

The background features a stylized landscape with rolling hills and mountains in various shades of orange and brown. A winding path is visible in the lower right. The text is centered on a light orange rectangular background.

THE PSALMS

*Pursuing God
in Mountains
and Valleys*

Our Worship of God

September 12, 2021

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Welcome

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Prelude

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Chancel Bells

arr. Cynthis Dobrinski

†Call to Worship (responsive)

Let us lift up the name of the Lord;

And rejoice for God hears our prayers!

Praise the One who brings healing to our pain;

And causes joy to follow the long night of sorrow!

We will not be silent. We will not still our tongues!

O Lord, our God, we will give thanks to You forever!

†Opening Hymn 130

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Introduction to the Series

Carol McEntyre

*I worship you, O Lord, for you have raised me up;
I cried to you for help, and you restored my life.
You brought me back from death and saved me from the grave.*

*Sing praises to the Lord, all those who know his name;
For while his wrath is brief, his favor knows no end.
Though tears flow for a night, the morning brings new joy.*

*I said, “I am so strong, I never shall be moved;”
But you, Lord, shook my life—my heart was in distress.
I cried out for your help and pleaded for your grace.*

*“What good am I when dead, while lying in the grave?
Can dust recount your love, the grave proclaim your praise?
O hear me, gracious Lord, in mercy be my aid!”*

*My mourning you have turned to dancing and to joy;
My sadness you dispelled as gladness filled my soul.
And so I’ll sing your praise, my God, through all my days.*

Psalm 30 (responsive)

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up,*
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

**O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,*
and you have healed me.**

**O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol,*
restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.**

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones,*
and give thanks to his holy name.

For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime.*

Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

**As for me, I said in my prosperity,*
“I shall never be moved.”**

**By your favor, O Lord,
you had established me as a strong mountain;*
you hid your face; I was dismayed.**

To you, O Lord, I cried,*

and to the Lord I made supplication:

“What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit?*

Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?

Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me!*

O Lord, be my helper!”

**You have turned my mourning into dancing;*
you have taken off my sackcloth, and clothed me with joy,
so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.***

O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Response

O God, our healer and our help, your love sustains us when we face challenges and needs. Fill our hearts with thankful praise, turn our mourning into dancing and work with us to draw others close to you, so that after the night of sorrow they too may rejoice in the Dayspring from on high. **Amen.**

Sharing of Our Gifts

Anthem

Give Thanks to the Lord

by Mark Patterson

Chancel Choir

Colleen Ostercamp, *piano*

Give thanks to the Lord with a joyful voice.

Give thanks to the Lord all people rejoice.

Great are God's blessings, rich blessings of joy.

Give thanks for God's goodness; give thanks to the Lord.

Give thanks to the Lord with a joyful voice.

Give thanks to the Lord all people rejoice.

Great are God's blessings, rich blessings of joy.

Give thanks for God's goodness; give thanks to the Lord.

Great are the gifts of creation: the beauty of earth and sky and sea.

Great is God's splendor before us, yet greater still, God's blessings unseen.

Strength from the Spirit, peace from above,

grace and forgiveness, these are the blessings of God's redeeming love.

Give thanks to the Lord with a joyful voice.

Give thanks to the Lord all people rejoice.

Great are God's blessings, rich blessings of joy.

Give thanks for God's goodness; give thanks to the Lord.

Lift up your voice with thanksgiving, sing praises,

give thanks to the Lord, thanks to the Lord,

Lift up your voice and give thanks to the Lord!

Message

Thanksgiving!

Carol McEntyre

†Hymn of Commitment 531

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Life of the Church

†Benediction

†Postlude

Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

arr. W. L. Wold

Worship Notes

Call to Worship — posted on the Archives section of the Lectionary Sermons website.

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Week at a Glance

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

Tuesday, September 14

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

Wednesday, September 15

6:00 pm The Calling in the Student Ministry Suite

6:30 pm Chancel Bells

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 16

10:30 am First Baptist Women's Zoom

Sunday, September 19- Combined Worship on the lawn

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

11:15 am Combined Worship on the front lawn

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.



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 this afternoon, 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.

New Sermon Series - Today

The Psalms: Pursuing God in Mountains and Valleys

This fall, we will get the chance to explore the Psalms together. Beginning today, 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

College and Young Adult Fellowship Begins This Evening

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. This evening, 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 a 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 began 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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