



Our Worship of God

September 5, 2021

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Welcome

Pastor Michael McEntyre

Prelude

Reverie
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

by. J. Cornell

†Call to Worship (responsive)

Rejoice, friends, Jesus is in our midst.

Feed us, Jesus, and fill us with hope.

Sing for joy, people of God;

For all are an essential part of God's story.

Thanks be to God!

†Opening Hymn 108

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Lighting of the Christ Candle

John 6:1-15

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?” He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, “Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?”

Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.”

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise be to Christ.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (responsive)

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

As the crowds followed Jesus, eager to be filled,

we come this day, seeking nourishments for our souls.

We hunger and thirst for the word of hope and truth,

but our lives are often battered by anger and hostility.

Our hearts are filled with concerns for family and friends,
for our country and our world.

We don't see how we can be of help to others.

Sit us down, as Jesus seated the multitude.

**Reassure us, as Jesus reassured the disciples
that all would receive care.**

Lift us up, as Jesus encouraged others to reach out in compassion.

**Work through us, like you worked through the young boy carrying
bread and fish.**

Place your hands of healing on the many situations which we name at this
time with our voices and in our hearts.

Offer silent prayers to God.

God, we ask your merciful goodness for these situations and these loved ones
both named and unnamed. We pray as Jesus taught:

**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 sin, 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, forever. Amen.**

Sharing of Our Gifts

†Hymn 315

Break Thou the Bread of Life

Message

One in 5,000

Michael McEntyre

Preparation for Communion

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

*All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wandering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
You who yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.*

*All who hunger, never strangers, seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
We who once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.*

*All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.*

Holy Communion

†Hymn of Commitment 297

Spirit of the Living God

Life of the Church

†Benediction

†Postlude

Our Great Savior
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

arr. Hustad

Worship Notes

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

Break Thou the Bread of Life, Words: st. 1-2, Mary A. Lathbury, 1877; st. 3-4, Alexander Groves, 1913. Music: William F. Sherwin, 1877.

Prayers of the People, By Nancy C. Townley On ministrymatters.com

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly, ©1991 GIA Publications, Inc. Words: Sylvia Dunstan, 1990. Music: William Moore's Columbian Harmony, 1825.

Spirit of the Living God, Words: Daniel Iverson, vs. 1, 1926; Michael Baughen, vs. 2, 1978. Music: Daniel Iverson, 1926.

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, September 5

9:15 am Awakening Worship in the Fellowship Hall

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

Monday, September 6

Labor Day Holiday – Offices Closed

Tuesday, September 7

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

Wednesday, September 8

6:00 pm The Calling in the Student Ministry Suite

6:30 pm Chancel Bells

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 9

10:30 am First Baptist Women's Zoom

Friday, September 10

5:30 pm Parents' Night Out

Sunday, September 12 -Psalms Sermon Series Begins

9:15 am Awakening Worship in the Fellowship Hall

10:15 am Sheppard Lecture Series in the Fellowship Hall with
Dr. Nancy deClaissé-Walford

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

1:00 pm Racial Justice Team Discussion in the Conference Room

5:00 pm Convictions Book Discussion via Zoom

6:00 pm College and Young Adult Fellowship in the Student Ministry Suite

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, you can fill out a visitor card at fbc-columbia.org/guest or use this QR code.



The Calling Resumes – September 8

The Calling, our mid-week gathering for 6-12 grade students will start our regular Wednesday gatherings for the semester on Wednesday, September 8 in the Youth Suite at the church from 6:00-7:15pm with a series entitled *Faith in an Anxious World*. For more information or questions, contact Michael McEntyre at mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org

Convictions Book Discussion Sunday, Sept. 12 at 5:00 pm

If you took part in our Summer One Read and read Marcus Borg's book *Convictions: How I Learned What Matters Most*, you are invited to gather via Zoom on Sunday, September 12 at 5:00 pm for a discussion of the book with Pastor Carol McEntyre. If you plan to participate, please email Pastor Carol for the Zoom link.

Parents' Night Out – September 10 from 5:30-7:30 pm

Parents' Night Out is back and while the grownups are away, First Kids are having a Tie-Dye Party! Caregivers are invited to step away for a few hours, while First Kids (4+) have a blast and make some crafts. Pizza will be provided as well as a T-shirt to tie-dye. Nursery care will also be available for those under 4. **RSVP is required by today** in order to ensure that we have enough adult supervision and shirts. If there are any dietary restrictions, please let Brittany know upon registration.

New Sermon Series - September 12

The Psalms: Pursuing God in Mountains and Valleys

This fall, we will get the chance to explore the Psalms together. Beginning September 12, Pastor Carol will preach on the Psalms, and we will engage with them in worship through prayer experiences and music. In addition, we are excited that Dr. Nancy deClaissé-Walford will be our Sheppard Lecture speaker and will lead us in a Bible study on the Psalms during the adult small group hour at 10:15 am on Sundays. Dr. deClaissé-Walford is an author and professor of Old Testament at the McAfee School of Theology at Mercer University in Atlanta, GA, where she has taught for 22 years.

Titles of Psalms Bible Studies with Dr. deClaissé-Walford

9/12 - Hearing the Voices of Humanity in the Psalter—exploring the various kinds of psalms

9/19 - It's Not a Miscellaneous Collection—the “story” of the hymnbook of ancient Israel

9/26 - Bringing Our Hurting Selves to God—lamenting with the Psalter: It's okay to not be okay.

10/3 - The Wonder of Joy and Celebration—singing praises with the Psalter

10/10 - Reading the Psalter Again for the First Time—new understandings of the psalms

Titles of the Psalms Series Sermons by Pastor Carol McEntyre

9/12 - Psalm 30 Thanksgiving!

9/19 - Psalm 55 A Container for Anger

9/26 - Psalm 84 Sacred Space

10/3 - Psalm 121 Never Alone

10/10 - Psalm 150 Praise, *Praise*, **Praise!**

Racial Justice Team Monthly Discussions

The First Baptist Racial Justice Team extends an invitation to anyone (High school age youth and older) who wishes to participate in our monthly discussions as we actively pursue what it means to be an anti-racist. Our next monthly gathering will take place Sunday September 12, from 1:00-2:30 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Conference Room. If you would like to receive a discussion outline prior to the meeting, remote Zoom access, or if you have any questions, please email team member, Julie Walker at jbethwalker58@gmail.com

Combined On-Lawn Worship - September 19, 11:15 am

At First Baptist, one of the gifts of the pandemic was On-Lawn Worship! We enjoyed worshipping outdoors on our beautiful front lawn and want to continue that practice from time to time. As such, we invite you to join us for Combined Outdoor Worship on the front lawn of the church on Sunday, September 19 at 11:15 am. This will be our only worship service for the day. As a reminder, bring your lawn chair.

College and Young Adult Fellowship Begins September 12

We are excited to welcome back our college students! On the second Sunday of every month, First Baptist will be hosting Second Sunday Fellowship, an evening of fun and fellowship just for our college and young adults. On Sunday September 12, young adults are invited to the student ministry suite (on the 3rd floor of the church). We will have a host of games to choose from and brainstorm other fellowship activities we want to do this semester. Contact Pastor Brittany for any questions.

First Baptist Women's Zoom

A year ago a group of First Baptist Women began meeting over Zoom each week to share time, devotions and prayers. This is an open invitation to all First Baptist women and friends to consider joining us for year two! The Zoom time is changing to Thursdays from 10:30 am - 11:30 am. The following three books have been selected for upcoming conversation: *Soul Feast* by Marjorie Thompson, *After Amen* by Max Lucado and *Love is the Way* by Bishop Michael Curry.

We will begin on September 9 with *Soul Feast* by Marjorie Thompson. It is a beautifully written work which examines Christian spiritual disciplines. The author invites us to sample, examine and immerse in practices that nurture our Christian experience and our individual spiritual journeys with God. We will work through this book together for a while, not rushing the process. More information about the other two books, *After Amen* by Max Lucado and *Love is the Way* by Bishop Michael Curry, will follow as we near their start dates.

First Baptist has partnered with our local bookstore, Skylark Bookshop, to purchase *Soul Feast* and copies will be available for purchase in the church office in September. Books are \$14.00. To reserve your copy or to join the small group's email list, email Pastor Brittany at bnull@fbc-columbia.org Feel free to Zoom in any or all Thursdays.



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