

FOR IT IS

by

Grace

you have been saved
through Faith

and this is not from yourselves

IT IS

The Gift of God

EPHESIANS 2:8

Timothy R. Latta

Our Worship of God

October 8, 2017

9:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Sola Gratia: By Grace Alone

Welcome

Pastor Carol McEntyre

†Opening Song

Sing to the King

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else.

But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Response: “Even then, grace” (responsive)

Even when we were dead, Paul writes.

Even when we turned away from the One who had created us.

Even when we lived in the grip of what drew our gaze from God.

Even when we were oblivious.

**Even when we followed a path fashioned of nothing
but our own desires.**

Even when we wandered far and willfully away.

**Even when we forgot to look past our own feet and to see
the wonders not of our making.**

Even when we failed to stand in awe, to breathe thanks,
to lean into the love that had waited long for us.

Even when, Paul writes.

Even when,

even then:

grace.

†Songs of Praise

Jesus, Firm Foundation
Mighty to Save

†Prayer of Confession (responsive)

Most gracious and most merciful God,
we confess to you and to one another that time after time
we have entered your presence with countless prayers
and songs of praise, but with hearts
that have been closed to your transforming grace.

*(Silence is kept. Use this time for self-examination and to confess
the times that you have been closed to God’s transforming grace
or have been unloving toward others this week.)*

We pray, Lord, that you forgive our lack of faith
and forgive our acts of injustice.

Grant us the healing that comes from your presence

**and the cleansing of your grace,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

†Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

To all who turn from sin in sorrow,
to all who turn to God in hope,
this is God's Word of grace:
We are accepted, we are forgiven, we are loved.
This gift we have from God.
Thanks be to God.

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

Blessed Assurance

Message

Sola Gratia, Grace Alone

Carol McEntyre

†Song of Commitment

How Can I Keep from Singing

†Benediction (responsive)

Out of great love, God, who is rich in mercy,
has made us alive together with Christ.

**Through Christ, God has shown us
the immeasurable riches of grace.**

Let us go into the world to be open channels of that love
and vessels overflowing with that grace.

Amen.

Week at a Glance

Sunday, October 8

10:15 am Small Groups

4 pm First Baptist 101

5:30-7 pm College/Young Adult Bible Study

Various Classrooms

Parlor

Youth Suite

Monday, October 9

9-10:30 am Senior Yoga

1-3:30 pm Staff Meeting

5:30-7 pm Serving Team Meeting

Parlor

Conference Room

Conference Room

Tuesday, October 10

11:45 am – 2 pm Crafty Critters

6 pm – Faith & Film: The Shack

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Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 11

5:30 pm Residency Lay Support Team

6:15-7:15 pm The Calling for Youth

5:30 pm Psalm Players Rehearsal

6:30 pm Chancel Bells Rehearsal

7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Library

Youth Suite

Sanctuary

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Friday, October 13

7 pm Odyssey Chamber Music: Akropolis

Sanctuary

Sunday, October 15

10:15 am Small Groups

4 pm First Baptist 101

4 pm Children's Music

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Announcements

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 are addressing questions such as, “*What does it mean to be a member of First Baptist?*” and “*What does it mean to be Baptist?*”

First Baptist 101 meets for two more one-hour classes, today and on October 15 at 4 pm in the Parlor, located on the 2nd floor across from the church offices.

Today’s session focuses on understanding First Baptist leadership structure, the church staff, committees, goals and vision of the church and it taught by Pastor Carol McEntyre.

On October 15 we will present an 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 or 573-442-1149

Afternoon at the Farm

Our annual Afternoon at the Farm is Sunday, October 22 at 3 pm., 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. Details are in the current Spire and on our website at www.fbc-columbia.org.

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

Sheppard Lecture

Our Fall Sheppard Lecture will feature Amanda Tyler, the Executive Director of the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty (BJC). The Baptist Joint Committee is a leading voice in Washington, D.C., fighting to uphold the historic Baptist principles of religious freedom and separation of church and state.

Saturday, October 28, 10-Noon in the parlor:

How the Baptist Joint Committee Defends Religious Liberty for All

Child care will be available Saturday for infants in the nursery and Yvette Chambers, Director of Children's Ministry, will coordinate a fun filled morning for children, including fall canvas painting, cookie decorating, and pumpkin painting! To register for child care contact Yvette Chambers at chambers@fbc-columbia.org.

Sunday, October 29, 9:15 Awakening and 11:15 Traditional Worship – *Loving and Knowing our Neighbors*.

Sunday, October 29, 10:15 Combined Small Group and brunch in the fellowship hall – *Politics in the Pulpit*.

Combined Worship and Business Meeting November 12

On Sunday, November 12 we will have a combined worship at 9:15 in the Fellowship Hall, followed by brunch and a business meeting.

Child Development Center Halloween Party

The Child Development Center at First Baptist is hosting a Halloween Party on Wednesday, October 25th. First Baptist Families are invited to join the fun. All children are welcome to come in costume, but please no masks, no weapons, and nothing scary. An optional viewing of "It's The Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown" will begin at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall, followed by a costume parade around FBC and CDC, and then activities and games from 6:30 pm-7:30 pm. A supervised Halloween movie will also be played on the third floor for older children who wish to watch it.

Worship Notes

Sing to the King by Passion (4010902)

The scripture response, “Even then, grace,” based on Ephesians 2:4-5*a*, was written by Jan L. Richardson, and posted on **The Painted Prayerbook**. <http://paintedprayerbook.com/>

Jesus, Firm Foundation by Steven Curtis Chapman (6472799)

Mighty to Save by Laura Story (4591782)

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How Can I Keep from Singing by Chris Tomlin (4822372)

The Benediction, based on Ephesians 2:4-7, is posted on the **Seekers Church** website. <http://www.seekerschurch.org/>

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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):

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

Discussion Class in the parlor on the second floor.

Young Adult Small Group in the 2nd floor library.

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

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Church Staff

Carol McEntyre, Senior Pastor † *Ed Rollins*, Associate Pastor

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Brittany McDonald Null, Pastoral Resident

Yvette Chambers, Director of Children's Ministry

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