

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 over a light orange rectangular area.

THE PSALMS

*Pursuing God
in Mountains
and Valleys*

Our Worship of God

September 26, 2021

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Welcome

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Prelude

Praise to the Lord
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

by Walther

†Call to Worship (responsive)

based on Psalm 55

Family of faith, come rejoicing in the love of God.

Happy are those who put their strength in God.

How lovely is it to be in God's dwelling place!

Better is one day in God's courts than a thousand elsewhere.

People of God, rejoice! The whole world is God's temple.

Divine Love cannot be contained in one place.

Heaven and earth are overflowing with God's glory.

Our hearts sing for joy to the living God.

†Opening Hymn 701

God is Here

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Prayer of Approach

Scripture Reading (responsive)

Psalm 84

How lovely is your dwelling place,*

O Lord of hosts!

**My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord;*
my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,*
where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.

**Happy are those who live in your house,*
ever singing your praise. *Selah.***

**Happy are those whose strength is in you,*
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs;*
the early rain also covers it with pools.

They go from strength to strength;*
the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

**O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;*
give ear, O God of Jacob! *Selah.***

Behold our shield, O God;*

look on the face of your anointed.

**For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.*
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than live in the tents of wickedness.**

For the Lord God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor.*

No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly.

**O Lord of hosts,*
happy is everyone who trusts in you.**

Litany for Presence (responsive)

Oh, the majesty and magnificence of Your presence!

Oh, the beauty of Your sanctuary!

Give to the Lord honor and offerings

For great are You, Lord, and greatly to be praised.

Give to the Lord glory and honor -

The glory and honor due to Your name!

We enter Your gates with thanksgiving, and Your courts with praise.

To be in your presence, Lord, is joy.

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

To be in your presence, Lord, is to be free.

You bless Your people with peace.

In Your presence is peace that surpasses our understanding.

We earnestly seek the presence of the Lord all day long.

Joy, freedom, and peace are the hallmarks of our lives.

Daily we carry the presence of the Lord with us,

And this mystery is Christ in us, the hope of glory.

Daily we acknowledge Christ, in all things;

For in Him all things hold together.

Daily we reach out for You, Lord, and find You, for You are not far from us.

In You we live and move and have our being.

We are Your children. Amen.

Sharing of Our Gifts

Anthem

How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings

arr. Fagge

Chancel Choir

Mariah Dale, *soprano soloist*

*How lovely are the dwellings, O Lord of Hosts!
My soul longeth, yea fainteth for the courts of the Lord:
My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.
Yea the sparrow hath found her an house
and the swallow a nest, where she may lay her young,
Even thine altars, O Lord of Hosts, my King and my God.*

*O Lord God of Hosts, hear my prayer,
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God,
than to dwell in the tents of wickedness
For a day in Thy courts is better than a thousand.*

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Message

Carol McEntyre

†Hymn of Commitment 538

I Need Thee Every Hour

Life of the Church

†Benediction

†Postlude

Glorious Things
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

arr. Wold

Worship Notes

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, September 26

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

Tuesday, September 28

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

Wednesday, September 29

6:00 pm The Calling in the Student Ministry Suite

6:30 pm Chancel Bells

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 30

10:30 am First Baptist Women's Zoom

Saturday, October 2

2 hours before kickoff - Tailgate Party – MU vs. TN Game

Sunday, October 3

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

1:30 pm Fall Church Business Meeting via Zoom

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.



Tailgate Party- MU vs TN Game- October 2

Join us for a pregame party, on Saturday October 2, two hours before kickoff in Grasslands (about two blocks from the stadium) at the home of Lili Vianello and John Shrum, 1005 Wayne Rd. Tailgaters are encouraged to bring an appetizer or dessert or favorite beverage to share. If you are planning to go to the game, be sure to stop by before. If you aren't going to the game but want to join the festivities, come on by! As you can imagine, parking is very limited on game day, so if you are planning to drive, we highly recommend carpooling. This will be a fun time of fellowship and friendly rivalry for fans and non-fans alike!

Fall Church Business Meeting- Sunday, October 3 at 1:30 pm

On Sunday, October 3 at 1:30 pm, First Baptist will gather for our Fall Business Meeting via Zoom. We will hear a financial update and the Church Council will bring forward the approved recommendations from our Stepping Toward 200 team. The Zoom link for the meeting will be sent out by email when get closer to the date.

Book Discussion – October 11

Native: Identity, Belonging, and Rediscovering God

One of the First Baptist Summer One Reads was *Native: Identity, Belonging, and Rediscovering God*, by Kaitlin B. Curtice. If you haven't read the book yet, there's still a few weeks left before we meet to discuss it. It's a fast read with plenty to think about. We'll discuss the book on October 11, which is Indigenous People's Day. Julie Walker and Lynne Lampe will lead the conversation. Because it's hard to find a time that works for everyone, they'll hold two sessions: a brown-bag lunch at noon on the front lawn of the church or 6:30 pm via Zoom. Please choose one time and let Lynne know your choice (llampe.editor@gmail.com) so she can send the Zoom link to those who need it. If the weather is bad, the noon group will meet inside the church. Hope to see you there!

Racial Justice Team Monthly Discussions

Our next monthly gathering will take place Sunday, October 17, from 1:00-2:30 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Conference Room. The First Baptist Racial Justice Team extends an invitation to anyone (High school age youth and adult) who wishes to participate in our monthly discussions, as we actively pursue what it means to be an anti-racist. 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.

Guest Preacher –Rev. Dr. Wallace S. Hartsfield, II - October 10

Rev. Dr. Wallace S. Hartsfield, II will be our guest preacher in both worship services on Sunday, October 10. Rev. Dr. Hartsfield, II is the Associate Professor of Hebrew Bible at Central Baptist Theological Seminary, Senior Pastor at Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church (MMBC) of Kansas City, MO, and acts as the CEO of Field of Hearts Productions, a musical production company began as a joint venture between him and his wife. Rev. Dr. Hartsfield earned a PhD in Hebrew Bible at Emory University in 2005 after having earned his MDiv at the Interdenominational Theological Center of Atlanta, GA, in 1990. Rev. Dr. Hartsfield is musically gifted as well, with a BA in Music from the University of Missouri-Kansas City Conservatory of Music.

Red Cross Adult and Pediatric CPR/AED Training - November 21

On November 21, First Baptist is hosting an Adult and Pediatric CPR/AED training by the Red Cross. The training costs \$100.00 and completion of the course provides a 2 year certification. The CPR/AED training is from 12:30-4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be provided. Currently, we have 14 spots available for those who would like to take part in the wonderful opportunity. To sign up, contact the church office by November 14. Spots are limited.

Young Adult Second Sunday Fellowship on October 10

Our next Second Sunday Fellowship is happening on Sunday, October 10 at Shryocks Callaway Farms. College students and young adults are invited to meet at the farms at 3pm to explore the corn maze and roast some marshmallows. If you need a ride, let Brittany know. We look forward to having an afternoon of fun and fellowship.



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