



What does it mean to be a
Progressive Christian?

Reflections on
Marcus Borg's book *Convictions*

CONVICTIONS

HOW I LEARNED WHAT MATTERS MOST

Our Worship of God

August 22, 2021

9:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Welcome

Pastor Carol McEntyre

†Call to Worship (responsive)

We gather together
in the name of the One who bids us come.

**We gather together
to hear the words of the One who is Love.**

We gather together
to sing praises of the One who teaches peace.

Come, let us worship!

†Opening Song

Beloved (Brother)

Blessing of the Backpacks

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

*At this time, we invite all those going to school to bring their backpacks
and come forward for a conversation and blessing.*

Prayer for the New School Year

Pastor Michael McEntyre

Congregational Response:

Loving God,
Hold us and our Prayers.

†Song of Hope

Peace Be Still

Matthew 5:38-44

[Jesus said,] “You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.”

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise be to Christ.

Sharing of Our Gifts

†Song of Praise

Glory (Let there be Peace)

Message

Carol McEntyre

†Song of Commitment

Open Up

New to the Pew Blessing

At this time, we invite 1st and 2nd graders and their adults to the front for a special blessing.

All: Welcome to the Fellowship Hall, dear ones, we are so glad you are here. Even before you could talk or listen, you belonged because you are loved by God. God wants you to be a part of God's big family! And we want you to be an important part of the First Baptist family. We commit to worship with you, learn from you, and pray for you, as you grow in wisdom and grace. May you feel God's love here.

Life of the Church

†Benediction

Worship Notes

Call to Worship, — The United Church of Canada/L'Église Unie du Canada Worship Service—
Peace in Community, prepared by Miriam Spies.

Beloved (Brother), CCLI Song # 7029230, Bear Rinehart | Bo Rinehart

Peace Be Still, CCLI Song # 7084363, Andrew Holt | Hope Darst | Mia Fieldes

Glory (Let there be Peace), CCLI Song # 7071972, Chris Stevens | Matt Maher | Rachel Taylor Popadic

Open Up, by The Brilliance

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, August 22

-Blessing of the Backpacks & New to the Pew Blessing during both services-

9:15 am Awakening Worship in the Fellowship Hall

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

12:30 pm Fall Kick-Off Carnival on the front lawn

Tuesday, August 24

1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

Wednesday, August 25

6:30 Chancel Bells resume rehearsals

Friday, August 27

12:15 pm Jesus Calling: Women's Devotional and Prayer Time via Zoom

5:00 pm Fellowship Adventurers Dinner in Clark, MO

Sunday, August 29

9:15 am Awakening Worship in the Fellowship Hall

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

2:00 pm Youth Semester Kick-Off in Fulton, MO

Announcements

Visitors and Prayer Requests

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.



Extra Mile Transition House Workdays

We have much to do before September 1 to prepare for our next resident. To join our efforts, click the Volunteer rotator on the church webpage at www.fbc-columbia.org, and sign up to help with immediate projects (painting, deep cleaning, light maintenance) or sign up for one of our ongoing ministry teams (Hospitality, Cleaning, Maintenance, and Grounds). You can find out more about these individual teams on the sign up page. We hope to start and finish all the painting between August 15-27 in preparation for our final cleaning and finishing touches to be done after church on August 29. You can also email Michael McEntyre at mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org if you have any questions or want to pick a specific time to serve. Thanks for helping to make this ministry a success.

First Baptist Fall Kick-off Fall Carnival – Today at 12:30

Our Fall Kick-off theme this year is an old-fashioned Carnival. Instead of having a potluck for Fall Kick-off, we are serving barbeque sandwiches and hot dogs, with chips and baked beans. The cost is \$5 for those who are able can pay full price and others are invited to pay what they can. We will be eating outside and will set up some extra tables to allow folks to spread out while eating. You can look forward to a selection of carnival games with prizes and photo opportunities. Or, if you'd like, simply sit and talk with old friends and make some new ones too.

Youth Semester Kick-Off – August 29

We will meet at the church at 2:00 pm to travel to Fulton, MO to Bob and Gail Hoell's Adventure Land. There will be swimming, Pickle Ball, Rock Climbing, Trampoline fun, and more. Parents are invited to join us for the afternoon. We will eat dinner at 5:30 pm and wrap up around 6:30 pm so youth can get a good night's sleep for their first full week of school!

New Sermon Series - September 12

The Psalms: Pursuing God in Mountains and Valleys

The Psalms are often called the prayer book of the Bible. They are a beautiful collection of prayers, poetry and songs which show us how to engage with God through the mountains and valleys of life. They contain the entire range of human emotions: despair, hope, joy, sorrow, anger, fear, thanksgiving and praise, expressed in prayer. They attest to all the feelings that arise in the ups and downs of life and they give voice to our desire and struggle to connect with God throughout life. The Psalms allow us to be honest before God. As Walter Brueggemann says, they encourage "candor about suffering and gratitude about hope." This fall, we will get the chance to explore the Psalms together. Beginning September 12, Pastor Carol will be preaching on the Psalms, and we will be engaging with them in worship through prayer experiences and music.

In addition, we are excited that Dr. Nancy deClaissé-Walford will be our Sheppard Lecture speaker during the adult small group hour at 10:15 am on Sundays. She has written several books about the Psalms and will lead us in a Bible study on the Psalms. Dr. deClaissé-Walford is a professor of Old Testament at the McAfee School of Theology at Mercer University in Atlanta, GA, where she has taught for 22 years. She earned a bachelor's degree in ancient history from California State University in Northridge, California; a master's degree in Semitic languages and literature from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California; and a doctor of philosophy in Old Testament from Baylor University in Waco, Texas. Dr. deClaissé-Walford is the author of *Reading from the Beginning: The Shaping of the Hebrew Psalter; Biblical Hebrew: An Introductory Textbook; The Book of Psalms: A Song from Ancient Israel; and The Book of Psalms: The International Commentary on the Old Testament.*

Parents' Night Out – September 10 from 5:30-7:30 pm

Parents' Night Out is back and while the grownups are away, First Kids are having a Tie-Dye Party!

Caregivers are invited to step away for a few hours, while First Kids (4+) have a blast and make some crafts. Pizza will be provided as well as a T-shirt to tie-dye. Nursery care will also be available for those under 4.

RSVP is required by September 5 in order to ensure that we have enough adult supervision and shirts. If there are any dietary restrictions, please let Brittany know upon registration.

Convictions Book Discussion Sunday, Sept. 12 at 5:00 pm

If you took part in our Summer One Read and read Marcus Borg book *Convictions: How I Learned What Matters Most*, you are invited to gather at First Baptist, via Zoom on Sunday, September 12 at 5:00 pm for a discussion of the book with Pastor Carol McEntyre. If you plan to participate, please email Pastor Carol for the Zoom link.



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