



**UN-MUDDYING THE WATER:
ON BEING BAPTIST**

Our Worship of God

January 8, 2023

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

~ The Baptism of Our Lord ~

Welcome

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Prelude

Hymn of Promise
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

arr. Ferguson

†Call to Worship (responsive)

The voice of God resounds upon the water.

The Spirit of the Lord hovers over the stream.

The Son of God is named, “Beloved.”

And all who worship shout out, “Glory!”

Ascribe to the Lord majesty and strength.

Let us worship God in holy splendor.

†Opening Hymn 290

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Gospel Reading

Matthew 3:13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise be to Christ.

†Hymn 758

Baptized in Water

Litany for Remembering Our Baptism

For the baptism with water, a symbol of our new life,

We give thanks.

For baptism of your spirit, the gift of your presence in and among us,

We give thanks.

We accept these gifts as a sign of your love and regard,

As a sign of you being with us.

As symbols of your promise to us:

You cleanse, fill, and renew us.

With living water

We are washed and filled.

With holy spirit

We are washed and filled.

You come to us with the beauty and gentleness of a dove:

We are your children, in whom you are pleased.

And you come to us with the intensity of a fire:

We are your servants, to do your work in the world.

Fill us anew each day

With water and fire.

Teach us to walk as New Creation,

New creatures, children of God:

Buried with Christ in death

Raised to newness of life. Amen.

Sharing of Our Gifts

Anthem

Here I Am, Lord
Joshua Engle, soloist

Schutte/Schrader

Message

Pastor Carol McEntyre

†Hymn of Response 568

Take my Life and Let it Be

Life of the Church

†Benediction

†Postlude

Christ for the World We Sing
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

arr. Giardini

Worship Notes

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Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart, Words: George Croly, 1867. Music: Frederick C. Atkinson, 1870.

Baptized in Water, ©1982 Hope Publishing Company. Words: Michael Seward, 1981. Music: Traditional Gaelic melody; harm, David Evans, 1927.

Litany for Remembering Our Baptism, from *Call and Response: Litanies for Congregational Prayer* by Fran Pratt.

Take My Life and Let it Be, Words: Frances H. Havergal, 1874. Music: Henri A. César Malan, 1827.

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, January 8

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

Monday, January 9

1:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, January 10

1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

Wednesday, January 11

10:00 am Yoga Class

6:30-7:30 pm Chancel Bells

Thursday, January 12

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

Sunday, January 15

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

Monday, January 16

OFFICES CLOSED for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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



Sharing Our Stories

Throughout 2023, Pastor Carol plans to host in-depth conversations with different First Baptist folx about their faith. Stephen Hoell has graciously agreed to go first! Join us on Sunday, January 15, at 10:15 am in the Parlor as Stephen Hoell and Pastor Carol have a 40-minute conversation about his spiritual journey!

Annual Business Meeting – Sunday, January 22 at 10:15 am

Join us Sunday, January 22 at 10:15 am in the Fellowship Hall for our Annual Business Meeting. We will vote on the Nominating Committee report and elect our leadership for 2023. Then, we will hear a report from the finance committee and vote on the 2023 budget.

Winter Sermon Series: *Un-Muddying the Water: On Being Baptist*

Many First Baptist folx feel kind of embarrassed to wear the label “Baptist” due to the actions of our siblings in Christ, the Southern Baptist. Yet, for good or ill, the stream in which our church swims is Baptist. Our congregation was founded in 1823, and although we were not initially Baptist, the word “baptist” is mentioned as early as 1824 in our records. That is our tradition. Therefore, as we move toward our 200th year, we are thinking about what is good and worthy about our faith tradition and what we do want to hold onto as we move forward into the future. Join us as we kick off a winter sermon series: *Un-Muddying the Water: On Being Baptist*.

First Baptist Welcomes Former Pastor John Baker

Leading up to our 200th anniversary, First Baptist is welcoming back former pastors to the pulpit. On Sunday, February 19, we are elated to welcome John Baker, preaching during both worship services. If you are new to First Baptist, John Baker was pastor of First Baptist from 1997-2010.

“The Many” in Concert and Leading in Worship

As part of our 200th Anniversary Celebration, First Baptist is thrilled to host the musical group The Many! Drawing on indie pop and gospel influences, The Many is an intentionally diverse group of musicians committed to honest expressions of faith, peacemaking, economic and racial justice, and LGBTQ+ inclusion. The Many will perform on Saturday, February 25, at 5pm in the First Baptist Church Sanctuary. The ensemble will also provide music and lead worship at 11:15am on Sunday, February 26. Both events are free to attend and open to the public.



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Church Staff

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