



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

Our Worship of God

January 15, 2023

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Welcome

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Prelude

Ave Verum by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
Renan Reis Leme, *violin*
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

†Call to Worship (responsive)

based on Philipians 2 and Matthew 16

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow and every tongue confess
him the king of glory, savior, counsellor, friend;

Jesus, Emmanuel, shepherd, redeemer;

Jesus, the prince of peace, the Word made flesh;

Jesus, light of the world, solid rock, cornerstone.

We have many names for Jesus, but who do you say that he is?

He is the Messiah, the son of the living God.

†Opening Hymn 517

The Solid Rock

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Gospel Reading

Mike Brewer

Matthew 16:13-17

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”

Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven.

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise be to Christ.

Meditation on Baptist Distinctives

Soul Freedom, which is also called the priesthood of all believers, affirms the freedom and responsibility of every person (soul) to relate to God free of control by clergy or government and without a necessary adherence to a unified creed.

As Baptists, we affirm that each person is created in the image of God. Therefore, under God, we are able and responsible to make moral, spiritual, and religious decisions. Therefore, faith is personal and relational and involves direct access to God. In other words, every person must answer for themselves Jesus’ question, “Who do you say I am?”

†Hymns for Reflection

Only Trust Him

*Come, every soul by sin oppressed, there’s mercy with the Lord;
And he will surely give you rest by trusting in his word.
Only trust him, only trust him, only trust him now.
He will save you, he will save you, he will save you now.*

*Yes, Jesus is the Truth, the Way, that leads you into rest:
Believe in him without delay, and you are fully blest.
Only trust him, only trust him, only trust him now.
He will save you, he will save you, he will save you now.*

Softly and Tenderly

*Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me;
see, on the portals he's waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.*

*Come home, come home;
you who are weary come home;
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, O sinner, come home!*

*O for the wonderful love he has promised,
promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
pardon for you and for me.*

*Come home, come home;
you who are weary come home;
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, O sinner, come home!*

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

*'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take him at his word,
Just to rest upon his promise, just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!*

*I'm so glad I learned to trust thee, precious Jesus, Savior, Friend,
And I know that thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end.
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!*

Pastoral Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sin, as we forgive those who sin against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sharing Our Gifts

Anthem

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross by Alfred V. Fedak

Chancel Choir

Renan Reis Leme, *violin*

Colleen Ostercamp, *piano*

*When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.*

*Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the cross of Christ my God:
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.*

*See from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine
Demands my soul, my life, my all.*

Message

Soul Freedom

Pastor Carol McEntyre

†Hymn of Response 576

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Life of the Church

†Benediction

†Postlude

Alleluia! Let Praises Ring
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

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Worship Notes

The Solid Rock, Words: Edward Mote, 1834. Music: William B. Bradbury, 1863.

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

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus, Words: Louisa M. R. Stead, 1882. Music: William J. Kirkpatrick, 1882.

Only Trust Him, Words and Music: John H. Stockton, 1874.

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus, Words & Music: Anonymous

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Week at a Glance

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 –Youth & First Kids Sunday School
- 10:15 am Sharing Our Stories – Parlor
- 11:15 am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

Monday, January 16

OFFICES CLOSED for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Tuesday, January 17

- 1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

Wednesday, January 18

- 10:00 am Yoga Class
- 5:30 pm The Calling Dinner
- 6:00 pm The Calling Meeting
- 6:30-7:30 pm Chancel Bells

Thursday, January 19

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

Sunday, January 22

- 9:10 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 9:15 am Awakening Worship in the Fellowship Hall
- 10:15 am Business Meeting in the Fellowship Hall
- 10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour –Youth & First Kids Sunday School
- 11:15 am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

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.

Kindness Focus for January 2023

As part of our 200th Anniversary festivities, we are giving back through acts of kindness. #kindnessfirst launched in November 2022. Each month, our community will receive a new kindness focus as we work towards co-creating a kinder world. Our kindness focus for January is family or friends who are like family. The people we know and love the most are sometimes the same people we are most awful toward in word and deed. We often take our frustration or anxiety out on those we love. So, this month, we are encouraging acts of kindness toward family members or friends who are like family. You can record all your intentional acts of kindness on the bulletin board in the elevator lobby of the Education Building. We have stickers that say, “#kindnessfirst” For every act of intentional kindness you do, you are invited to put a sticker up!

First Kids Pancake Party - Tuesday, February 21

The Pancake Party is back from another year celebrating Shrove Tuesday! Kids and their families are invited to the Fellowship Hall on February 21 for a Pancake Party at 5:30 pm. During our Pancake Party, kids will hear a little bit about what Lent is and prepare and learn some faith activities your family can use all season long. RSVP is required by February 15 to ensure we have all the necessary supplies. For more information, email Pastor Brittany at bnull@fbc-columbia.org.

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. John earned a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism from the University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia, a Master of Divinity, and a Ph.D. from Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. John served as the Senior Pastor of four congregations over 30 years, including 13 years at First Baptist Church of Columbia, MO. He currently serves as Executive Director Community Foundation of Central Missouri (home office in Columbia). John has been married to Judy for 38 years. They have three grown children and one exceptional grandson. John's favorite pastimes are beekeeping, craft brewing, furniture making, gardening, performing, and enjoying music.

“The Many” in Concert and Leading in Worship

The Many will perform Saturday, February 25, at 5 pm in the First Baptist Church Sanctuary for a free community concert. The ensemble will also provide music and lead worship at 11:15 am on Sunday, February 26, at the church. 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 group includes Hannah Rand, Christa Sangster Monroe, Darren Calhoun, Jonathan Ulanday, Kristina Sinks and Gary Rand. They are the house band of the Plural Guild which came together to create music, poems, prayer, visual art, liturgy, experiences and community that embrace questions and doubts, as well as faith. The Many makes music to help give voice to faith and doubt, questions and fears, laments and longings, music that speaks to a non-violent God, who is with us and for us. Both events are free to attend and open to the public. We encourage you to invite friends.



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