



*Roman centurion sheds
Jesus' blood*



First Baptist Church

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Our Worship of God

April 9, 2017

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

~ The Sixth Sunday of the Season of Lent ~ “Poured Out: Blood”

Greeting

Michael McEntyre

Scripture Reading

Gil Ross

John 12:12-15

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord— the King of Israel!” Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: “Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!”

Palm Procession

Sing Hosanna, Sing!

Arr. Raney

Chancel Choir, Chancel Bells, Children's Choir

Bria Jones, conductor

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, lift your voices, let them ring!

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King of kings!

Open wide the gates of Jerusalem, lift his banner high forever more.

Sing as he rides through the streets in majesty.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, lift your voices, let them ring!

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King of kings!

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing to the King of kings!

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

Prelude

Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed

arr. Leavitt

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

† Hymn 89

All Glory, Laud and Honor

† Passing the Peace

Prayer (unison)

Lord Jesus Christ,

we praise you with heart and life and voice,

not only with outward signs such as palm branches

or the occasional "Hosanna," but with lives truly turned toward you.

It seems such a distance from this present day Palm Sunday

to that day when you entered Jerusalem

with the shouts of the crowd ringing in your ears.

Welcomed as a king, yet riding on a lowly donkey.

Greeted with cheers and acclamations

**which were so soon to turn to jeers and condemnation.
From this side of the resurrection,
we confidently believe that we could never have been
part of the jeering crowd – but would we, if we had been there?**

Meditation for Preparation (unison)

Make no mistake, there was blood spilled in that week. Sometimes it is easier to speak of the less violent elements of the story – moving from Palm Sunday to Easter in a leap. But part of understanding the radical nature of the death-defying resurrection is to claim the gut-wrenching pain of the political execution that was Good Friday. Forces of power were at stake, Jesus and his topsy-turvy proclamations of God’s reign, God’s power, God’s love for the least was seen as a threat to the status quo. In a culture of retributive justice, someone has to pay. It is difficult to face the element of blood poured out on the cross just as it is difficult for us to name and claim and lament the injustices – the blood spilled – in violent ways still today.

Gospel Reading

Gil Ross

Matthew 27:27-41, 45-54

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross.

And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.” Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, “You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.”

In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him. From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him."

Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Christ.

Roman Centurion, executioner of Jesus

Steven Hoell

Noah Hartsfield, reader

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Loving God,

**you rode a donkey and came in peace,
humbled yourself and gave yourself for us.**

We confess our lack of humility.

As you entered Jerusalem,

the crowds shouted "Hosanna: 'Save us now!'"

On Good Friday they shouted "Crucify!"

We confess our praise is often empty.

We sing "Hosanna," but cry "Crucify."

**As the crowd laid their palms in front of you,
you took no glory for yourself.**

We confess that we want to be accepted and take the easy way.

We do not stay true to your will.

Forgive us, Lord, and help us

to follow in the way of obedience. Amen.

†Hymn 208

Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed?

Message

Roman Centurion

Carol McEntyre

Prayer: Extravagant Love (responsive)

Extravagant God, who gave all,
even your life, without calculating the cost,

your love is everywhere.

You do not hold your love back
to be admired from a distance

**but pour your precious gift
out for us at great price.**

Like blood dripping from your side,
it spills from your heart into ours.

So may we love –

purely,

dangerously,

wildly,

extravagantly,

creating a scandal of grace.

Let us love for love's sake, seeing each day as the chance
to do a spontaneous, irrational, risky act of love
in Christ's name

whose love so amazing, so divine,

demands our souls, our lives, our all. Amen.

†Hymn of Commitment 484

The Old Rugged Cross

†Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Renan Leme, violin

arr. Fedak

*When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.
Forbid it Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.*

*See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?
Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.*

† Benediction

† Postlude

Week at a Glance

Sunday, April 9

12:15-1:30 pm Sermon Discussion Group	<i>Conference Room</i>
12:30-2:30 pm First Kids Camp Meeting	<i>Parlor</i>
4-4:50 pm Children's Music	<i>Sanctuary</i>
5:30-7 pm College/Young Adult Bible Study	<i>Youth Suite</i>

Monday, April 10

9-10:30 am Senior Yoga	<i>Parlor</i>
1-3:30 pm Staff Meeting	<i>Conference Room</i>
5:30 pm Council Meeting	<i>Conference Room</i>

Wednesday, April 12

6:15-7:15 pm The Calling for 6th-12th Grade	<i>Youth Suite</i>
5:30 pm Psalm Players Rehearsal	<i>Sanctuary</i>
6:30 pm Chancel Bells Rehearsal	<i>Sanctuary</i>
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<i>Sanctuary</i>

Thursday, April 13

5:30 pm Good Friday Rehearsal	<i>Parlor</i>
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Friday, April 14

7 pm Good Friday Worship Service	<i>Fellowship Hall</i>
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Saturday, April 15

10 am-Noon Easter Egg Hunt	<i>Fellowship Hall</i>
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Sunday, April 16

8:15 am Sunrise Worship Service	<i>Front Steps</i>
8:45 am Annual Easter Breakfast	<i>Fellowship Hall</i>
9:15 am Awakening Worship Service	<i>Fellowship Hall</i>
11:15 am Traditional Worship Service	<i>Sanctuary</i>
No College/Young Adult Bible Study	

Announcements

Holy Week Schedule

Friday, April 14, Good Friday: worship service at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall will bring together all the characters and elements from our Lenten series, "Poured Out."

Saturday, April 15: Easter Egg hunt 10 am – noon. Meet in the Fellowship Hall at 10 for games and treats. Bring your own basket!

Sunday, April 16, Easter Sunday: Worship begins with the Sunrise service led by our youth and other First Baptist lay leaders on the front Broadway steps at 8:15 am. After Sunrise, we will share our annual Easter brunch, followed by our worship services at 9:15 am and 11:15 am.

Note: College and Young Adult Bible Study will not meet Easter Sunday.

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Missions Emphasis

CBF celebrates its 25th anniversary this year. As part of this fellowship we join churches around the world in celebration. Worship on Sunday, April 23rd, will feature Michael McEntyre, our Associate Pastor for Youth, College & Young Adults, and Missions, sharing the ways CBF life impacts our congregation, and talking about his recent trip to Romania with CBF Heartland.

This coincides with our annual CBF Global Missions offering. We have invited Ralph and Tammy Stocks, former CBF Field Personnel to Bucharest with Project Ruth, to share about how your missions offering helps make their work possible. Please join us for this worship service as we celebrate the work of Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and what God is doing in our midst.

Easter Lilies and Spring Flowers

For Easter, we will fill our worship spaces with beautiful lilies and spring flowers. If you would like to order one or more plants in memory of or in honor of a loved one, please pick up an order envelope at the worship entrances.

Announcements

First Baptist Adventures

The next outing is a day trip to Pike County, Missouri on Saturday, April 22. Details of the trip are in the April 5 edition of The Spire. Please sign up as early as possible so transportation arrangements can be made. Email paulalou52@gmail.com or churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org or call 442-1149 to register.

New Sunday Morning Small Group

Several First Baptist women are interested in starting a Sunday morning Small Group just for women! We hope that this will be a place for women to develop deep friendship, share joys and concerns, support one another and study scripture together. The inaugural meeting will be convened by Pastor Carol McEntyre on Sunday, April 23 at 10:15, with breakfast, in the hospitality room off the sanctuary.

Honoring Graduates

On Sunday, May 14th, we will honor our high school and college graduates in both worship services, and will have a light brunch between services in the children's building hallway. Please bring or send your information to the church no later than Sunday, April 23rd – include your name, the school you will graduate from, senior (or recent) photo, and future plans. College grads and post-grads, please also include what degree you are receiving, and your parents' names. Email to mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org.

ForColumbia 2017

We are once again partnering with ForColumbia as a service opportunity on Saturday, April 29th. You can sign up now through our website, fbc-columbia.org – wait for the scrolling image to show 'ForColumbia; click on the image and scroll to the bottom to click 'Register.'" Full details are in the April 5 Spire. There is also a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board along with final information regarding all the projects.

Announcements

Singing Our Lives...

On April 30, worship at both services will be devoted to music and singing! The Bible bursts with song: The Christian church was born singing the songs of ancient Israel, including the Psalms; and the gospels sing forth the coming of the Christ-child. Christians have been singing ever since. Join us for this special Sunday devoted to glorifying God through music!

Mission Trip to South Dakota

Total cost for the trip is \$110 per person. Please send in your \$50 per person registration fee (with SD Mission in the memo line) by April 16th. Register for the trip on the church website, fbc-columbia.org or email Michael McEntyre at mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org.

Quest Family Camp

Quest Family Camp is July 2nd – July 7th. Register now on our church website (enter Family Camp in the search bar at fbc-columbia.org), and send in your deposit of \$50 (with Quest in the memo line) per participant by April 23rd.

Worship Notes

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The reader this morning is Gil Ross. Gil is the husband of Donna, a soprano in the chancel choir. They are long time members of First Baptist and have two adult daughters who also are members of the congregation. Gil is a retired MU Healthcare physician. He can usually be seen on the back row of the sanctuary on Sundays, after an early morning tennis match.



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.

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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