

TWENTY & FIVE

Because Christ's love
compels us 2 COR. 5:14

First Baptist
Church of Columbia



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First Baptist Church

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Our Worship of God

April 23, 2017

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

~Second Sunday of Easter~

Greeting

Jeff Langford, CBF Heartland

Carol McEntyre

Prelude

Trumpet Tune

Callahan

Call to Worship (responsive)

Charles Cantrell

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, and with all your mind.”

Lord, let this be.

Show us how.

“And love your neighbor as yourself.”

Lord, let this be.

Take us where we surely need to go.

Let your love be the lens that lets us see,
the power that enlivens our lives,
light that points to the path,
and the very grace that saves us.
Fill us with your love.
Amen.

† Processional Hymn

Loving God of All Creation
Sung to NETTLETON

*Loving God of all creation, hear our hymns of grateful praise:
We give thanks for calls to witness, and to serve in varied ways.
Show us how to be connected to Your church in every place.
Praising Christ in lives of service, make us instruments of grace.
Grant us courage for the present, matching that of yesterday.
When Your faithful servants ventured on a distant, unknown way.
We, today, have unknown pathways, far away and near at hand.
Grant us ears and hearts to listen for Your loving, clear command.
Still today You call for workers true to Christ, the servant Lord,
sharing values, blending cultures; thus new mission is explored.
Through the gospel's urgent message You connect us, land to land,
Building bridges, spanning chasms, joining people, hand in hand.*

† Passing the Peace of Christ

**Prayers for: The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship
First Baptist Church**

Carol McEntyre

Mission Report

Michael McEntyre

Hymn 593

The Gift of Love

Scripture Reading

Ross Kasmann

II Corinthians 5:11-15

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences.

We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

The Word of the Lord.

Praise be to God.

Gospel Reading

Mary VanRheenen

Matthew 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him.

“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Christ.

Message

“&”

Michael McEntyre

† Hymn

Stir Your Church, O God
Sung to AUSTRIAN HYMN

*Stir your church, O God, our Maker, move throughout its life today;
cultivate a sense of mission in our hearts and minds, we pray.*

*Help us to renew commitment to a way of ministry
which interprets for our culture how your truth can make us free.*

*Make your church a living witness to the power of its Lord;
send us to the world around us with your Spirit and your Word:
to the inner city turmoil, to affluent suburbs too –
to all those who need your message send us forth to tell of you.*

*Give to us a social conscience which enables us to see
that all folk are your creation and that they have dignity.
Let us feel, with real compassion, needs of body, mind, and soul;
for these needs may we provide your ministry which makes them whole.*

*Challenge us, O God, our Maker, to the tasks which must be done
for your church to find fulfillment in the way taught by your Son.*

*With awareness of our purpose, with commitment to your call,
may we help prepare the time when Christ will reign as Lord of all.*

Global Missions Offering

Ralph and Tammy Stocks

Offertory

Morning Has Broken

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Closing Thanks

Carol McEntyre

† Benediction

Jeff Langford

Postlude

Week at a Glance

Sunday, April 23

9:15 & 11:15 Cooperative Baptist Fellowship 25th Anniversary Celebration in Worship
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 Bible Study *Youth Suite*

Monday, April 24

9-10:30 am Senior Yoga *Parlor*
1-3:30 pm Staff Meeting *Conference Room*

Wednesday, April 26

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

Saturday, April 29

8:30 am Meet at the church for Serving in the City with ForColumbia
9-1 Service Projects

Sunday, April 30

9:15 & 11:15 Singing Our Lives
4-4:50 pm Children's Music *Sanctuary*
5:30-7 pm College/Young Adult Bible Study *Youth Suite*

Announcements

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. Today's worship features 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.

As this coincides with our annual CBF Global Missions offering, Ralph and Tammy Stocks, former CBF Field Personnel to Bucharest with Project Ruth, will also share about how your missions offering helps make their work possible. We celebrate the work of Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and what God is doing in our midst!

ForColumbia 2017

Next Saturday, April 29th, is the day of Serving the city with ForColumbia. Sign up today to help with the project at Russell Chapel, which involves painting and light construction work. We will meet at the church at 8:30 am to pray and carpool to our work sites.

We are also looking for volunteers who could work on Thursday or Friday (April 27 or 28) to do some prep work and painting at our sites.

Please contact Michael McEntyre (mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org) if you can help.

Mission Trip to South Dakota – Register Now!

The church-wide mission trip to the Lakota Reservation in Bridger, South Dakota in June 10th-15th. A \$50 deposit is due by **April 30th**; total cost per person is \$110. Sign up on the church website (fbc-columbia.org) or email Michael McEntyre at mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org.

Announcements

Quest Family Camp – Register Now!

Quest Family Camp is July 2nd – July 7th. Register now on our church website or email Michael McEntyre at mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org; and send in your deposit of \$50 (with Quest in the memo line) per participant by **April 30th**.

Singing Our Lives...

Next Sunday, April 30th, 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!

Pentecost Sunday All Church Worship and Business Meeting

On Pentecost Sunday, June 4, we will have an all-church worship service at 11:15 in the Sanctuary, followed by lunch and a business meeting to vote on the 2017-2018 Endowment recommendations. The regular Sunday Morning Small Group sessions will meet at 10:15; there will be no 9:15 worship service.

Church Picnic

Our annual picnic is June 11th at 3 pm at the Twin Lakes Pavilion, with many outdoor activities. We'll have our traditional egg toss; the Pepto Bismol Men's Bake-off/Auction for Missions at 4 pm, and dinner at 5 pm.

Today's Worship Participants

Jeff Langford serves as the CBF Heartland Coordinator. CBF Heartland is our regional partner for CBF ministry and has helped connect our church with events such as the Pause College Retreat, and our mission connections in Haiti, South Dakota, and Romania.

Ross Kasmann (Moderator) and Charles Cantrell (Treasurer) are members of First Baptist who both serve on the Coordinating Council, the governing body for CBF Heartland. The Council strives to represent the geographic, gender and generational diversity of the Fellowship.

Mary Van Rheenen and Keith Holmes are Cooperative Baptist Fellowship field personnel serving as resource coordinators for Romany and those working with Romany throughout Europe. Keith focuses on Christian media resources in major Romany languages, and Mary currently focuses on educational resources. First Baptist is proud to continue our long-standing support of the work of Keith and Mary through our annual missions budget.

Ralph and Tammy Stocks are also CBF field personnel and minister among the Romany, looking for unique ways to share the gospel. Most recently Ralph and Tammy have worked in Bucharest, Romania with Project Ruth, the parent ministry of the Gypsy Smith School where Michael McEntyre recently taught. The Stocks have served CBF for 22 years and are beginning a new transition to North Carolina for a new era that includes being near family and their grandson.

Worship Notes

The call to worship is from **re:Worship** and is posed at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/10/prayer-matthew-22-34-40.html>.

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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

Yvette Chambers, Director of Children's Ministry

Alex Bennett, Awakening Worship Coordinator † Colleen Ostercamp, Pianist and Organist

Janet Deneke, Admin. Assistant † Brenda Rice, Project Coordinator

Bethany James, Nursery Director † Glenn Owings, Custodian