



I've been  
meaning  
to ask...

a series for curiosity,  
courage, & connection

# *Our Worship of God*

*January 9, 2022*

*11:15 am*

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

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**Welcome**

Pastor Carol McEntyre

**Prelude**

O God, Beyond All Praise  
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

arr. Blackwell

**† Call to Worship (responsive)**

We are from north and south.

**We are from tiny apartments and expansive homes.**

We are from this city and from others far away.

**We are from big families and dinners made for one.**

We are from stages of grief and stages of love.

**We are from hot summers and cold winters.**

We are from kitchens with passed down recipes,  
and front porches with old, familiar swings.

**We are from the dust of the earth and the stars of the sky.**

We are from a lot of places, but today we are here.

**Today we are together.**

Holy God, gather us in.

*Here in this place, the new light is streaming,  
Shadows of doubt are vanished away.  
See in this space our fears and our dreamings,  
Brought here to you in the light of this day.*

*Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;  
Gather us in; our sprits inflame.  
Call to us now, and we shall awaken;  
We shall arise at the sound of our name.*

*We are the young—our lives are a mystery;  
We are the old, who yearn for your face.  
We have been sung throughout all of history,  
Called to be light to the whole human race.*

*Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;  
Gather us in—the proud and the strong;  
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly;  
Give us the courage to enter the song.*

*Not just in buildings, small and confining,  
Not in some heaven, light years away,  
Here in this place the new light is shining;  
Now is God present, and now is the day.*

*Gather us in and hold us forever;  
Gather us in and make us your own;  
Gather us in, all peoples together,  
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.*

**Theme Introduction**

Carol McEntyre

**Question for Conversation:**

*What place feels most like home? What do you love about it?*

**John 1:35-46**

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.”

The Gospel of our Lord.  
**Praise be to Christ.**

**†Hymn 57**

All Things Bright and Beautiful

**Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer**

God of North, South, East, and West,  
I have been meaning to say... thank you.  
Thank you for scooping up the dirt and breathing life into it.  
Thank you for forming this body, this life, this world, these people.  
Thank you for drawing us in, for holding us up, and for weaving us together—  
even when it’s hard, *especially* when it’s hard.

If people ask, “Where are you from?” my mouth speaks of geography,  
but my soul always sings your name.  
So today we come to you in prayer with gratitude overflowing—  
gratitude for the places we’ve been,  
for the people who’ve shaped us,  
and for the spaces we call home.  
But we also come to you with prayers on our hearts.

*Pause for silent reflection*

And so we ask you to scoop us up like you scooped up  
the dirt on that first day.  
Hold our hearts alongside our worries.  
Relieve us of this burden.  
Protect us in the palm of your hand,  
and draw us closer to one another as you do.  
God of creation, you have always been our first home,  
So hear our prayers for the spaces we call home today.

We are inviting you in.  
Now, with the confidence of children who believe without hesitation,  
we pray to you the prayer you taught us, saying...

**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 Our Gifts

Hymn 813

For the Life That You Have Given

Message

Pastor Carol McEntyre

*I've Been Meaning to Ask, Where Are You From?*

## **Affirmation of Faith (unison)**

**We believe that goodness can come from the dirt,  
that faith can come from doubt,  
that minds can be changed,  
that justice can begin with us,  
and that something good can come from Nazareth.  
We believe all these things, because we believe that God  
is more expansive than we have words for—  
showing up in the corners of our world so often  
ignored and denied.  
We believe that from this place of holy surprise,  
God invites us forward—  
beckoning hope, bravery, and curiosity from each of us.  
“Come and see,” God says.  
We believe.  
Help our unbelief. Amen.**

## **†Hymn of Commitment 708**

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

## **Life of the Church**

### **†Benediction**

Family of faith,  
as you leave this place, may God grant you  
the curiosity to counter assumptions,  
the vulnerability to befriend,  
the bravery to speak your truth,  
the wisdom to listen,  
the strength to ask for help,  
the resiliency to chose love, even when it’s hard,  
and the awareness of the Holy Spirit always beside you.  
In the name of the Great Connector—Love itself,  
go in peace.

### **†Postlude**

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# Worship Notes

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*For the Life That You Have Given*, ©1990 Hope Publishing Company. Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1987. Music: Leavitt's *The Christian Lyre*, 1830.

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# Week at a Glance

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## Sunday, January 9

9:15 am Awakening Worship

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, January 10

1:00 pm Staff Meeting

5:30 pm Serving Team Meeting in-person and via Zoom

## Tuesday, January 11

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

## Wednesday, January 12

10:00 am Yoga Class

6:00 pm The Calling in the Student Ministry Suite

6:30 pm Chancel Bells

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

## Thursday, January 13

10:30 am First Baptist Women's Zoom-*Before Amen* Book Study Begins

## Sunday, January 16

9:15 am Awakening Worship

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



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# Announcements

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## Visitors

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) or use this QR code.



## Women's Bible Study Begins January 13

Our Women's Bible Study group will begin a new study of the book *Before Amen* by Max Lucado on January 13 at 10:30 am on Zoom. We would love to have you join us. If you have questions, please contact Betty Felts or Marilyn Zumwalt. Betty will send you the Zoom link and the books are available at the church.

## Yoga Returns to First Baptist

Wednesdays at 10:00 am

Sarah Judd is offering Gentle Yoga on Wednesdays at 10:00 am in the Youth Room. Gentle Yoga focuses on mindfulness of breath and body, and works on flexibility, strength, and balance, and can be done from either a mat or a chair. No previous yoga experience is required to participate. The sessions will be about 50 minutes and cost \$10 per person. For more information contact [sarahxjudd@gmail.com](mailto:sarahxjudd@gmail.com)

## Annual Business Meeting - Sunday, January 23 at 10:15 am

Join us Sunday, January 23 at 10:15 am in the Fellowship Hall for our Annual Business Meeting. We will vote on the Nominating Committee report and elect our leadership for 2022. Then, we will hear a report from the finance committee and vote on the 2022 budget.

## Announcing Brunch Worship – Begins February 6

We are excited to announce Brunch Worship, a holy experiment with healing and connection at its center. On the first Sunday of every month, beginning February 6 and continuing through May 1, First Baptist will gather for worship around a meal and communion at 10:15 am in the Fellowship Hall. This worship service will take the place of our small groups and other worship services for that day. You are invited to contribute to worship by bringing whatever entrée, dessert, fruit, salad, muffin, or store-bought contribution you want to make! Children and youth are invited to be full participants in Brunch Worship. Childcare will continue to be available for children from birth through kindergarten. A Virtual Brunch Worship option will be available via Zoom for our church family who cannot join us in person.

We look forward to the ways that we will grow as a community of faith as we worship God through a shared meal, song, conversation, and communion. While this may look and feel different, from other worship services and fellowship opportunities, we hope it will foster a meaningful connection with God and with one another.





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