



I've been
meaning
to ask...

a series for curiosity,
courage, & connection

Our Worship of God

January 16, 2022

9:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Welcome

Pastor Carol McEntyre

† Call to Worship (responsive)

Here in this space,
we can be vulnerable with one another.

We do not have to put up walls.

We are seeking to build an authentic community.

This space is brave and honest.

For when it comes to God,

We are always invited to bring our full selves into the room.

So come into this space with your hurt and your joy,
your prayers, and your dreams.

All of God's children are welcome here.

Let us worship Holy God.

† Opening Song

I Have This Hope

Prayer for Illumination

Carol McEntyre

1 Samuel 1:4-18

On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the Lord had closed her womb. Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the Lord had closed her womb. So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the Lord, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. Her husband Elkanah said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?" After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the Lord. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord, and wept bitterly. She made this vow: "O Lord of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head."

As she continued praying before the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. So Eli said to her, "How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine." But Hannah answered, "No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the Lord. Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time." Then Eli answered, "Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him." And she said, "Let your servant find favor in your sight." Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading**Mark 5:21-43**

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.” So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.” Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’” He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him.

Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

The Gospel of Our Lord.
Praise be to Christ.

Call to Confession

Carol McEntyre

I've been meaning to ask...

How are you?

What has your year been like?

Did you know that I have been thinking of you?

I have been meaning to ask...

Is your mom okay?

Did your sister find a job?

Did you ever think we'd still be here?

I've been meaning to ask...

Did it get easier?

Did the grief subside?

Were you ever able to sleep at night?

I've been meaning to ask, but I haven't—

Because it's hard.

Because I want to say the right thing.

Because I'm not sure what you need.

I've been meaning to ask, so I'm sorry for my silence.

Forgive me.

Let's start again.

Family of faith, we could all use some practice in asking where it hurts.

Take a moment of silent prayer to think of the people in your world, in your lives, who may need you to reach out and ask. Give their names to God.

Pause for silent prayer.

Trusting that God hears all things, we say together: **Amen**

Words of Forgiveness

Family of faith, in the journey to love and care for one another, we are bound to make mistakes. Fortunately for us, we worship a God who showed us how to love, and who extends grace to us when we fail to do so for others.

**Hear and believe the good news of the gospel:
We are seen. We are heard. We are loved. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God for this endless grace. Amen.**

†Song of Healing

Maybe It's Okay

Sharing Our Gifts

†Song

Peace Be Still

Message

Pastor Carol McEntyre

I've Been Meaning to Ask, Where Does it Hurt?

†Song of Response

Psalm 23: Surely Goodness Surely Mercy

Life of the Church

†Benediction

Worship Notes

I Have This Hope, CCLI Song # 7071188, Jason Ingram | Jeff Owen | Mike Donehey

While I Wait, CCLI Song # 7107364, Lincoln Brewster | Mitch Wong

Maybe It's Ok, CCLI Song # 7112063, Bryan Fowler | Darren Mulligan | Jonathan Smith

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

Psalm 23: Surely Goodness Surely Mercy, CCLI Song # 7054930, Shane Barnard

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, January 16

9:15 am Awakening Worship

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

Monday, January 17

Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday – OFFICES CLOSED

Tuesday, January 18

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

Wednesday, January 19

10:00 am Yoga Class

6:00 pm The Calling in the Student Ministry Suite

6:30 pm Chancel Bells

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 20

10:30 am First Baptist Women's Zoom-*Before Amen* Book Study Begins

Sunday, January 23

9:15 am Awakening Worship

10:15 am Annual Church Business Meeting in the Fellowship Hall

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

Announcements

Visitors

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.



First Baptist Yoga

Wednesdays at 10:00 am

Sarah Judd is offering Gentle Yoga on Wednesdays at 10:00 am in the Youth Room. Gentle Yoga focuses on mindfulness of breath and body, and works on flexibility, strength, and balance, and can be done from either a mat or a chair. No previous yoga experience is required to participate. The sessions will be about 50 minutes and cost \$10 per person. For more information contact sarahjudd@gmail.com

Annual Business Meeting - Sunday, January 23 at 10:15 am

Join us Sunday, January 23 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 2022. Then, we will hear a report from the finance committee and vote on the 2022 budget.

Announcing Brunch Worship – Postponed Until March 6

We are excited to announce Brunch Worship, a holy experiment with healing and connection at its center. On the first Sunday of every month, beginning March 6 and continuing through June 5, First Baptist will gather for worship around a meal and communion at 10:15 am in the Fellowship Hall. This worship service will take the place of our small groups and other worship services for that day. You are invited to contribute to worship by bringing whatever entrée, dessert, fruit, salad, muffin, or store-bought contribution you want to make! Children and youth are invited to be full participants in Brunch Worship. Childcare will continue to be available for children from birth through kindergarten. A Virtual Brunch Worship option will be available via Zoom for our church family who cannot join us in person.

We look forward to the ways that we will grow as a community of faith as we worship God through a shared meal, song, conversation, and communion. While this may look and feel different, from other worship services and fellowship opportunities, we hope it will foster a meaningful connection with God and with one another.

The Legacy of White Supremacy in
American Christianity Event with Robert P. Jones
March 19-20

Saturday, March 19 at 2:00

at Stephen's College Windsor Auditorium

On Saturday, March 19 at 2:00 pm Join us for a presentation by Robert P. Jones the author of the best-selling book *White too Long: The Legacy of White Supremacy in American Christianity*. Drawing on history, public opinion surveys, and personal experience, Jones delivers a provocative examination of the unholy relationship between American Christianity and white supremacy and issues an urgent call for white Christians to reckon with this legacy for the sake of themselves and the nation. This is an ecumenical event sponsored by First Baptist, Rock Bridge Christian, Broadway Christian, and Race Onward. Stephen's College has graciously agreed to host Saturday's event.

Sunday, March 20 at 10:15 & 11:15

at First Baptist

- 10:15 am Q & A with Robert Jones in the First Baptist Fellowship Hall
- 11:15 am Robert P. Jones will preach at First Baptist in the Sanctuary

White Too Long Book Discussion

To prepare our hearts and minds for the Robert P. Jones Event, First Baptist will be reading and then, discussing Robert Jones's book, *White too Long: The Legacy of White Supremacy in American Christianity*.



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