



Practicing Presence

AN INVITATION
TO PRAYER

Our Worship of God

November 1, 2020

11:15 am

- All Saints' Day -

Welcome

Pastor Michael McEntyre

Prelude

Beautiful Savior
Chancel Bells

arr. James Klein

Call to Worship

With all that is within us, let us bless God,
who forgives all of our sins and who hears our prayers.
With all that is within us, let us praise God,
who creates, redeems, and sustains, us.

Opening Song

Abundantly More

*There is healing in the power of the Lord most high
There is courage in the shadow of His wings
There is peace unending over all my life
There is freedom that washes over me*

*I find all I need here in Your presence Lord
I open up my soul and You fill me up with
All I need here in Your presence Lord
Where blessings overflow
There's always abundantly more*

*There is rest in the goodness of the Lord my God
There is treasure in the kindness of my King
There is comfort in knowing Your unfailing love
My provider You set my spirit free*

*I find all I need here in Your presence Lord
I open up my soul and You fill me up with
All I need here in Your presence Lord
Where blessings overflow
There's always abundantly more*

*More than I could ask or seek
More than I could fathom
God Your love for me
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Lighting of the Christ Candle

*At this time, we invite you to light a candle at your place of worship as a
reminder of God's presence with us.*

Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Practicing Presence: Palms Up, Palms Down

Song of Praise

No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus

*If my heart could tell a story
If my life would sing a song
If I have a testimony
If I have anything at all*

*No one ever cared for me like Jesus
His faithful hand has held me all this way
And when I'm old and grey
And all my days are numbered on the earth
Let it be known
In You alone
My joy was found
(I found my joy)*

*Let my children tell their children
Let this be their memory
That all my treasure was in heaven
And you were everything to me*

*No one ever cared for me like Jesus
His faithful hand has held me all this way
And when I'm old and grey
And all my days are numbered on the earth
Let it be known
In You alone
My joy was found
(I found my joy)*

I found my joy

*I'm still in love
You're still enough for me
Still all I want
You're still my everything*

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You're still enough for me
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*No one ever cared for me like Jesus
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Litany for Remembrance (responsive)

We gather around this holy table
and the tables in our homes
at the invitation of our God
and in communion with generations past
and generations yet unborn.
We come in praise of God,
always and forever.

We have been made holy in Christ.

At this table,
and the tables in our homes
we are mindful of the virtuous and
godly living of saints that has become
an inspiration for us.

**Through them may we come to know
the inexpressible joys God prepares
for those who love God.**

At this table, we are aware of the empty pews
And empty chairs around us.

**We lament that we must remember
those who have formed us in faith while worshiping apart.**

At this table,
and the tables in our homes,
we pause to speak the names of our church family
who with their lives praised God.

Barbara Anderson

Dell Keepers

Betty Blase

Barry Kausler

Sharlyn Sappington

Ray Smith

At this table,
And the tables in our homes,
we offer prayers for your people,
whom we name before you in the silence of our hearts.

Words of Institution

Holy Communion

Hymn

We Walk by Faith

*We walk by faith and not by sight.
No gracious words we hear from Him who spoke as none e'er spoke;
But we believe Him near.*

*We walk by faith and not by sight,
Led by God's pure and holy Light!
Prepare us for the journey, Lord,
And may we know Your power and might,
As we walk by faith and not by sight.*

*We may not touch His hands and side,
Nor follow where He trod;
But in His promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"*

*We walk by faith and not by sight,
Led by God's pure and holy Light!
Prepare us for the journey, Lord,
And may we know Your power and might,
As we walk by faith and not by sight.*

*And when our life of faith is done,
In realms of clearer light we may behold You as You are,
With full and endless sight.*

*We walk by faith and not by sight,
Led by God's pure and holy Light!
Prepare us for the journey, Lord,
And may we know Your power and might,
As we walk by faith and not by sight.*

Life of the Church

Benediction and Prayer for our Nation (unison)

Merciful and loving God, as we prepare for this week's elections, send the light of your Spirit into the hearts of all in our nation. Bring peace and hope wherever there is confusion, discord and apathy. Awaken in us a strong desire to work for the common good of all peoples, especially the most vulnerable in our world. Enable us to differ and to dialogue with reverence and respect for one another. Pour out on us a spirit of wisdom and discernment to help us choose government officials who will lead our country in the path of truth, justice, and peace. We pray this in the name of the Risen Christ, who is always with us. Amen.

Postlude

Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

arr. Burkhardt

Worship Notes

Abundantly More, CCLI Song # 7130471

Ethan Hulse | Heath Balltzglier | Matt Armstrong | Seth Condrey

No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus, CCLI Song # 7147718

Chandler Moore | Dante Bowe | Jason Ingram | Steffany Gretzinger

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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.

Week at a Glance

Sunday, November 1 (Today)

5:00 pm Christian Mindfulness Zoom

Session One

Title: Renewal of the Mind

Topic: Christian mindfulness defined

Practice: body scan practice

Tuesday, November 3

1:00 pm Crafty Critters Zoom Call

Wednesday, November 4

12:00 pm Post-Election Zoom at Noon with Pastor Carol

6:30 pm Handbells Rehearsal

Sunday, November 8

10:15 am Sunday Morning Bible Study and Small Groups

Online Zoom Churchwide Bible Study

10:30 am Student Ministry Group online

11:15 Online Worship Service

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

5:00 pm Christian Mindfulness Zoom

Session Two

Title: God in the Present

Topic: what's in a moment?

Practice: sitting practice

Announcements

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.

In-Person Worship Update

In preparation for this day, the Church Council has continued to meet regularly to discuss worship plans for the colder weather. *After much prayer and reflection, the council decided to offer a modified, in-person/online worship opportunity in the Sanctuary beginning Sunday, November 22. Throughout the winter, we will have one Combined Worship service at 11:15, which will be held in the Sanctuary and broadcasted live via webcast.* Please understand that this service, like our outdoor service, will look quite a bit different from normal to provide as much safety as possible.

Christian Mindfulness – Sunday Evenings Starting Today

Beginning today 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.

Special Post-Election Zoom at Noon

Next Wednesday, no matter who wins the election or if we are still waiting for the results, regardless of your political affiliation or how you voted, you may find yourself needing a chance to seek peace and some refuge in the presence of God. On November 4 at Noon, I am hosting a special post-election Zoom at Noon.

We will spend time in meditation, recenter ourselves in God's loving care, listen to music led by Julie Walker, and seek comfort in our community of faith. The link for Zoom at Noon can be found on the church website under "get involved."

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!