

Our Worship of God

November 12, 2017

9:15 am

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

Greeting Carol McEntyre

Call to Worship (responsive)

For all that has been, O God, we give you thanks.

Thanks!

For a family of faith that can laugh and cry together
For a place to care for each other and share life's burdens
For people who journey together to grow in faith
For moments of worship that move and inspire
For leading us, encouraging us and helping us to be more
Christ-like.

For all that will be, O God,

Yes!

Yes, to a future vision that makes our ministry continually relevant for a needy world

Yes, to a hope for broadening our welcome and impacting this community and our world

Yes, to a faith that challenges, makes us uncomfortable at times, and moves us to action

Yes, to a love that is freely given to all people

Yes, to open our hearts and minds to understand how God can use us in the name of Christ

Thanks be to you O God.

Yes, thanks be to God!

Awakening Praise Band

For All that Has Been

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Yes!

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Blessing the Children

Yvette Chambers

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Scripture Reading

Bryce Null

Ephesians 2:1-4, 11-17

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

So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision" —a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But

now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near...

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever. Amen.

Anthem

For the Beauty of the Earth Adrian Gomez, cello

Patterson

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love with from our birth over and around us lies, Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each our of the day and of the night, hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light, Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild, Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thy church that evermore lifteth holy hands above, off'ring up on ev'ry shore her pure sacrifice of love, Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

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Offertory Prayer

†Offertory 10,000 Reasons

Message Carol McEntyre

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 each other's 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.

Pledge Walk

†Hymn

The Servant Song Sung to BEACH SPRING

We are trav'lers on a journey, fellow pilgrims on the road; we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load. I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

Sister, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too. Brother, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh, I'll laugh with you; I will share your joy and sorrow, till we've seen this journey thro'. When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony, born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

†Benediction

Postlude

Week at a Glance

Sunday, November 12

4-4:50 pm First Kids Music Sanctuary
5:30-7 pm College/Young Adult Bible Study Youth Suite

Monday, November 13

9-10:30 am Senior Yoga Parlor

1-3:30 pm Staff Meeting Conference Room 5:30-7 pm Serving Team Conference Room

Tuesday, November 14

11:45 am–2 pm Crafty Critters E2

Wednesday, November 15

6-7:15 pm The Calling for Youth
5:30 pm Psalm Players Rehearsal
6:30 pm Chancel Bells Rehearsal
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Sanctuary
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Thursday, November 16

6:30-7:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal Fellowship Hall

Saturday, November 18

11:45 am First Baptist Adventures Offsite

9:30-11 am First Kids Music Fellowship Hall

Sunday, November 19

4-4:50 pm First Kids Music Sanctuary

Announcements

First Kids Music

We are continuing to meet with the children on Sunday afternoons at 4 pm to prepare for "Breaking News," the Christmas drama to be presented at the church-wide Christmas dinner on Sunday, December 10. Children from age 4 through grade 5 are welcome to join the fun. Please note there is a rehearsal next Saturday morning, November 18, from 9:30-11 am in the Fellowship Hall.

First Baptist Adventures

All church members and friends are invited to join for lunch at the Blue Skilled in Jefferson on Saturday, November 18. We plan to depart by bus from the church parking lot at 11:45 am, and return about 2:30 pm. We might also make a stop at the Capitol. Please contact Paula Thomas, Fellowship Ministry coordinator, at paulalou52@gmail.com.

Office Closed for Thanksgiving

The church office will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 23 and 24, for Thanksgiving.

World Mission Offering throughout November

Throughout November, First Baptist has the opportunity to support the mission efforts of our American Baptist partners at home and around the world. The 2017 offering will provide much-needed support for disaster recovery efforts funded by the One Great Hour of Sharing ministry as well as the ongoing work of ABC-USA missionaries around the world. Contributions should be made out to First Baptist Church. Please be sure to put ABC Missions Offering in the memo line of your check and/or place your gift in one of the special missions offering envelopes.

Advent Wreaths Workshop

On Sunday, November 26 at 10:15 (during the Small Group Hour) you are invited to meet in the Fellowship Hall for an intergenerational event at which we will make Advent wreaths for home use. The wreath can serve to call you and yours to enter into the hope, peace, joy and love found in God's gift of Jesus. You will also receive a simple Advent devotional with a reflection for each week of the season. Supplies will be available (a wreath form, greens, wire, candles, and some ribbon). There is a suggested donation of \$20 per wreath. If you would like to make a wreath while enjoying hot cider and Christmas carols, please RSVP to the church office at 442-1149 or churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org.

Note: The children's and youth ministries will participate in the workshop in lieu of their usual small groups to make personalized wreaths and to participate in other Advent activities.

Advent Preparations

In addition to the ongoing creation of stars and the upcoming Advent wreath workshop on November 26, we have scheduled Advent decorating parties to give all First Baptist members and friends a chance to help prepare the church for the season:

Monday & Tuesday, Nov. 20 & 21, 9 am-noon: prepare stars for hanging Sunday, Nov. 26 after worship: set up trees and make other preparations for Hanging of the Greens

Monday, Nov. 27 6-9 pm & Tuesday, Nov. 28 9 am-3 pm: decorating and preparation for Hanging of the Greens

Worship Notes

Great Are You Lord by David Leonard | Jason Ingram | Leslie Jordan (6460220) 10,000 Reasons by Jonas Myrin & Matt Redman (6016351)

The Servant Song WORDS: Richard Gillard. MUSIC: *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; harm. Hames H. Wood 1921- . Words © 1977 Scripture In Song. Admin. by MARANATHA MUSIC.

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Our scripture reader for today is Bryce Null, the husband of Brittany McDonald-Null, FBC's Pastoral Resident. Bryce enjoys reading, binge-watching shows on Netflix, and exploring the many beautiful sights in Columbia. Prior to moving here, Bryce worked as a Hebrew Lab Instructor and Faculty Assistant at Logsdon Seminary where he also earned his Master of Divinity. Currently, Bryce works as an 'office support specialist' at University Hospital; and is working on completing a Master of Theology degree at Brite Divinity School, affiliated with Texas Christian University in Fort Worth.

My Notes:



11:15 am Traditional Worship Service

For those who may prefer a more contemporary worship experience, First Baptist Church offers Awakening Contemporary Worship at 9:15 a.m. each Sunday in the Fellowship Hall.

The flowers are given by Sherry and Randy Wyatt in honor of all our veterans.

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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