



Our Worship of God

September 24, 2017

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Greeting

Michael McEntyre

Prelude

To God Be the Glory
Psalm Players

arr. Curnow

†Call to Worship (responsive)

Come and worship, you who laugh and you who weep;
you who rejoice and you who mourn;
you who have experienced grace and you who long for grace.

**Whether we are first or last or somewhere in between,
there is room for us all in God's kingdom,
and more than enough grace to go around.**

Come, let us worship together the God of grace.

†Processional Hymn 669

God of Grace and God of Glory

(Please turn to face the cross as it enters)

†Prayer of Confession (responsive)

We fill our lives with the fear of scarcity,
assuming there is not enough money,
time, patience or love.

We turn away when a stranger asks for nourishment,
claiming there isn't enough even for ourselves.

**Forgive us when we doubt your abundance
and ignore the possibilities in what we have been given.**

We often sit with arms crossed and fists clenched,
crying out that you have turned away
and left us empty handed.

**Forgive us when we reject your abundance
and neglect the possibilities in what we have been given.**

We easily give thanks for the good things in life,
turning away from those
which lead us to deeper community
or second-guessing blessings as too good to be true.

Open our eyes to the wonders that surround us.

Help us surrender to the loving embrace that enfolds us.

† Assurance of Pardon

Take comfort:
we, and the whole world with us,
are always embraced in Christ's love.
In Christ, there is always enough.

† Passing the Peace of Christ

Anthem

Many Colors Paint the Rainbow

Stuempfle/Hopp

Many colors paint the rainbow arching over land and sea.

Many colors form the fabric of our human tapestry.

*God, with joy and hope you made us by a pattern you had planned,
weaving varied threads together with a skilled and loving hand.*

*Many peoples bring their treasures, as those kings who traveled far,
drawn from all earth's scattered places back to Christ, the Morning Star.*

*All may offer gifts to others and from them receive in turn.
In the gathering of nations, help us, God, to teach and learn.*

*Many faces round the Table wait for Christ, the Risen Lord,
for he comes with love to meet us in the Loaf, the Cup, the Word.*

*All are welcomed, none rejected, bound by Christ in unity,
Naming others sisters, brothers, in a worldwide family.*

*Many voices sing God's praises in a language all their own.
Tongues confused at Babel's Tower now are joined around God's throne.
Free our hearts of hate and discord till our lives in concert blend.
"Alleluia! Alleluia!" be our anthem without end.*

Prayer for Unity (responsive)

United in Christ who gives us the victory, let us pray to God:
For the Church, the Body of Christ,
that we might truly live the unity we receive
through the Holy Spirit. God our strength:

Change us by your grace.

For the leaders of our churches
that they may be faithful to the unity
to which all Christians are called. God our strength:

Change us by your grace.

For the nations of the world,
that they may live in peace with one another
and promote justice for all. God our strength:

Change us by your grace.

For all people,
that we may be good stewards of the earth. God our strength:

Change us by your grace.

For the people of our society,
that we may be transformed to live
as caring neighbors to each other. God our strength:

Change us by your grace.

For the sick and suffering,
that they may be transformed
by your healing presence. God our strength:

Change us by your grace.

For all families and households,
that their struggles and joys may find their fulfillment
in your love. God our strength:

Change us by your grace.

For the dying,
That they may be comforted by your presence. God our strength:

Change us by your grace.

Lord, stand in our midst and grant us unity and peace.

Amen.

†Gospel Acclamation

Re-joyce! and be glad, bless-ed are you, ho-ly are you, re -
joice! and be glad! Yours is the king-dom of God.

†Gospel Reading

David Lang

Matthew 20:1-16

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’

When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Christ.

†Hymn 486

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Message

Abundance

Brittany McDonald Null

†Hymn

Come! Live in the Light!



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that



joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,



to be light for the king - dom, to live in the
 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and



free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 vio - lence will be no more.
 broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

Refrain



We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

†Offertory Sentence

Offertory

Sarabande

Sumsion

†Benediction

Postlude

Week at a Glance

Sunday, September 24

10:15 am Small Groups

Various Classrooms

5:30-7 pm College/Young Bible Study

Youth Suite

Monday, September 25

9-10:30 am Senior Yoga

Parlor

1-3:30 pm Staff Meeting

Conference Room

Tuesday, September 26

11:30 am – 2 pm Crafty Critters

E2

6 pm – Faith & Film: The Shack

Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 27

6 pm The Calling – Bonfire

The McEntyre's

5:30 pm Psalm Players Rehearsal

Sanctuary

6:30 pm Chancel Bells Rehearsal

Sanctuary

7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sanctuary

Friday, September 29

3-11 pm Do Justice (College & Young Adults)

Off-site

Sunday, October 1

10:15 am Small Groups

Various Classrooms

4 pm First Baptist 101

Parlor

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

Youth Suite

Announcements

First Baptist 101

If you sense that God is drawing you to the community at First Baptist, we celebrate that and we want you to have a chance to get to know our church! First Baptist 101 is a class for adults who are new members or anyone interested in learning more about First Baptist. We will address questions like, *“What does it mean to be a member of First Baptist?”* and *“What does it mean to be Baptist?”*

First Baptist 101 will meet for an hour on three consecutive Sundays beginning October 1 at 4 pm in the Parlor, located on the 2nd floor across from the church offices. Here is an overview of each week:

- Sunday, October 1 – Baptist History and Polity taught by Rev. Bob Russell
- Sunday, October 8 – Understanding First Baptist leadership structure, the church staff, committees, goals and vision of the church taught by Pastor Carol McEntyre
- Sunday, October 15 – Overview of First Baptist ministries, opportunities to serve, and a building tour

For more information or to sign up for child care, contact Pastor Carol McEntyre at mcentyre@fbc-columbia.org or 573-442-1149

Afternoon at the Farm

Our annual Afternoon at the Farm is Sunday, October 22 at 3 p.m., with hayrides, trunk-or-treat, and dinner. Please plan to bring a bag or two of candy for trunk-or-treating, and a side dish to share. Meat, beverages and table service are provided. Directions are in the September 20 Spire, and will be published again closer to the date.

Sheppard Lecture

You don't want to miss our Fall Sheppard Lecture, October 28-29, featuring Amanda Tyler, Executive Director of the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty (BJC). Primarily an education and advocacy organization, the BJC is a leading voice in Washington, D.C., fighting to uphold the historic Baptist principles of freedom and separation of church and state. The BJC is the only faith-based agency devoted solely to religious liberty and church-state separation. The topic of the lecture series is "Liberty & Justice for some? Understanding Our Baptist Identity."

Odyssey Chamber Music Series

The Odyssey Chamber Music Concert Series welcomes back the Akropolis Reed Quintet, the 2011 Plowman Chamber Music Competition Grand Prize Winner, on Friday, October 13 at 7 pm in the sanctuary. The evening includes a world premiere of a composition by University of Missouri composer Paul Seitz. In their program, "Refraction", Akropolis presents classical music bearing a wide array of influences, from rock and electronic music to jazz, chant, folk songs, and even glass art and ceramics. Each work absorbs the characteristics of a different genre, style, or era, and then creates fresh, relevant music, reflecting upon the original and looking forward. Akropolis also explores their own influences as a reed quintet since their first concert given in 2009, as they build their ensemble's repertoire and re-visit their personal and collective inspirations by which they have forged their genre-bending identity.

Tickets are \$20 for general admission; \$10 for students; and children under 10 are free.

Worship Notes

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The Prayer of Confession and the Assurance of Pardon are from Seekers Church: A Christian Community.

The Prayers for Unity were written for the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2012** (January 18-25), and comes from the World Council of Churches website.

Come! Live in the Light! TEXT and MUSIC: David Haas, 1988. *Text and Music* © 1988 GIA Publications, Inc. The refrain is based on the well-known challenge of Micah 6:8, “What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?”

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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.

The flowers are given by Jim & Verna Rhodes in celebration of the recent birthdays of three of their four great granddaughters: Reagan, Rhyan, and Raleigh Roberts (ages 4, 9, & 11)

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 (grades 6-12) and Adult Combined Small Groups meet in the Parlor on the second floor for a study of the Enneagram.

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