

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

October 17, 2021

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Welcome

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Prelude

Let All Things Now Living

Welsh hymn tune
arr. Colleen Ostercamp

Olivia Chang, *organ* Colleen Ostercamp, *piano*

†Call to Worship (responsive)

Inspired by Psalm 1

Happy are those who walk in the ways of our Creator.

God's ways are just and merciful.

Those who follow God's instructions are continually nourished in faith.

Day and night, we delight in our God.

Come, family of God, let us open our hearts to God's compassionate love.

Faithfully, we come to celebrate God's mercy and justice. Amen.

†Opening Hymn 62

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Silence for Reflection

The most interesting question about the psalms might be how to move from Psalm 1, which is about duty and faithfulness, to Psalm 150, which is utter delight and praise. Walter Bruggemann suggests that move happens through the rest of the Psalter. His thesis is that "the way from {obedience} to self-abandoning doxology is by way of candor about suffering and gratitude about hope."

Prayer of Lament

Oh God, our hearts are overwhelmed with sorrow for the endless trauma that continues to afflict the people of the earth.

Our hearts cry out.

We lift up our eyes to the hills;

Where will our help come from?

Our help comes from the Lord

Who made heaven and earth.

Fires, floods, sickness, and death - they seem to be unending and gaining momentum.

How long must we wait, Oh Lord?

Our bodies are tired and our souls are downcast.

How long, Oh Lord?

How Long, O Lord, will you quite forget me?

How long, O Lord, will you turn your face from me?

How long, O Lord, must I suffer in my soul?

How long, how long, O Lord.

How long, O Lord, must this grief possess my heart?

How long, O Lord, must I languish night and day?

How long, O Lord, shall my enemy oppress?

How long, how long, O Lord.

We have nothing left but to hope in You, God

Our hope is in You.

Our grieved hearts have nowhere else to turn.

Come quickly to rescue us.

We pray for peace.

Yes.

We pray for violence to end.

Yes.

We pray for your merciful heart to beat inside us.

Yes.

We pray for you to show us how to help.

Yes.

We are pressed on every side,

but not crushed;

We are perplexed,

but not in despair;

We are persecuted,

but not abandoned;

We are struck down,

but not destroyed.

Death is at work in the world,

but life is at work in You.

Come now and bring life.

Our hope is in You.

†Hymn 520

‘Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Prayer of Gratitude (responsive)

Inspired by Psalm 121

For those who have watched over me,
for those that have protected me,
for those that have shielded me,
**thanks be to God,
maker of heaven and earth.**

In silence, pause to name those who have been important in your life

For the roof that shades me from the sun,
for the walls that shield me from the storm,
for the bed that warms me in the night,
**thanks be to God,
maker of heaven and earth.**

Pause to name where you find joy in creation

To the one who keeps me from evil,
to the one who preserves my life,
to the one who watches over my coming and going,
**thanks be to God,
maker of heaven and earth.**

Pause to name how God has been faithful in your life

Holy one, our keeper and sustainer
It is right and good to raise our voices in gratitude for your faithfulness.
**thanks be to God,
maker of heaven and earth.**

Sharing of Our Gifts

*Praise ye the Lord in His sanctuary,
praise ye the Lord in the firmament.
Praise Him for His mighty acts,
and praise Him for His excellent greatness.*

*Praise ye the Lord in His sanctuary,
praise ye the Lord in the firmament.
Praise Him for His mighty acts,
and praise Him for His excellent greatness.*

*Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet:
praise Him with the psaltery and harp.
Praise Him with timbrel and dance:
praise Him with stringed instruments.*

*Praise Him with organs.
Praise Him with cymbals.
Praise Him with high sounding cymbals.
Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord!*

*Praise ye the Lord in His sanctuary,
praise ye the Lord in the firmament.
Praise Him for His mighty acts,
and praise Him for His excellent greatness.*

*Praise ye the Lord, praise ye, praise ye,
Praise the Lord!*

Spiritual Practice of Chanting

Psalm 150

Praise our God!
Praise God in the sanctuary;*
 praise God in the mighty firmament!
Praise God for all mighty deeds;*
 praise God according to God's surpassing greatness!
Praise God with trumpet sound;*
 praise God with lute and harp!
Praise God with tambourine and dance;*
 praise God with strings and pipe!
Praise God with clanging cymbals;*
 praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!*

Praise our God!

Message

Praise, Praise, PRAISE!

Pastor Carol McEntyre

†Hymn of Commitment 347

Tell His Praise in Song and Story

Life of the Church

†Benediction (responsive)

Based on Psalm 150

As we have worshiped God together, so may you worship God
where you are every day.

Let everything that draws breath praise God!

As you go from this hour, go with shouts of praise!

**We will go, worshiping our loving God
who creates, redeems, and sustains.**

May the love of God go with you and be shared through you. Amen.

†Postlude

Psalm 19
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

by Marcello

Worship Notes

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise, Words: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867. Music: Traditional Welsh melody; harm. John Roberts, 1839.

Prayer of Confession and Lament by Fran Pratt

Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus, Words: Louisa M. R. Stead, 1882. Music: William J. Kirkpatrick, 1882.

Prayer of Gratitude, ~ posted on the Monthly Prayers page of the Christian Aid website. <http://www.christianaid.org.uk/resources/churches/prayer/church-seasons.aspx>

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, October 17

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

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

Tuesday, October 19

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

Wednesday, October 20

6:00 pm The Calling in the Student Ministry Suite

6:30 pm Chancel Bells

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, October 21

10:30 am First Baptist Women's Zoom

Saturday, October 23

1:30 pm First Baptist Hiking Club at Bonnie View Nature Area

Sunday, October 24

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

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

4:00 pm First Kids Pumpkin Party

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

Our next monthly gathering will take place today, October 17, from 1:00-2:30 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Conference Room.

First Baptist Hiking Club - October 23

Meet at 1 pm for this beautiful nature area hike at Bonnie View Nature Area - easy option with an additional wooded option to add on for longer hike - additional details provided soon. For more info contact Kimberly Moeller at knmoelle@gmail.com or Misty Phillips at mistya2014@gmail.com.

First Families Pumpkin Party - October 24 at 4pm

Families are invited to the front lawn for some pumpkin-themed games, pumpkin painting contest, treats, and more.

All Music Sunday - October 24

Join us on Sunday, October 24 for a morning of music and worship. Join the praise band during the 9:15 am service as we sing some of our favorite contemporary songs and hear some beautiful new ones. Or sing your favorite hymns in the 11:15 am traditional service and hear musical offerings by the choir, organ, and handbells.

First Baptist Ski Trip Interest Meeting- Sunday, October 31

Sunday, October 31, following both services, we will have a brief (5-10 minute) meeting at the back of the worship areas to discuss plans for a church-wide ski trip to Winter Park, Colorado over Spring Break (March 27- Apr 1). If you or your family are interested, please make plans to attend. If you cannot be there but are interested, please email Michael McEntyre (mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org).

Fall Fun Fest & Trunk-or-Treat

Sunday, November 7, 2:00-6:00 pm

We are excited to gather at Midway Golf and Games for our annual Fall Fun Fest. This year, in addition to our traditional activities like food and trunk-or-treat, we will also have fun activities for our community. First Baptist will be hosting an hour of Laser Tag and Archery Tag and First Kids is sponsoring putt-putt for any family who wishes to play. Dinner includes a burger, chips, and a frozen treat. There is a suggested donation of \$5.00. Whether you plan to play games or simply hang out in the picnic area and chat, we hope you will join us for fellowship and fun!

Combined Worship - Sunday, November 14 at 11:15 am

Join us for Combined Worship followed by a church business meeting. The church family gets to come together to praise God and enjoy the musical gifts of both our Awakening and Traditional worship teams. Our next Combined Worship Service will take place on Sunday, November 14 at 11:15 am in the Sanctuary. Pastor Carol will be preaching, but we have a number of special guests. We are honored to have Paul Baxley, the Executive Coordinator of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, with us in Combined Worship. In addition, we will be celebrating the 25th Anniversary of CBF Field Personnel Keith Holmes and Mary Van Rheenen. Small Groups will take place as usual at 10:15. There will be no 9:15 worship.

THRIVE for Racial Justice Survey

Everyone in the First Baptist Family is encouraged to take part in the THRIVE for racial justice online survey. You can find the link on our webpage by clicking the survey rotator on the home page. Through a grant sponsored by the Alliance of Baptists, First Baptist has made a 5-year commitment to participate in a cohort of 27 churches dedicated to the work of racial justice and equity. As part of this process, the Alliance is conducting this survey to assist in understanding racial realities and dynamics within the Alliance, as well as in our congregation. We are seeking to create a beloved, diverse, and equitable community here on earth, as it is in heaven. This understanding will equip us to affirm our strengths, address our weaknesses, and inform the action steps necessary for progress in overcoming barriers to racial justice and unity.

First Baptist Book Club - November 9 at 6:00 pm

First Baptist Book Club is excited to announce its next read, *A Rhythm of Prayer: A Collection of Meditations for Renewal* edited by Sarah Bessey. You can buy your own copy from most major retailers and then join the conversation on November 9 at 6 pm. Book Club will meet in the conference room and also via zoom. Email Pastor Brittany McDonald Null to join.



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