

I am
crucified
with Christ

GALATIANS 2:20



First Baptist Church

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Our Worship of God

June 18, 2017

9:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Welcome

Carol McEntyre

†Opening Our Hearts through Song

Good Good Father
Children of God

†Invitation to Pass the Peace of Christ

Scripture Reading

Sean Douglas

Galatians 3:1-9, 23-29

You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly exhibited as crucified! The only thing I want to learn from you is this: Did you receive the Spirit by doing the works of the law or by believing what you heard? Are you so foolish? Having started with the Spirit, are you now ending with the flesh? Did you experience so much for nothing? —if it really was for nothing. Well then, does God supply you with the Spirit and work miracles among you by your doing the works of the law, or by your believing what you heard?

Just as Abraham “believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness,” so, you see, those who believe are the descendants of Abraham. And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, declared the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “All the Gentiles shall be blessed in you.” For this reason, those who believe are blessed with Abraham who believed. Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to the promise.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

†Call to Confession

We long to be set free from those ‘powers’ which control our lives; to let go of our fears of ‘them’; to stop trying to build fences between us and those who are not like us. That is why our longing brings us to the living waters offered by our God, who allows us to fill our parched souls with a refreshing drink of forgiveness. Let us confess our sins, as we pray together, saying,

†Prayer of Confession (unison)

O God of peace, we have built up walls to protect ourselves from those who seem different from us, but those walls also shut us off from receiving your love. Break down those walls. Help us to see that the way to your heart is through the reconciliation of our own hearts with our neighbors. Bless them and us, that we may come to grow in love for each other and for you, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Song of Hope

Chain Breaker

Blessing of the Prayer Shawls (responsive)

We bless this prayer shawl and the person who will receive it.

May they see the intricate love and care given to this shawl, mirroring the intricate love and care that God bestows upon all people.

This shawl was made to bring warmth to someone who feels a chill.

May they feel the warm breath of the Holy Spirit as they wrap themselves with it.

This shawl was made to bring comfort to someone who feels alone.

May they feel comfort in knowing that someone prayed for them as they pieced it together.

This shawl was made to bring peace to someone in need of prayer.

May they feel the power of our prayers as they feel the yarn winding through their fingers.

This shawl was made to remind the recipient that they are part of this community.

May they feel touched by our love, moved by our guidance and held up by our support.

Offertory

No Longer Slaves

Message

Carol McEntyre

Affirmation of Faith (unison)

We affirm the biblical truth of every human being's inherent dignity and worth, as all people are created in the image of God.

We affirm that in the Body of Christ there is no distinction or hierarchy according to race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, social identity and economic status.

We seek not to deny or erase the uniqueness manifest in God's creation, but celebrate this diversity as essential to the unity and strength of Christ's Body.

We believe that unity in diversity is not only desirable, but *essential* to fulfilling God's ultimate desire for God's people, as expressed in scripture, and thus an essential element of seeking God's will on earth as it is in heaven.

We confess that both personal prejudice and systemic oppression are sin. We lament that we all have been both individually and corporately damaged by these sinful patterns, whether as perpetrators, victims, or both.

We humbly seek forgiveness, restoration, accountability, and healing through Christ, as we seek to be peacemakers answering God's call to the ministry of reconciliation.

†Song of Response

We Are One

†Benediction

Going to Serve

Week at a Glance

Monday, June 19

9:00 am – 10:30 am Senior Yoga

Parlor

1-3:30 pm Staff Meeting

Library

Tuesday, June 20

11:30-2:00 pm Crafty Critters

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Thursday, June 22

12:00 Missions Lunch

Parlor

Saturday, June 24

7:00-8:00 pm – Columbia Handbells Sendoff Concert

Fellowship Hall

Sunday, June 25

12:15-1:30 pm Sermon Discussion Group

Conference Room

Worship Notes

Good Good Father by Chris Tomlin (7036612)

Children of God by Third Day (5856024)

Chain Breaker by Zach Williams (7060031)

No Longer Slaves by Bethel Church (7030123)

We Are One by the City Harmonic (7040700)

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Announcements

Missions Lunch with Keith Holmes and Mary Van Rheenen

The Missions Team is hosting a lunch for Keith Holmes and Mary Van Rheenen on Thursday, June 22 at noon in the Parlor. Keith and Mary were members at First Baptist before being commissioned by Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, as missionaries in 1996. You may RSVP for the lunch by emailing Janet Deneke, Administrative Assistant at First Baptist, at churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org.

You Can't Stop the Beat

The Columbia Handbell Ensemble, under the direction of Ed Rollins, will perform as guest featured choir for the Area 1 (MA, NH, MA, VT, RI, CT) Festival Conference of the Handbell Musicians of America. The performance will take place in the concert hall of the University of Massachusetts. Their send-off concert is Saturday, June 24, at 7:00 pm in our Fellowship Hall. Noah Hartsfield is a bell-ringer in the group. The concert is free, and features three brand new commissions written for the Area 1 concert. Don't miss this!

First Baptist Adventures

Sunday, June 25th, we will see the 2:00 pm showing of Columbia Entertainment Company's production of "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels." After the show we will reconvene at Cracker Barrel for dinner. If you are interested in going, please contact our Fellowship Coordinator, Paula Thomas, at paulalou52@gmail.com.

Sunday Morning Small Group Offering: the Enneagram

Join us for the summer Sunday Morning Small Group offering as we study the Enneagram, July 9-August 27 at 10:15 am in the parlor. The Enneagram is an ancient personality type system that describes how people are wired both positively and negatively. Participants can learn about their own personalities as well as how they relate to others. Full details are in the Spire. Even if you don't regularly participate in a Sunday Morning Small Group, we hope you will try this one!



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.

Women's Small Group in the hospitality room off the sanctuary.

Church Staff

Carol McEntyre, Senior Pastor † Ed Rollins, Associate Pastor

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