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# Practicing Presence

AN INVITATION  
TO PRAYER

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# *Our Worship of God*

*October 18, 2020*

*11:15 am*

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## **- Outdoor Service -**

**Welcome**

Pastor Michael McEntyre

### **† Call to Worship (unison)**

**Compassionate One, when we tread a path to your door  
we find it open and welcoming.**

**When we make requests of you, even the most difficult,  
selfish or presumptuous,**

**you give according to your grace and goodness.**

**Forgive what is twisted or dangerous in us  
when we make our requests and demands.**

**Restore us with the surprise of your willingness.**

**Teach us how to pray.**

**Meet with us now, Welcoming One,  
as we seek to practice presence. Amen.**

## †Opening Hymn 115

Fairest Lord Jesus

*Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,  
O thou of God and man the Son,  
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,  
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown!*

*Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,  
Robed in all the blooming garb of spring:  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.  
Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,  
And all the twinkling, starry host:  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,  
Than all the angels heaven can boast.*

*Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!  
Son of God and Son of man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,  
Now and forevermore be thine!*

**Luke 11:5-13**

And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

“So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise be to Christ.**

## Practicing Presence: Meditation on the Names of God

Pastor Carol McEntyre

*Comforter God*

*The Creator of Beauty*

*Binder of Wounds*

*Everlasting One*

*The All-Compassionate*

*Companion of the Lonely*

*Great God our Hope*

*Strength of our Life*

*Radiant and Glorious God*

## Hymn of Praise

We Thank You, God, for Prayer

*We thank you, God, for prayer, the present gift of grace,  
The fount of your unfailing care for all who seek your face.*

*What mother will desert the child that she has borne?  
You will not leave the lost and hurt forgotten or forlorn.*

*What father will give stone when children ask for food?  
A greater gift you give your own—the Spirit of all good.*

*O Spirit, linger here to guide us night and day.  
Come, free us from our stubborn fear and teach us how to pray.*

## Litany for Faith Renovation

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

God, we are thankful for the freedom we have to live authentically.

**To choose how we live and what we believe,**

To determine how to put our faith into practice,

**And to select the practices that best serve us and the world.**

We thank you for the gift of the Spirit of God in us,

**Who leads and guides us,**

Who fills our eyes with a vision of wholeness for all,

**And fills our hearts with super-human love.**

We know we have work to do

**To renovate our own souls,**

To learn to live from a place of contemplation and compassion,

**To reject our ego and it's traps;**

So that we may send out into the world redemptive love,

**Justice work,**

Christ-consciousness,

**Peace-making.**

We know that the healing of the world starts in our own souls,

**Begins with an inner posture of humility,**

Grows with curiosity and risk-taking faith,

**And from there, moves mountains of pain.**

Love and suffering are our teachers here,

**And we embrace our mission to grow and learn.**

Help us as we do the work of renovation

**Of our faith, our practice, and our understanding.**

Keep us to your Way, which you've shown us in Christ's body.

**And wrap us all in your transforming love. Amen.**

## Sharing our Gifts

### Special Music

Amazing Grace  
*Jeff Adams*

### Message

Pastor Carol McEntyre

### Hymn of Response

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

*O soul, are you weary and troubles?  
No light in the darkness you see?  
There's light for a look at the Savior,  
And life more abundant and free!*

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus,  
Look full in His wonderful face,  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
In the light of His glory and grace.*

*Thro' death into life everlasting  
He passed, and we follow Him there;  
Over us sin no more hath dominion  
For more than conq`rers we are!*

*His word shall not fail you He promised;  
Believe Him, and all will be well:  
Then go to a world that is dying.  
His perfect salvation to tell!*

## Life of the Church

### Benediction (responsive)

Oh God, teach us how to live attentively to you.

**Teach us how to pray.**

For by our attention to you,

**We learn how to be in the world.**

May we become people who live prayerfully,

**Each thought and action a reflection of your love.**

**Amen.**

Postlude

TRAUMERE

by Schumann

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# Worship Notes

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*Fairest Lord Jesus*, Words: Gesangbuch, Munster, 1677; tr. Anonymous, 1850, st. 4, tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1873. Music: H. A. Hoffman von Fallersleben's *Schleische Volkslieder*, 1842; arr. Richard S. Willis, 1850.

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*Litany for Faith Renovation and Benediction* by Fran Pratt

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Thank you for worshiping with us today! If you wish to share this worship experience with a neighbor, the service is broadcast live, and the sermon is available on our website within a week.

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# Week at a Glance

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## Tuesday, October 20

1:00 pm Crafty Critters Zoom Call

## Wednesday, October 21

12:00 pm Zoom at Noon with Pastor Carol

6:00 pm The Calling on the Lawn

6:30 pm Handbells Rehearsal

## Sunday, October 25

9:15 am Online Worship Service with the Awakening Team

*Stream the worship service by clicking "Watch Us Live" from  
link at the top of our website*

10:15 am Sunday Morning Bible Study and Small Groups

*Online Zoom Churchwide Bible Study*

10:30 am Student Ministry Group online

11:15 am Outdoor Worship Service on the Front Lawn with Chancel Musicians

4:00 pm Trunk-or-Treat on the Parking Lot

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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, let us know you are with us today by texting “guest” to 573-326-9490. If you are in need of prayer, text “prayer” to 573-326-9490 and Brittany, our Pastor of Families and Spiritual Formation will connect with you.

## First Kids Sunday Small Groups – Sundays in October

During October, First Kids will be kicking off *The Beatitudes* series in social-distanced style.

- **October 18 - 3rd through 5th graders**
- **October 25 - First Families Trunk or Treat**

Children over two will be asked to wear a mask to the best of their ability while participating in First Kids events. If your child does not have a mask, one will be provided. Restrooms will be available, but we do encourage bathroom use before attending First Kids.

## Trunk or Treat – Sunday, October 25 at 4:00 pm

Join us in the First Baptist Parking Lot for an inaugural (and hopefully only) social distanced Trunk-or-Treat! The pandemic has added a new layer to Halloween, and First Families wants to provide a fun and safe way for the young and young at heart to dress up and indulge on the much anticipated Halloween candy. In order to maintain social distancing, cars will be spaced throughout the parking lot to provide adequate distance and children will be asked to move in family units in between cars. For a new level of excitement, we are thrilled to introduce the Golden Pumpkin! The Golden Pumpkin will be awarded to the car that can most creatively deliver their candy from 6 feet away. We look forward to seeing your fun costumes and creative ways to minister to our families this season!

## Sanctuary Open for Prayer

The Sanctuary is now open for prayer and personal reflection on Mondays from 9 am-5 pm. One person or family at a time may sign up for a 30-minute time slot by contacting the church office at churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org or phone 573-442-1149.

## Financial Assistance for Those Affected by COVID-19

If you have found yourself in need of financial assistance in this disruptive time of a global pandemic, please reach out to any of our pastors (by phone or email) to notify us of your need. Please know that all such requests are confidential. We will get through this together!

## Christian Mindfulness – Sunday Evenings Starting November 1

Beginning Sunday, November 1 at 5:00 pm, Dr. Irene Kraegel is going to be with us via Zoom for 4 workshops called *Present to God: Christian Mindfulness Worship*. Grounded in Biblical theology, mindfulness theory, and clinical psychology, this series of four workshops, which Irene Kraegel will present, provides practical mindfulness experience that will equip participants to manage unpleasant emotions effectively and to fully engage with the life God has provided. The workshop is created to be down-to-earth in tone, engaging both the hearts and minds of participants - a great gift to people looking for mental health tools that can be applied within their journey of Christian discipleship. You do not need to register. The link will be sent out each Thursday before a session.