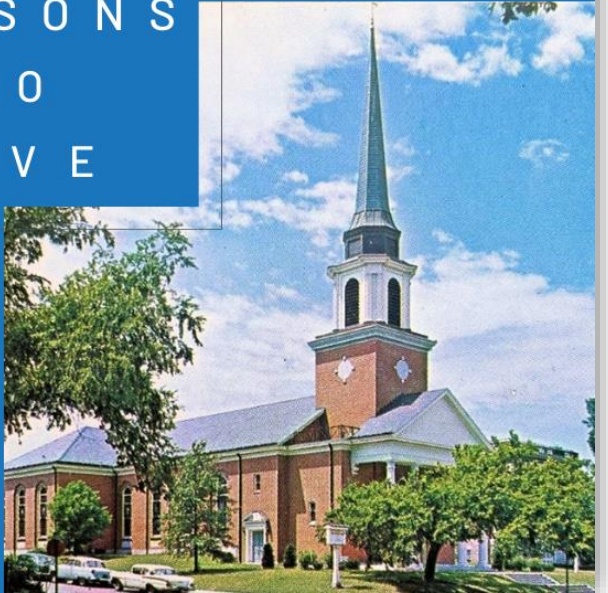




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REASONS
TO
GIVE



Our Worship of God

November 20, 2022

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Welcome

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Prelude

Siyahamba

trad. South African Hymn

Chancel Bells, Ken Ostercamp, percussion

arr. Robert Ward

“We are marching in the light of God.”

†Call to Worship (responsive)

We’ve gathered together in the presence of God
to offer our praise and our prayers.

We come before God with confidence,

knowing that even when we can’t find the words,

God’s own Spirit is right here with us,

praying in us and for us,

giving shape to our wordless hopes and longings,

and sustaining us with God’s goodness and care.

So let’s come with joy to offer our worship!

We worship God who knows and loves us all.

†Opening Hymn 95

All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Lynita Little is reading scripture today in honor of her baptism

by Pastor Dan Day on May 7, 1994.

Scripture Reading

Lynita Little

Romans 8:22-39

We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, and not only the creation, but we ourselves,

who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

†Hymn 304

Come Down, O Love Divine

Message

When You Haven't Got a Prayer

Dan Day

†Hymn of Response

God, Your Blessings Overflow

*God, your blessings overflow! What can we begin to say?
How can we begin to show, All our gratitude this day?
God, we join to worship you, Giving thanks for all you do.*

*Thank you for the life you give, For each friend and family,
For the land in which we live, For your love that sets us free.
Thank you, God, for daily bread, And for feasts of joy you spread.*

*Yet at tables where we share, Sometimes there is also pain.
There may be an empty chair: When will we feel whole again?
When our days of grief are long, Thank you that your love is strong.*

*So we join in thanks this day, So your gifts we freely share,
So we follow Christ the Way, Loving, serving everywhere.
Spirit, may our lives express, All our daily thankfulness.*

Our Church Covenant was created during Dan Day's pastorate.

Renewal of Our Church Covenant (unison)

**Because we have responded to Christ's call
to follow him as disciples
and because we find this calling
too difficult and too important to fulfill alone,
we covenant together to support and to
pray for one another without ceasing;
to be candid in our speech, kind in our attitudes,
and caring in all our dealings with one another;
to seek the mind and vision of Christ for ourselves
and our life together,
mindful that our unity does not require uniformity.**

**Moreover, we covenant to give first priority
to our times of public worship and learning;
to sustain our common mission by proportionate giving,
faithful service and personal witness;
to live our lives in a manner worthy
of the gospel we profess and of this family of faith;
and to seek others' forgiveness
and God's when we fail to honor this covenant,
trusting God's Spirit to renew us
in stronger faith, brighter hope and broader love.**

Preparing Our Hearts for Giving (responsive)

This is the time where we make our love visible by promising the gifts of our time, talent, energy and pledges.

Let's give with cheerful hearts.

Pledge Walk

Anthem

Give Thanks to the Lord

by Mark Patterson

Chancel Choir

Becki Forsee, *piano* Colleen Ostercamp, *flute*

*Give thanks to the Lord with a joyful voice
Give thanks to the Lord, all people rejoice
Great are God's blessings, rich blessings of joy
Give thanks for God's goodness, give thanks to the Lord*

*Great are the gifts of creation
The beauty of earth and sky and sea
Great is God's splendor before us
Yet greater still his blessings unseen*

*Strength from the spirit
Peace from above
Grace and forgiveness
These are the blessings of God's redeeming love*

Prayer of Response (unison)

**Generous God;
Over and over your grace sustains us,
over and over your love provides for us,
over and over your arm steadies us,
over and over what we need is here.
We give you these gifts,
with gratitude and joy,
thankful that you are God over all. Amen.**

Life of the Church

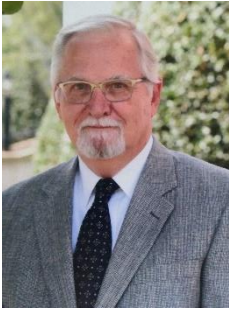
†Benediction

†Postlude

We Gather Together
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

arr. Matthew Corl

Worship Notes



Dan Day became pastor of FBC, Columbia in early 1985, coming from a pastorate in his native state of Oklahoma. He is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University and also earned graduate degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (M.Div. and Ph.D.) but spent most of his ministry years as a pastor of churches in Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Missouri, and North Carolina. Upon his retirement as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Raleigh, NC, he spent five years as a faculty member at Campbell University Divinity School in NC, teaching Preaching and Worship. Mary Carol, his wife, is from Alabama and in addition to being a mother for their twin sons, John and Doug,

she taught in public schools, worked as a school counsellor and, during the Day's eleven years in Columbia, she earned two graduate degrees from the University of Missouri. We hope you will join us in giving Dan a warm welcome back!

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Music: Oliver Holden, 1793.

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Prayer of Response, written by Carole Penner, and posted on her *Leading in Worship* blog.
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Week at a Glance

Sunday, November 20 – Dan Day, Guest Preacher

- 9:10 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 9:15 am Awakening Worship in the Fellowship Hall
- 10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour – Adult, Youth & First Kids Sunday School
- 11:15 am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
- 4:00 pm First Families ADVENTure in the Fellowship Hall

Monday, November 21

- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, November 22

- 1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

Wednesday, November 23

- 10:00 am Yoga Class
- NO The Calling Dinner
- NO Chiming Kids Choir (cKc)
- NO The Calling Meeting
- NO Chancel Bells

Thursday & Friday, November 24-25

- Offices Closed – Thanksgiving Holiday

Sunday, November 27 – Hanging of the Green

- 9:10 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 9:15 am Awakening Worship in the Fellowship Hall
- 10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour – Adult, Youth & First Kids Sunday School
- 11:15 am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
- 2:00 pm First Baptist in Downtown Christmas Parade

Announcements

Visitors

If you are visiting, 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 connection card at the welcome table, scan the QR code in the bulletin, or visit our website at fbc-columbia.org/connect



First Families ADVENTure: Christmas Campout

Sunday, November 20 from 4-6 pm in the Fellowship Hall

We are bringing great outdoors to you with a cozy, indoor Christmas Campout. Families are invited to prepare for the Advent season with camp-themed snacks, fun crafts, and exciting activities to help families spend time together learning about the seasons of Advent and Christmas. Families will get a chance to learn about Advent and leave with practices for Advent season.

Hanging of the Green - November 27

Join us next Sunday, for the first Sunday of Advent and Hanging of the Green! During both Awakening Contemporary Worship at 9:15 and Traditional Worship at 11:15, we will take some time to Hang the Green. We will spend some time decorating the Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary for Advent during worship.

Christmas Parade November 27

In honor of our 200th Anniversary, First Baptist is planning to be in the Christmas parade. We would love to have as many First Baptist participants as possible. You can walk (roughly 1.6-mile) or ride on a flatbed truck. Everyone needs to be lined up a little before 2:00 pm. The lineup for the parade will be on Willis Street behind the Stamper Commons Building (located on SE corner of Broadway and College) on Stephens College Campus. Park at First Baptist, walk through Stephens campus and take the bridge over College Avenue, then proceed to Willis St. We are looking for four people to carry banners and at least 8-10 walkers to pass out candy and cards. Please be sure to check the weather and dress accordingly. Bring your First Baptist Church stocking cap if you purchased one.

Christmas Dinner - Sunday, December 11, 5pm - Fellowship Hall

We would like to invite you to join us for our Annual Christmas Dinner on Sunday, December 11 at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come prepared for a lovely meal of turkey, ham, and beverages provided by the church, and wonderful side dishes and desserts prepared by you and your First Baptist friends. Come feast and celebrate with us!

199 Reasons to Give

Each November, as we begin our budget planning process for our next year of ministry, we ask our faith community to consider partnering with us by pledging their financial support. Our theme for this year's annual pledge drive is *199 Reasons to Give*, which anticipates First Baptist's upcoming 200th anniversary. Your pledge ensures that our unique progressive Christian voice will continue. On Sundays, November 20 and 27, there will be a time set aside for people to offer their pledges during the worship services.

Honest Advent

This year our theme is Honest Advent. The Honest Advent theme is based around the work of Scott Erickson, a painter, illustrator, and self-described “creative curate.” His 2020 book, *Honest Advent: Awakening to the Wonder of God-with-Us Then, Here, and Now*, features his artwork along with 25 daily devotionals for the season.

We invite you to come with an open mind and curiosity as we explore the themes of vulnerability, love, identity, embodiment, and participation. Devotionals will be available for purchase for \$15 beginning November 27. In addition, the art show, which accompanies the book, with its alternative symbols for the season, some of which are beautiful, others provocative and thought-provoking, will be on display in our worship spaces and hallway.

Through Erickson’s book, an art show, and worship services, we will ask, “is Christ’s incarnation still happening in our midst?”

The Hanging of the Green, which marks the beginning of Advent, is November 27 during both worship services.



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