



# THE GOOD LIFE

Practices for  
Abundant Living

# Our Worship of God

May 9, 2021

9:15 am

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**Pre-service Music**

With High Delight Let us Unite  
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

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**Welcome**

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

**Call to Worship (responsive)**

One: Friends of God, believe this –  
God loved the world,  
God loves the world,

**All: we are the beloved!**

One: May the truth of this great love story,

**All: shine through our worship today,  
and renew our sense of calling.**

One: So come to this hour, with your tiredness,  
your frustrations and your discouragements;  
come with your doubts, your fears,  
and your longings;  
come, to discover yet again  
how Jesus reveals God's love and mercy.

Come to this hour, in friendship to God  
and to each other,  
and in friendship to the world,

**All: we come to listen for God's Word to us,  
to offer our prayers,  
and to renew our calling.**

One: Friends of God,  
Let us worship!

## Opening Hymn 108

Come, Christians Join to Sing

*Come, Christians join to sing Alleluia! Amen!  
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!  
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;  
Praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!*

*Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!  
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!  
He is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll condescend;  
His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!*

*Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!  
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!  
On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,  
Singing forevermore, Alleluia! Amen!*

## Lighting of the Christ Candle

*As we light the Christ Candle in the Sanctuary, we invite you to  
light a candle in your place of worship as a reminder  
of God's presence who invites us to rest and reflect together.*

## Missions Moment

Pastor Michael McEntyre

## Scripture Reading

### John 15:12-15

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **The Practice of Remembering Friendships**

*During this practice, you will need  
something to write with and a piece of paper.*

### **Sharing Our Gifts**

#### **Special Music**

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

#### **Message**

*Connect*

Pastor Carol McEntyre

#### **Hymn of Response 437**

Help Us Accept Each Other

*Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;  
Teach us as sister, brother each person to embrace.  
Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe  
We are ourselves accepted, and meant to love and live.*

*Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life  
We struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.  
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,  
To love them as we find them, or as they may become.*

*Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved  
In living situations to do the truth in love,  
To practice your acceptance until we know by heart  
The table of forgiveness, and laughter's healing art.*

*Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,  
Who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread,  
We need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on;  
Renew us with your Spirit, Lord, free us, make us one!*

## **Life of the Church**

### **Benediction (unison)**

**We are ordinary people, going about our lives,  
Realizing that we are Beloved through and through,  
Realizing that Heaven is available to us now,  
Realizing that what we do here on earth matters,  
Realizing that Christ's invitation is for us, too;  
And stepping in - gratefully, joyfully, and with intention –  
to this Kin-dom work.**

### **Postlude**

When Love is Found  
Olivia Chang, *organ*

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# Worship Notes

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*Call to Worship*, ~ written by Ann Siddall, and posted on the Stillpoint Spirituality Centre website. <https://stillpointsa.org.au/>

*Come, Christians Join to Sing*, Words: Christian H. Bateman, 1843. Music: Traditional Spanish melody; arr. David Evans, 1927.

*Help Us Accept Each Other*, ©1975 Hope Publishing Company. Words: Fred Kaan, 1975. Music: John Ness Beck, 1977.

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# Week at a Glance

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## Sunday, May 9

- 9:15 am Online Worship Service
- 10:00 am Student Ministry Group online
- 10:00 am Sunday Morning Small Groups/Bible Study
- 11:15 am Worship Service on the front lawn

## Tuesday, May 11

- 1:00 pm -3:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Parlor

## Wednesday, May 12

- 12:00 pm Zoom at Noon with Pastor Carol
- 6:00 pm The Calling
- 6:30 pm Handbells Rehearsal
- 7:45 pm Chancel Choir

## Friday, May 14

- 12:15 pm Jesus Calling: Women's Devotional and Prayer Time via Zoom

## Saturday, May 15

- 1:00 pm First Baptist Hiking Club at Three Creeks Conservation Area

## Sunday, May 16 -Graduation Sunday

- 9:15 am Online Worship Service
- 10:00 am Student Ministry Group online
- 10:00 am Sunday Morning Small Groups/Bible Study
- 11:15 am Worship Service on the front lawn

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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)

## 9:15 and 11:15 Sunday Morning Worship

-Beginning Sunday, June 6, we will move our outdoor, in-person, on-lawn service to 9:15 am. This will allow those who might not be ready to worship indoors the opportunity to continue worshipping outside even as the weather warms up. It will also allow for more choices during the worship experience (social distancing will still be practiced and we will ask that masks be worn at times when social distancing cannot be maintained, but during the worship service itself, individuals may choose to sing and respond without the use of mask).

-Our 11:15 am service will be a hybrid worship experience for both online and in-person, indoors worship in the sanctuary. The idea for this service will be to learn how we will move forward with a service that engages those in the room and online simultaneously. We also know that because of the age and design of our sanctuary, it does not meet the recommended air exchange rate needed for unrestricted, indoor gatherings. As such, the hybrid service will maintain social distancing in the sanctuary with designated seating areas and masks will be required at all times for attendees, even if vaccinated.



## Childcare for Toddlers – Pre-K

We are excited to announce that childcare will be available during the on-lawn service for toddlers through pre-k on the playground. Our Nursery Director, Bethany James, has been hard at work recruiting workers to ensure kids have a fun and safe experience. Children can be checked at 11:00 am at the playground entrance on the front lawn. We are thankful for Bethany's diligent work, and for spaces to safely gather outdoors for worship and play!

## ForColumbia Signups

First Baptist will be leading sites at Benton Elementary and our Extra Mile House, but ForColumbia has lots of different projects all across the city that can accommodate any skill set or limitation. Check out the serving options at <https://www.forcolumbia.com/serving-sites/>. You can also read about Covid safety measures and plans for serving safely on the website as well. When you sign up on the site, be sure to choose First Baptist for your sponsoring church and list the name of the site you are interested in serving in the comments/group section. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to email Michael at [mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org](mailto:mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org) for help. Thanks for helping us spread God's love throughout our city.

## Annual Church Picnic 2021 – Sunday, June 13 at Bethel Park

What is different about this year's church picnic? Well, we get to have it! The First Baptist Church Picnic is set for Sunday, June 13 at Bethel Park from 4:00-6:00 pm. Typically, we bring a side dish to share. We are not doing that this year, but you can bring your own meal or snacks. You can also bring your favorite outdoor game. Your lawn chair might be nice too. Plus, we get to have the (almost) Annual World Championship Egg Toss!

## First Families Pentecost Party - Sunday, May 23

2-4 pm on the front lawn

Pentecost is the day we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples of Jesus after he ascended. This celebration happens on the seventh Sunday after Easter. This year, Pentecost is on Sunday, May 23. On the day of Pentecost, our church colors are red to reflect the story found in Acts 2 where the Spirit comes like fire. We celebrate by dressing in red too!

This year, in celebration of Pentecost, First Kids will be hosting a family event to celebrate Pentecost. Beginning at 2 pm we will hear the Pentecost story and celebrate the gift of the Spirit and the birthday of the Church with cupcakes and pinwheels. Following our guided Pentecost activities, we will have some fun opportunities to gather with sidewalk paint, 9 square in the air, and more. Additionally, the playground will be open but please note there will not be a paid childcare worker to monitor. Wear red and come join the party!

## First Baptist Hiking Club

Who is ready to explore the great outdoors with actual human connection? Well, we have an opportunity for you! Join Kimberly Moeller and Misty Phillips as they lead you through some awesome hiking trails both around Columbia and, at times, through other adventures in Missouri. The next hike is Saturday, May 15 at 1pm at the Three Creeks Conservation Area.

If you would like to join us or be on the email list for future hikes, please RSVP by email to Kimberly Moeller at [knmoelle@gmail.com](mailto:knmoelle@gmail.com) or Misty Phillips at [mistya2014@gmail.com](mailto:mistya2014@gmail.com).