



# GIVING

in God's  
Economy

# *Our Worship of God*

*November 14, 2021*

*11:15 am*

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

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## *~ Combined Worship ~*

**Welcome**

Pastor Carol McEntyre

**Prelude**

Give Thanks -*A Cool Chorale-*  
Easton Kerns, *percussion*

arr. Bier

### **†Call to Worship (responsive)**

Through Moses, God said,

**“Let my people go.”**

In scripture, the law declares:

**“In the seventh year, you must cancel all debts.”**

With grace, Jesus said:

**“Give one coat away”**

With honesty, Jesus taught:

**“Sell what you have, give that money to the poor.”**

Faith has always involved letting go, releasing, setting free,

Dropping our nets, giving to others, and following.

**So in this hour of worship, may we release that which binds us.**

**May we worship with open hearts, so that we can walk  
freely with God.**

Let it be so.

**Amen.**

**†Opening Song**

You Are My Vision

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

†Hymn 813

For the Life That You Have Given

Celebration of Ministry Video with Mary van Rheenen and Keith Holmes

†Hymn

Here I Am, Lord

*I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?*

*REFRAIN:*

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold Your people in my heart.*

*I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send?*

*I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send?*

**Deuteronomy 15:1-2, 7-11**

Every seventh year you shall grant a remission of debts. And this is the manner of the remission: every creditor shall remit the claim that is held against a neighbor, not exacting it of a neighbor who is a member of the community, because the Lord's remission has been proclaimed.

If there is among you anyone in need, a member of your community in any of your towns within the land that the Lord your God is giving you, do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted toward your needy neighbor. You should rather open your hand, willingly lending enough to meet the need, whatever it may be. Be careful that you do not entertain a mean thought, thinking, "The seventh year, the year of remission, is near," and therefore view your needy neighbor with hostility and give nothing; your neighbor might cry to the Lord against you, and you would incur guilt. Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so, for on this account the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, "Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor in your land."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message**

Release

Pastor Carol McEntyre

**Anthem**

**I'm Bound For the Promised Land**

arr. Wilberg

*Chancel Choir*

Becki Forsee-Jones and Colleen Ostercamp, *piano*

*On Jordan's stormy banks I stand and cast a wishful eye  
To Canaan's fair and happy land where my possessions lie.  
There's generous fruits that never fail on trees immortal grow;  
There rocks and hills and brooks and vales with milk and honey flow.*

*I am bound for the promised land, I'm bound for the promised land.  
Oh who will come and go with me? I am bound for the promised land.*

*O the transporting rapturous scene that rises to my sight,  
Sweet fields arrayed in living green and rivers of delight.  
When shall I reach that happy place and be forever blessed?  
When shall I see my Father's face and in his bosom rest?*

*I am bound for the promised land, I'm bound for the promised land.  
Oh who will come and go with me? I am bound for the promised land.*

**Sharing Our Gifts & Pledge Walk**

## **†Renewal of our Church Covenant (unison)**

**Because we have responded to Christ's call  
to follow him as disciples  
and because we find this calling  
too difficult and too important to fulfill alone,  
we covenant together to support and to  
pray for one another without ceasing;  
to be candid in our speech, kind in our attitudes,  
and caring in all our dealings with one another;  
to seek the mind and vision of Christ for ourselves  
and our life together,  
mindful that our unity does not require uniformity.**

**Moreover, we covenant to give first priority  
to our times of public worship and learning;  
to sustain our common mission by proportionate giving,  
faithful service and personal witness;  
to live our lives in a manner worthy  
of the gospel we profess and of this family of faith;  
and to seek others' forgiveness  
and God's when we fail to honor this covenant,  
trusting God's Spirit to renew us  
in stronger faith, brighter hope and broader love.**

## **†Song of Response**

Counting Every Blessing

## **Life of the Church**

## **†Benediction**

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## Worship Notes

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which is adorning the lectern  
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## Week at a Glance

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### Sunday, November 14 – Combined Worship

10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour

– Adult, Youth small groups & First Kids Sunday School

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

12:15 pm Church Business Meeting

6:00 pm Young Adult Fellowship at HuHot

### Tuesday, November 16

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

### Wednesday, November 17

6:00 pm The Calling in the Kitchen

6:30 pm Chancel Bells

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

### Thursday, November 18

10:30 am First Baptist Women's Zoom

### Sunday, November 21

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



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# Announcements

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## Visitors and Prayer Requests

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](http://fbc-columbia.org/guest) or use this QR code.



## Help with Hanging of the Green - Advent Decorations

Monday, November 22

Sign up to help with Advent Decorating on Monday, November 22 by signing up at this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084fa5ad2aa0f85-advent>  
For questions, contact Brenda Rice at [brice@fbc-columbia.org](mailto:brice@fbc-columbia.org)

## Advent Worship Series - *Housing the Holy*

Begins Sunday, November 28

Advent, the four weeks leading up to Christmas begins on Sunday, November 28. This year our theme is *Housing the Holy*. Advent invites us to remember that just as the star of Bethlehem shown over the stable, the Light of Christ is shining on us, inviting us to become a beacon of hope to others. Throughout the series, we will study the biblical prophets that call us to care for our neighbors and “make room in the inn,” the lonely and frightened spaces within us are filled with the light of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love.

## First Kids ADVENTure- November 28 at 4 pm

Can you believe it? It's almost here—Advent is right around the corner! There is so much joy surrounding this season, but there can also be a lot of chaos! There are decorations to put up, parties to throw, and presents to purchase. It's so easy to let the entire month of December pass by and we haven't settled in to hear the story of Christmas. We don't want that to happen this year, so we're hosting an event called "ADVENTure!" This is a fun and interactive experience designed for the whole family! We'll build gingerbread nativities, play games, sing songs, hear the Christmas story, and leave with a few gifts to use throughout Advent. It's a truly sweet way for your family to begin Advent! We'll be hosting this event on Sunday, November 28 at 4pm in the Fellowship Hall. To ensure we have enough kits for every family please register by November 22. Email Pastor Brittany at [bnull@fbc-columbia.org](mailto:bnull@fbc-columbia.org). We can't wait to see you there! Merry Advent!

## First Baptist Christmas Dinner

Sunday, December 19, 5 pm

We are thrilled to announce the return of our annual Christmas Dinner! Since children can be vaccinated, the Church Council has decided we can feast and celebrate together again. To allow more time for children to be vaccinated, we are moving the dinner to Sunday, December 19 at 5:00. Come prepared for a lovely meal of turkey, ham, and beverages provided by the church, and wonderful side dishes and desserts prepared by you and your First Baptist friends. Come feast and celebrate with us!

## Christmas Eve Service

December 24 11:00 pm

With joy, we resume the ultimate celebration, our beautiful Christmas Eve worship service. We celebrate the coming of Christ with carols, the telling of the Christmas story, and the tradition of sharing the light with candles as we sing "Silent Night." Bring family and friends and join us as we worship in the Sanctuary at 11:00 pm.

## VAC Holiday Giving 2021

First Baptist is sponsoring two families this year through VAC's Holiday Program. Voluntary Action Center (VAC) is a non-profit that exists to help low-income individuals and families bridge the gap between crisis and stability and improve quality of life in Boone County. Each year VAC coordinates the collection and distribution of food and gifts for approximately 4,000 people during the holiday season.

First Baptist is participating again in this needed ministry. In addition to toys, books, and games, families often receive needed clothing and household supplies through this program. Cards with individual gift requests will be available Sunday, November 14 on the bulletin board, in the hallway, outside the Sanctuary. Get involved by choosing an item that you would like to donate, take the card, then return the purchased item to the church by December 5.

Please don't gift wrap items, but we do ask that you include the card from the bulletin board with your gift. If you worship with us online but would still like to shop for a gift, you can contact the church office Monday-Friday for our most update list of gifts. If you do not have time to shop but still want to participate, you can make a monetary donation by November 28. Simply indicate "VAC Family Christmas" on your check or offering envelope. A few of our "shopping elves" will be making a trip to pick up last minute items.

If you have any questions, please contact Brittany McDonald Null, Pastor of Families and Spiritual Formation, with questions at [bnull@fbc-columbia.org](mailto:bnull@fbc-columbia.org).



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