



THE PSALMS

*Pursuing God
in Mountains
and Valleys*

Our Worship of God

September 12, 2021

9:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Welcome

Pastor Carol McEntyre

†Call to Worship (responsive)

Let us lift up the name of the Lord;

And rejoice for God hears our prayers!

Praise the One who brings healing to our pain;

And causes joy to follow the long night of sorrow!

We will not be silent. We will not still our tongues!

O Lord, our God, we will give thanks to You forever!

†Opening Song

All the People Said Amen

Introduction to the Series

Carol McEntyre

†Song of Praise

Alive and Breathing

The Practice of Chanting the Psalms

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

Psalm 30 (responsive)

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up,*
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

**O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,*
and you have healed me.**

**O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol,*
restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.**

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones,*
and give thanks to his holy name.

For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime.*

Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

**As for me, I said in my prosperity,*
“I shall never be moved.”**

**By your favor, O Lord,
you had established me as a strong mountain;*
you hid your face; I was dismayed.**

To you, O Lord, I cried,*

and to the Lord I made supplication:

“What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit?*

Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?

Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me!*

O Lord, be my helper!”

**You have turned my mourning into dancing;*
you have taken off my sackcloth, and clothed me with joy,
so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.***

O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Response

O God, our healer and our help, your love sustains us when we face challenges and needs. Fill our hearts with thankful praise, turn our mourning into dancing and work with us to draw others close to you, so that after the night of sorrow they too may rejoice in the Dayspring from on high. **Amen.**

Sharing of Our Gifts

†Song of Hope

Beauty for Ashes

Message

Thanksgiving!

Carol McEntyre

†Song of Response

Graves into Gardens

Life of the Church

†Benediction

Worship Notes

Call to Worship — posted on the Archives section of the Lectionary Sermons website.

All the People Said Amen, CCLI Song # 6518275, Matt Maher | Paul Moak | Trevor Morgan

Alive and Breathing, CCLI Song # 7138680, Elle Limebear | Matt Maher

Beauty for Ashes, CCLI Song # 2036586 Crystal Lewis.

Graves into Gardens, CCLI Song # 7138219 Brandon Lake | Chris Brown | Steven Furtick | Tiffany Hudson.

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, September 12 -Psalms Sermon Series Begins

9:15 am Awakening Worship in the Fellowship Hall

10:15 am Sheppard Lecture Series in the Fellowship Hall with
Dr. Nancy deClaissé-Walford

11:15 am Traditional Worship in the sanctuary and streamed online

1:00 pm Racial Justice Team Discussion in the Conference Room

5:00 pm Convictions Book Discussion via Zoom

6:00 pm College and Young Adult Fellowship in the Student Ministry Suite

Tuesday, September 14

1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room and via Zoom

Wednesday, September 15

6:00 pm The Calling in the Student Ministry Suite

6:30 pm Chancel Bells

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 16

10:30 am First Baptist Women's Zoom

Sunday, September 19- Combined Worship on the lawn

10:15 am Sheppard Lecture Series in the Fellowship Hall with
Dr. Nancy deClaissé-Walford

11:15 am Combined Worship on the front lawn

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.



Racial Justice Team Monthly Discussions

The First Baptist Racial Justice Team extends an invitation to anyone (High school age youth and older) who wishes to participate in our monthly discussions as we actively pursue what it means to be an anti-racist. Our next monthly gathering will take place this afternoon, from 1:00-2:30 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Conference Room. If you would like to receive a discussion outline prior to the meeting, remote Zoom access, or if you have any questions, please email team member, Julie Walker at jbethwalker58@gmail.com

Combined On-Lawn Worship - September 19, 11:15 am

At First Baptist, one of the gifts of the pandemic was On-Lawn Worship! We enjoyed worshipping outdoors on our beautiful front lawn and want to continue that practice from time to time. As such, we invite you to join us for Combined Outdoor Worship on the front lawn of the church on Sunday, September 19 at 11:15 am. This will be our only worship service for the day. As a reminder, bring your lawn chair.

New Sermon Series - Today

The Psalms: Pursuing God in Mountains and Valleys

This fall, we will get the chance to explore the Psalms together. Beginning today, Pastor Carol will preach on the Psalms, and we will engage 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 and will lead us in a Bible study on the Psalms during the adult small group hour at 10:15 am on Sundays. Dr. deClaissé-Walford is an author and professor of Old Testament at the McAfee School of Theology at Mercer University in Atlanta, GA, where she has taught for 22 years.

Titles of Psalms Bible Studies with Dr. deClaissé-Walford

9/12 - Hearing the Voices of Humanity in the Psalter—exploring the various kinds of psalms

9/19 - It's Not a Miscellaneous Collection—the “story” of the hymnbook of ancient Israel

9/26 - Bringing Our Hurting Selves to God—lamenting with the Psalter: It's okay to not be okay.

10/3 - The Wonder of Joy and Celebration—singing praises with the Psalter

10/10 - Reading the Psalter Again for the First Time—new understandings of the psalms

College and Young Adult Fellowship Begins This Evening

We are excited to welcome back our college students! On the second Sunday of every month, First Baptist will be hosting Second Sunday Fellowship, an evening of fun and fellowship just for our college and young adults. This evening, September 12, young adults are invited to the student ministry suite (on the 3rd floor of the church). We will have a host of games to choose from and brainstorm other fellowship activities we want to do this semester. Contact Pastor Brittany for any questions.

First Baptist Women's Zoom

A year ago a group of First Baptist Women began meeting over Zoom each week to share time, devotions and prayers. This is an open invitation to all First Baptist women and friends to consider joining us for year two! The Zoom time is changing to Thursdays from 10:30 am - 11:30 am. The following three books have been selected for upcoming conversation: *Soul Feast* by Marjorie Thompson, *After Amen* by Max Lucado and *Love is the Way* by Bishop Michael Curry.

We began on September 9 with *Soul Feast* by Marjorie Thompson. It is a beautifully written work which examines Christian spiritual disciplines. The author invites us to sample, examine and immerse in practices that nurture our Christian experience and our individual spiritual journeys with God. We will work through this book together for a while, not rushing the process. More information about the other two books, *After Amen* by Max Lucado and *Love is the Way* by Bishop Michael Curry, will follow as we near their start dates.

First Baptist has partnered with our local bookstore, Skylark Bookshop, to purchase *Soul Feast* and copies will be available for purchase in the church office in September. Books are \$14.00. To reserve your copy or to join the small group's email list, email Pastor Brittany at bnull@fbc-columbia.org Feel free to Zoom in any or all Thursdays.



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