



# *Our Worship of God*

*September 24, 2017*

*9:15 am*

*(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)*

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**Welcome**

Pastor Carol McEntyre

**†Opening Songs**

Revelation Song  
The Way

**†Passing the Peace of Christ**

**†Gospel Reading**

Anne Bills

**Matthew 20:1-16**

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’

When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But

he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise be to Christ.**

**†Prayer of Confession (responsive)**

We fill our lives with the fear of scarcity,  
assuming there is not enough money,  
time, patience or love.

We turn away when a stranger asks for nourishment,  
claiming there isn’t enough even for ourselves.

**Forgive us when we doubt your abundance  
and ignore the possibilities in what we have been given.**

We often sit with arms crossed and fists clenched,  
crying out that you have turned away  
and left us empty handed.

**Forgive us when we reject your abundance  
and neglect the possibilities in what we have been given.**

We easily give thanks for the good things in life,  
turning away from those  
which lead us to deeper community  
or second-guessing blessings as too good to be true.

**Open our eyes to the wonders that surround us.  
Help us surrender to the loving embrace that enfolds us.**

**†Assurance of Pardon**

Take comfort:  
we, and the whole world with us,  
are always embraced in Christ’s love.  
In Christ, there is always enough.

**†Song of Praise**

The River

## **Offertory Prayer**

**Offertory**

Ever Be

**Message**

Abundance

Brittany McDonald Null

**†Song of Response**

Like a Child

**Honoring Alex Bennett's Service**

Sherry Wyatt  
Darrell Fisher  
Colleen and Gary Ostercamp

**Special Music**

Leave a Mark

Alex Bennett

**†Benediction**

**Following worship there will be a reception in this room honoring Alex Bennett's leadership.**

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## Week at a Glance

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### Sunday, September 24

10:15 am Small Groups  
5:30-7 pm College/Young Bible Study

*Various Classrooms  
Youth Suite*

### Monday, September 25

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

*Parlor  
Conference Room*

### Tuesday, September 26

11:30 am – 2 pm Crafty Critters  
6 pm – Faith & Film: The Shack

*E2  
Fellowship Hall*

### Wednesday, September 27

6 pm The Calling – Bonfire  
5:30 pm Psalm Players Rehearsal  
6:30 pm Chancel Bells Rehearsal  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

*The McEntyre's  
Sanctuary  
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Sanctuary*

### Friday, September 29

3-11 pm Do Justice (College & Young Adults)

*Off-site*

### Sunday, October 1

10:15 am Small Groups  
4 pm First Baptist 101  
5:30-7 pm College/Young Adult Bible Study

*Various Classrooms  
Parlor  
Youth Suite*

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# Announcements

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## First Baptist 101

If you sense that God is drawing you to the community at First Baptist, we celebrate that and we want you to have a chance to get to know our church! First Baptist 101 is a class for adults who are new members or anyone interested in learning more about First Baptist. We will address questions like, *“What does it mean to be a member of First Baptist?”* and *“What does it mean to be Baptist?”*

First Baptist 101 will meet for an hour on three consecutive Sundays beginning October 1 at 4 pm in the Parlor, located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor across from the church offices. Here is an overview of each week:

- Sunday, October 1 – Baptist History and Polity taught by Rev. Bob Russell
- Sunday, October 8 – Understanding First Baptist leadership structure, the church staff, committees, goals and vision of the church taught by Pastor Carol McEntyre
- Sunday, October 15 – Overview of First Baptist ministries, opportunities to serve, and a building tour

For more information or to sign up for child care, contact Pastor Carol McEntyre at [mcentyre@fbc-columbia.org](mailto:mcentyre@fbc-columbia.org) or 573-442-1149

## Afternoon at the Farm

Our annual Afternoon at the Farm is Sunday, October 22 at 3 p.m., with hayrides, trunk-or-treat, and dinner. Please plan to bring a bag or two of candy for trunk-or-treating, and a side dish to share. Meat, beverages and table service are provided. Directions are in the September 20 Spire, and will be published again closer to the date.

## Sheppard Lecture

You don't want to miss our Fall Sheppard Lecture, October 28-29, featuring Amanda Tyler, Executive Director of the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty (BJC). Primarily an education and advocacy organization, the BJC is a leading voice in Washington, D.C., fighting to uphold the historic Baptist principles of freedom and separation of church and state. The BJC is the only faith-based agency devoted solely to religious liberty and church-state separation. The topic of the lecture series is "Liberty & Justice for some? Understanding Our Baptist Identity."

## Odyssey Chamber Music Series

The Odyssey Chamber Music Concert Series welcomes back the Akropolis Reed Quintet, the 2011 Plowman Chamber Music Competition Grand Prize Winner, on Friday, October 13 at 7 pm in the sanctuary. The evening includes a world premiere of a composition by University of Missouri composer Paul Seitz. In their program, "Refraction", Akropolis presents classical music bearing a wide array of influences, from rock and electronic music to jazz, chant, folk songs, and even glass art and ceramics. Each work absorbs the characteristics of a different genre, style, or era, and then creates fresh, relevant music, reflecting upon the original and looking forward. Akropolis also explores their own influences as a reed quintet since their first concert given in 2009, as they build their ensemble's repertoire and re-visit their personal and collective inspirations by which they have forged their genre-bending identity.

Tickets are \$20 for general admission; \$10 for students; and children under 10 are free.

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# Worship Notes

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Revelation Song by Kari Jobe (4447960)

The Way by Jeremy Camp (5818017)

The Prayer of Confession and the Assurance of Pardon are from Seekers Church: A Christian Community.

The River by Jordan Feliz (7047433)

Ever Be by Kalley Heiligenthal (7030065)

Like a Child by Jars of Clay (1848590)

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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:

1<sup>st</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> 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 (grades 6-12) and Adult Combined Small Groups meet in the Parlor on the second floor for a study of the Enneagram.

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### Church Staff

*Carol McEntyre, Senior Pastor † Ed Rollins, Associate Pastor*  
*Michael McEntyre, Associate Pastor of Youth, College and young Adults, and Missions*  
*Brittany McDonald Null, Pastoral Resident*  
*Yvette Chambers, Director of Children's Ministry*  
*Alex Bennett, Praise Band Director † Colleen Ostercamp, Pianist and Organist*  
*Jess Wolfe, Child Development Center Director*  
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*Bethany James, Nursery Director † Jason Bell, Custodian*