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~ We Gather Together~

Meditation for Preparation

"As worship begins in holy expectancy, it ends in holy obedience. Holy obedience saves worship from becoming an opiate, an escape from the pressing needs of modern life."

(Richard Foster)

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer (based on Romans 12:1-8) (unison) Lord God, Maker of heaven and earth, we gather together in Your name. We come as living sacrifices, to offer You our worship and thanksgiving, our praise and our prayers. Come among us, living Lord. Ed Rollins

Through the power of Your Holy Spirit, transform our hearts and minds so that we may recognize Your presence, hear Your voice, know Your will, and walk in Your way. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

+Song of Cleansing

Come to the Water

The Baptism of Misty Phillips

Response of the Congregation (unison) We rejoice with you. We will pray for you. And we will walk with you in the way of Jesus.

Invitation to Pass the Peace of Christ

We Gather Together Testimony

Scripture Reading

Amos 5:21-24

I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream.

New Testament Reading

Romans 12:1-2

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the

Jeremy Weingartner

Darrell Fisher

renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

> The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Song of Action

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

Build Your Kingdom Here

Message

Numbers 6:22-26

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites:

You shall say to them, The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Matthew 28:17-20

When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

+Song of Response

Benediction

Go in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ And the power of the Spirit to change your world for God's glory.

Going to Serve

God of Justice

Carol McEntyre

I Will Go

Week at a Glance

Sunday, February 26

12:15-1:30 pm Sermon Discussion Group 4 pm Parent Meeting for First Kids Camp 4-4:50 pm Children's Music 5:30-7 pm College/Young Adult Bible Study

Monday, February 27

9-10:30 am Senior Yoga 1-3:30 pm Staff Meeting

Wednesday, March 1

6:15-7:15 pm The Calling for 6th-12th Grade 6:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship Service 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, March 5

4-4:50 pm Children's Music 5:30-7 pm College/Young Adult Bible Study Conference Room Hospitality Room Sanctuary Youth Suite

Parlor Conference Room

Youth Suite Sanctuary Sanctuary

Sanctuary Youth Suite

Announcements

Ash Wednesday and Lent

Lent begins with our Ash Wednesday worship service in the sanctuary at 6 pm on March 1st. The Sundays of Lent will focus on the theme of "Poured Out," examining the elements that show up in the story of the days leading up to Jesus' crucifixion: oil, water, wine, blood, and tears.

White Cross Work Session

A White Cross work session will be held on Thursday, March 2nd from 1-3 pm in the 2nd floor conference room. As part of ABC International Ministries, White Cross provides both funds and material goods to assist ministries in various countries. We will be rolling bandages needed by 10 hospitals in the Congo. In the past at First Baptist Church, this project has been done by the women's circle, but is now being opened for volunteers from the entire congregation.

Two New Sunday Small Group Opportunities

First Baptist will be hosting Financial Peace University, which walks you through the basics of budgeting, dumping debt, and planning for your financial future, in its Flex format starting on Sunday, March 5th. This format is designed to fit into a 55 minute Small Group class that will take place in the 10:15 hour between services. Class participants will watch the video lessons at home, and the Sunday morning session will consist of a brief video recap, discussion, and activities. This is a very convenient way for busy individuals and couples to take a life-changing class! Simply visit https://fpu.com/1038339 to register for the course. Contact Amanda Jacobs at amanda@jacobsrealty.com or Caryn McClanhan at caryn@jacobsrealty.com for more information.

On Sunday March 5, the Discussion Class, which meets in the Parlor on the second floor of the education building, is beginning a new series on the book *Final Words From the Cross* by Adam Hamilton. Each session will include a 10 minute video of the author discussing the saying from Jesus. Moving through each chapter, you will begin to understand and respond to Jesus' final words at the cross while learning about those who were eye witnesses to the crucifixion. In the final chapter, Hamilton moves beyond the cross to Jesus' words to the disciples on the road to Emmaus and to those who were witnesses to the Resurrection. Bob Russell will be leading the series.

The Calling

Next Wednesday, Feb 22nd, the Calling, our mid-week student Bible study for 6th-12th grade, returns to its usual meeting time and place - 6:15-7:30 pm in the youth suite, on the 3rd floor of the Education Building.

Calling All Cooks!

If you would be willing to cook a meal for our weekly Sunday night College and Young Adult Bible Study one Sunday, please contact Michael McEntyre (mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org). We usually eat at 5:30pm each week and ask our chefs to stay, eat with us, and share a bit about yourselves. Our students love to meet new people and this is a fun way for them to get to know our congregation.

Worship Notes

The call to worship is based on Rom. 12:1-8, Mt. 16:13-20, and Ps. 124.

Come to the Water by Kristian Stanfill and Christ Tomlin

I Will Go by Big Daddy Weave

The Offertory Prayer is based on Rom. 12:1-8.

Build Your Kingdom Here by Rend Collective

God of Justice by Tim Hughes

The benediction is inspired by Amos 5.

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9:15 am Awakening Worship Service

For those who may prefer a more traditional worship experience, First Baptist Church offers Traditional Worship at 11:15 a.m. each Sunday in the Sanctuary.

For Children During Worship:

1st- 5th Graders are encouraged to participate in worship with their family.

Children (Birth-Kindergarten) can be dropped off in the nursery, located next to the sanctuary, prior to worship where they will be cared for by our professional staff.

10:15 Spiritual Formation Hour:

Birth-Age 3 childcare is provided by our professional staff in the nursery, located next to the sanctuary.

First Kids Sunday School (3 year olds through 5th grade) is on the third floor.

Youth Bible Study (grades 6-12) is on the third floor.

Adult Small Groups which dive into various topics (visitors and guests welcomed):

Discussion Class in the Parlor on the second floor.

Faith Forum in the second floor classroom, next to the elevator.

Community Small Group in the conference on the second floor.

Young Adult Small Group in the 2nd floor library.

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