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First Baptist Church

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Our Worship of God

February 19, 2017

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

~ We Gather Together ~

Meditation for Preparation

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Greeting

Carol McEntyre

Invitation to Worship (unison)

God, as we hear your word, may we be transformed into a community of believers, ready to tell the world that Christ is alive and active in our lives today. Amen.

Prelude

Allegro

Boyce

Call to Worship (responsive)

We gather to proclaim the majesty of God over all creation.

To proclaim the love of Christ for all people.

To proclaim the power of the Spirit at work in our presence.

We gather to proclaim God's faithfulness to all generations.

†Processional Hymn

God Beyond Us, God Within Us

Sung to HYMN TO JOY

(Please turn to face the cross as it enters)

*God beyond us, God within us, Holy God whose praise we sing:
When You call to faith and service take our lives as offering.
Time and culture, age and difference, add enrichment to the whole.
Called and challenged, we Your people see a vision of Your goal.
In this time of changing patterns, new relationships, new hope,
Send a rainbow full of promise with its focus, depth, and scope.
In Your Word we find direction from the past, yet pressing on.
Christ, the One led by the Spirit, bids us face a new day's dawn.
Send us out to serve with justice so, forgiven and set free,
We can act with joy and healing with Your Spirit's energy.
Show us how to ease the suffering of our neighbors far and near.
Teach us how to work as partners where the need may next appear.
Called to lively praise and witness where we live and work and play,
May we offer love and learning, hope and nurture day by day.
Help us listen to each other, our communion to increase,
Giving substance, time, and talent to our dreams of faith and peace.*

†Passing the Peace of Christ

We Gather Together Testimony

David Siegenthaler

Prayer of Intercession (responsive)

Written by Discussion Class

Sovereign God, may we who are the Body of Christ, the Church, embrace and welcome the immigrant, the refugee, and all who seek shelter from any danger.

O Lord hear our prayer.

God of protection, hear the cries of all who suffer because of hatred, war, violence, greed, and famine. Help us to peacefully mend our divisions, that all you have created in this world may be whole.

O Lord hear our prayer.

God who makes us one, we pray for our nation and all the nations of the world, that those who govern the people and have authority over them may consider each life to be of value and may serve the people of their nation with equity and fairness, dedicating themselves to peaceful resolution of conflict.

O Lord hear our prayer.

Gracious God, we pray for our newest neighbors, that those families who have sought refuge from the ravages of war and violence may find not only shelter and sustenance, but also a loving and supportive community in which to create a new beginning with dignity.

O Lord hear our prayer.

Loving God, there is no one that goes unnoticed in your eyes. Take into yourself all who suffer. May Christ the Wounded Healer relieve the pain of hunger of the refugee, heal the afflicted body, soothe the fears of the mind, bring peace to the soul, and be tender with the broken hearted, that those who have endured unspeakable trials may find themselves restored in Christ.

O Lord hear our prayer.

Eternal God, comfort those who mourn the loss of their friends and loved ones and give them relief from the painful memories they bear.

O Lord hear our prayer.

Almighty and Loving God, you who have crossed the boundaries of Heaven and Earth to be with your people, visit those who must flee their homes because of violence and oppression and lead them to a land of safety.

O Lord hear our prayer.

We give thanks to you, Source of All Being, that you hear our intercessions on behalf of our refugee brothers and sisters. We thank you that love swallows fear, that in your compassion we learn to walk with those who suffer, that when we give of ourselves we receive far more, and that when we receive those who stand knocking at our doors, we receive Christ the Beloved One.

May all praise, glory and honor be to our God, the Most High.

Amen

Anthem

Praise the Lord

Handel/Hopson

Praise the Lord. Let songs of joy break forth, let songs of joy break forth.

*Sing alleluia. Praise His name forever more. Praise the Lord.
Let songs of joy break forth, let songs of joy break forth.
Sing alleluia. Praise his name forever more.
Shout, sing and dance; come dance and celebrate.
Rejoice; let all within us praise His name.
Shout, sing and dance; come sing and celebrate.
Sing alleluia. Praise His name forevermore.
Shout, sing, let songs of joy break forth, let songs of joy break forth.
Sing alleluia. Praise His name forevermore.
Shout, sing, let songs of joy break forth.
Sing alleluia. Sing for joy. Rejoice.
O praise His holy name forever more.*

New Testament Reading

Leah McKinney

1 John 1:1-4

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Dramatic Reading

Nehemiah 8:1-10

†Hymn 505

Redeemed

Message

Carol McEntyre

†Hymn of Commitment 498

I Love to Tell the Story

Offertory Sentence

Offertory

Adagio

Galuppi

†Commissioning of Michael McEntyre and Benediction (responsive)

As people of faith we have gathered for worship.

As people of faith we now return to the world.

Go out to share the story of faith,
the story of life, with the world around you.

**We share the faith in word and in deed,
in speech and in action.**

As you go out to give a living witness,
as you go out to testify to God's love active in the world,
go knowing that God goes with you,
sharing the laughter and the hope, the fears and the tears.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

†Postlude

Week at a Glance

Sunday, February 19

12:15-1:30 pm Sermon Discussion Group

Conference Room

4:30-5:30 pm Friends & Fellowship

Green Room

Monday, February 20

9-10:30 am Senior Yoga

Parlor

1-3:30 pm Staff Meeting

Conference Room

Wednesday, February 22

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

Stephen & Lilian Hoell's house

5:30 pm Psalm Players Rehearsal

6:30 pm Chancel Bells Rehearsal

7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

All Rehearsals in Sanctuary

Sunday, February 26

4-4:50 pm Children's Music

Sanctuary

5:30-7 pm College/Young Adult Bible Study

Youth Suite

Announcements

Room at the Inn

Room at the Inn at First Baptist is tonight through March 1, 7 pm - 7 am.

Volunteers are always needed – you may sign up by visiting

<http://www.roomattheinncomo.org/get-involved.html>. In addition, your help is

needed on today immediately after Awakening worship to help prepare the

Fellowship Hall for Room at the Inn to move in later that day: and to arrive

early on February 26th to prepare the space for worship after the guests have left at 7 am.

Announcements

Field Trip for the Calling!

Next Wednesday, Feb 22nd, the Calling, our mid-week student Bible study for 6th-12th grade, will meet at the Hoell's house! Michael will be in Bucharest, Romania with CBF Heartland so all the youth are invited to Lillian, Stephen, and Grayson's house for a night of fun. Our meeting time will be the same, 6:15-7:30pm. The Hoell's address is 4001 Newport Court in Columbia.

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Heartland Partnership

Tomorrow through February 27th, Michael (our Associate Pastor of Youth, College and Young Adults, and Missions) will be traveling to Romania to serve as a guest faculty member for the Gypsy Smith School MOBILE to help train leaders among the Roma Christians. The trip is part of the ongoing partnership that CBF Heartland has in Romania. Michael joins with Aaron Hoffman from FBC Lee's Summit and Harold Phillips from CBF Heartland to lead 3 full days of training at various churches.

Ash Wednesday and Lent

Lent begins with our Ash Wednesday worship service at 6 pm on March 1st. The Sundays of Lent will focus on the theme of "Poured Out," examining the elements that show up in the story of the days leading up to Jesus' crucifixion: oil, water, wine, blood, and tears.

History Moment

Next Sunday, February 26th, Ken Hammann will present a history moment during the Traditional Worship service. Two special people will be introduced: Liz Kennedy, great-great-granddaughter of Hiram Phillips, the church's first clerk; and Hank Steere, great-great-great-grandson of Allen McGuire, the church's first called pastor. After the Traditional worship service we will celebrate with a reception in the parlor with light refreshments and a display of historical articles.

Announcements

Calling All Cooks!

If you would be willing to cook a meal for our weekly Sunday night College and Young Adult Bible Study one Sunday, please contact Michael McEntyre (mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org). We usually eat at 5:30pm each week and ask our chefs to stay, eat with us, and share a bit about yourselves. Our students love to meet new people and this is a fun way for them to get to know our congregation.

Two New Sunday Small Group Opportunities

First Baptist will be hosting Financial Peace University, which walks you through the basics of budgeting, dumping debt, and planning for your financial future, in its Flex format starting on Sunday, March 5th. This format is designed to fit into a 55 minute Small Group class that will take place in the 10:15 hour between services. Class participants will watch the video lessons at home, and the Sunday morning session will consist of a brief video recap, discussion, and activities. This is a very convenient way for busy individuals and couples to take a life-changing class! Simply visit <https://fpu.com/1038339> to register for the course. Contact Amanda Jacobs at amanda@jacobsrealty.com or Caryn McClanhan at caryn@jacobsrealty.com for more information.

On Sunday March 5, the Discussion Class, which meets in the Parlor on the second floor of the education building, is beginning a new series on the book *Final Words From the Cross* by Adam Hamilton. Each session will include a 10 minute video of the author discussing the saying from Jesus. Moving through each chapter, you will begin to understand and respond to Jesus' final words at the cross while learning about those who were eye witnesses to the crucifixion. In the final chapter, Hamilton moves beyond the cross to Jesus' words to the disciples on the road to Emmaus and to those who were witnesses to the Resurrection. Bob Russell will be leading the series.

Worship Notes

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The hymn “God Beyond Us, God Within Us” was written by Jane Parker Huber and is found in her book *Singing in Celebration*, Westminster John Knox Press, Louisville, KY.

The Prayer of Intercession is adapted from *Prayers of the People: Praying for Refugees and Displaced People Worldwide* by Alyssa Stebbing. Posted at www.episcopalchurch.org/files/pop_for_refugees.docx.

My Notes:



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.

***The flowers are given by Esther and Larry Rollins in memory of their parents;
and by Cindy Giovanini in memory of Marsha Randell.***

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.

Church Staff

Carol McEntyre, Senior Pastor † Ed Rollins, Associate Pastor

Michael McEntyre, Associate Pastor of Youth, College and young Adults, and Missions

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