Orship is bringing our whole lives to the altar, where we offer our praise and thanksgiving to God, opening ourselves to transformation through regular communion with God and God's people. From this foundation of worship, we are sent into the world to bring about the Kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven. ~ Carol McEntyre





Our Worship of God

January 29, 2017

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

~ We Gather Together~

Meditation for Preparation

True worship is that exercise of the human spirit that confronts us with the mystery and marvel of God in whose presence the most appropriate and salutary response is adoring love. (Anon.)

Greeting Carol McEntyre

Invitation to Worship

"What did you do to get ready to come to church?"

Prelude The Rejoicing Callahan

Gather Us In

Children and Vocalists

"Come and Gather"

"Praise the Lord"

Call to Worship (responsive)

I lift my eyes up to the mountains,

From where does my help come?

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

We look not to the mountains or valleys,

Even heaven or earth,

For God is found among us.

Wherever two or three are gathered

Wherever two or three are gathered in Christ's name,

God is here among us.

Come, let us worship the God of all Creation,

The God of all people, the God of community.

Let us follow Jesus, for Jesus is the Way. In faith, we gather together to worship.

†Processional Hymn

Gather Us In

(printed after benediction)

Prayer of Thanksgiving (responsive)

Lexie Stone

As we gather, let us give thanks for all of God's blessings. Today, our children share some of the things that they are thankful for:

I am thankful for all my friends.

Thanks be to God.

I am thankful for my games.

Thanks be to God.

I am thankful for Jesus and family.

Thanks be to God.

I am thankful for Shakespeare's pizza.

Thanks be to God.

I am thankful for my mom and dad, for dancing, and for chocolate chip cookies.

Thanks be to God.

I am thankful for the Capital in Jeff City.

Thanks be to God.

I am thankful for food and water.

Thanks be to God.

I am thankful for happy little faces on Sunday morning.

Thanks be to God.

I am thankful for our whole community.

Thanks be to God.

With thanks we gather to praise God and to share our gifts. Amen.

Offertory

Let All Things Now Living

arr. Frendenburg

Scripture Reading

Sheila Brookes

Deuteronomy 4:9-13 (The Message)

Just make sure you stay alert. Keep close watch over yourselves. Don't forget anything of what you've seen. Don't let your heart wander off. Stay vigilant as long as you live. Teach what you've seen and heard to your children and grandchildren.

That day when you stood before God, your God, at Horeb, God said to me, "Assemble the people in my presence to listen to my words so that they will learn to fear me in holy fear for as long as they live on the land, and then they will teach these same words to their children." You gathered. You stood in the shadow of the mountain. The mountain was ablaze with fire, blazing high into the very heart of Heaven. You stood in deep darkness and thick clouds. God spoke to you out of the fire. You heard the sound of words but you saw nothing—no form, only a voice. He announced his covenant, the Ten Words, by which he commanded you to live. Then he wrote them down on two slabs of stone.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Fairest Lord Jesus Bria Jones, conductor arr. Hayes

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O thou of God and man the Son: Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, Fairer still the woodlands, Robed in the blooming garb of spring: Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, Fairer still the moonlight, And all the twinkling starry host: Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shine purer Than all the angels heav'n can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Sone of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, Praise, adoration, Now and forevermore be thine!

We Gather Together

"What did you do to get ready to worship?"

†Hymn

Come Away from Rush and Hurry Sung to NETTLETON

Come away from rush and hurry to the stillness of God's peace; From our vain ambition's worry, come to Christ to find release. Come away from noise and clamor, life's demands and frenzied pace; Come to join the people gathered here to seek and find God's grace.

In the pastures of God's goodness we lie down to rest our soul. From the waters of God's mercy we drink deeply, are made whole. At the table of God's presence all the saints are richly fed. With the oil of God's anointing into service we are led.

Come, then, children, with your burdens – life's confusions, fears, and pain.

Leave them at the cross of Jesus; take instead His kingdom's reign.

Bring your thirsts, for He will quench them – He alone will satisfy.

All our longings find attainment when to self we gladly die.

Message Carol McEntyre

+Hymn of Commitment 376

We Gather Together

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Benediction

Postlude

Processional Hymn:



Worship Notes

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The Call to Worshp was written by Rev. Mindi, posted on her **Rev-o-lution** blog, http://rev-o-lution.org/

Week at a Glance

Sunday, January 29

12:15-1:30 pm Sermon Discussion Group Conference Room

4-4:50 pm Children's Music Sanctuary
5:30-7 pm College/Young Adult Kick-off Youth Suite

Monday, January 30

9-10:30 am Senior Yoga Parlor

1-3:30 pm Staff Meeting Conference Room

Wednesday, February 1

6:15-7:15 pm The Calling for 6th-12th Grade Youth Suite

5:30 pm Psalm Players Rehearsal

6:30 pm Chancel Bells Rehearsal

7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal All Rehearsals in Sanctuary

Saturday, February 4

5 pm Chili Cook-off, laser tag, and games Fellowship Hall

Sunday, February 5

4-4:50 pm Children's Music Sanctuary
5:30-7 pm College/Young Adult Kick-off Youth Suite

Announcements

We Gather Together Series Begins Today

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Laser Tag! Chili Cook-off! Cook-off for Kids!

On Saturday, Feb. 4 at 5 pm, we will meet in the Fellowship Hall for an evening of fun and games. We'll taste and vote on homemade chili, as well as sandwiches, veggie dishes and desserts made by children. Bring your food to the Fellowship Hall at 5; sign up for laser tag; and let the fun begin!

Sermon Discussion Group

We have resumed our small group discussion of recent sermons. The group meets every other Sunday in the conference room following Traditional Worship. The group meets today and again on February 12th.

College / Young Adult Retreat Feb. 10-12th

Join us for a spiritual retreat at the beautiful Windermere Conference Center. It's a space for college students and young adults to meet new people, renew focus, and draw closer to God. It's a pause from the hustle-and-bustle of life to find meaningful worship, engaging conversation, and new friends. Our theme is "Sharing our Stories: the art of life-giving conversations." Wanda Kidd, Collegiate Ministries Specialist for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, is the featured speaker for the event. William Jewell College Praise Team will provide worship leadership. The cost is \$20 for the weekend. Please contact Michael McEntyre (mmcentyre@fbc-columbia) to register.

The Calling / Studio 1B

The Calling has returned to its regular meeting time and place in the Youth Suite from 6:15-7:15 pm each Wednesday. Youth are always welcome to bring their friends.

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Leadership Night Feb. 13

On Monday, February 13 at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall, everyone who serves on a leadership team (Congregation Care, Teaching Team, Worship Team, Mission Team, Telling Team and Administrative Team) is invited to a Leadership Dinner. We will enjoy Lee's chicken together, orient you to your work, talk about the expectations of our leaders, worship and sing. Please RSVP to our Administrative Assistant, Janet Deneke, at churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org and let her know you plan to attend the leadership dinner.

Room at the Inn

First Baptist is hosting Room at the Inn February 19 through March 1, 7 pm - 7 am. Volunteers are needed – you may sign up by visiting http://www.roomattheinncomo.org/get-involved.html.

Identifying Church Photos

As we continue to dig into our history, we have uncovered a treasure trove of wonderful and historic photographs. Unfortunately, most of them are not labeled. We would like your help in identifying the people pictured, as well as the context of times and events. Beginning the week of March 13 we will have hundreds of pictures displayed in the 2nd floor conference room from 10am-noon and 1:30-3:30 pm. Please stop by – no appointment needed – and enjoy your memories as you help us in this important endeavor.



11:15 am Traditional Worship Service

For those who may prefer a more contemporary worship experience, First Baptist Church offers Awakening Contemporary Worship at 9:15 a.m. each Sunday in the Fellowship Hall.

For Children During Worship:

1st- 5th Graders are encouraged to participate in worship with their family.

Children (Birth-Kindergarten) can be dropped off in the nursery, located next to the sanctuary, prior to worship where they will be cared for by our professional staff.

10:15 Spiritual Formation Hour:

Birth-Age 3 childcare is provided by our professional staff in the nursery, located next to the sanctuary.

First Kids Sunday School (3 year olds through 5th grade) is on the third floor.

Youth Bible Study (grades 6-12) is on the third floor.

Adult Small Groups which dive into various topics (visitors and guests welcomed):

Discussion Class in the Parlor on the second floor.

Faith Forum in the second floor classroom, next to the elevator.

Community Small Group in the conference on the second floor.

Young Adult Small Group in the 2nd floor library.

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