



Our Worship of God

October 29, 2017

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

⌘ Sheppard Lecture – Religious Liberty ⌘

Greeting

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Invitation to Worship

Brittany McDonald Null

When Baptists arrived in Virginia they were no freer to worship than they had been in England. At times and in places they were tolerated. At other times and in certain places they were openly persecuted. Baptist ministers were beaten, whipped and jailed in Virginia for preaching. The names of the imprisoned ministers are many and include James Ireland, Jeremiah Moore, Lewis Craig, John Waller and William Webber.

The Baptists of Virginia struggled to secure religious liberty by enduring persecution, circulating petitions calling for an end to the state church, and by influencing the founding fathers, including Thomas Jefferson and James Madison, who placed religious liberty into the documents of Virginia and the New Republic. We remain grateful for the courageous Baptists who in our own time in history continue to defend the cornerstone of all our freedoms – religious liberty.

*Christ is our cornerstone, on him alone we build;
with his true saints alone the courts of heav'n are filled:
on his great love our hopes we place of present grace and joys above.*

*O then with hymns of praise these hallowed courts shall ring;
our voices we will raise the Three in One to sing;
and thus proclaim in joyful song, both loud and long,
that glorious name.*

*Here, gracious God, do thou forevermore draw nigh;
accept each faithful vow, and mark each suppliant sigh;
in copious show'r on all who pray each holy day
thy blessings pour.*

*Here may we gain from heav'n the grace which we implore;
and may that grace, one giv'n, be with us evermore,
until that day when all the blest to endless rest
are called away.*

Christ is our cornerstone, on him alone we build!

Call to Worship (responsive)

God created humanity in the divine image:

She made men with special gifts.

He also made women with special gifts.

Through Christ, we are freed to use these gifts.

Christ frees us to love and serve our neighbors.

How do we love one another?

What does God tell us to do?

Love is not self-indulgent. Love is not greedy.

Love your neighbor as you love yourself.

People of First Baptist Church, you are made in the divine image.

How will you love?

We will not be bound to selfish love.

We will love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

†Proclamation Hymn

God of Freedom, God of Justice
Sung to REGENT SQUARE

(Please turn to face the cross as it enters)

*God of freedom, God of justice, you whose love is strong as death,
you who saw the dark of prison, you who know the price of faith –
touch our world of sad oppression with your Spirit's healing breath.*

*Rid the earth of torture's terror, you whose hands were nailed to wood;
hear the cries of pain and protest, you who shed the tears and blood –
move in us the power of pity restless for the common good.*

*Make in us a captive conscience quick to hear, to act, to plead;
make us truly sisters, brothers of whatever race or creed –
teach us to be fully human, open to each other's need.*

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Monologue – Roger Williams

Read by David Jacobs

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Andrea and Jeremy Weingartner

Galatians 5: 1, 13-14

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

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.”

1 John 4:18

There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

†Hymn of Commitment 689

The Church’s One Foundation

Message

Loving and Knowing Our Neighbors

Amanda Tyler

†Hymn of Commitment 435

They Asked, “Who’s My Neighbor?”

†Offertory Sentence

Offertory

Go Down, Moses/Wade in the Water

arr. Shackley

†Benediction

Postlude

Week at a Glance

Sunday, October 29

10:15 am Combined Small Groups

Fellowship Hall

4-5 pm Children's Music

Sanctuary

4:30-7:30 pm College/Young Adult Escape Room Challenge

Offsite

Monday, October 30

9-10:30 am Senior Yoga

Parlor

1-3:30 pm Staff Meeting

Conference Room

5:30 pm Trustees Meeting

Conference Room

Tuesday, October 31

11:45 am – 2 pm Crafty Critters

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Wednesday, November 1

6-7:15 pm The Calling for Youth

Youth Suite

5:30 pm Psalm Players Rehearsal

Sanctuary

6:30 pm Chancel Bells Rehearsal

Sanctuary

7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sanctuary

Sunday, November 5

10:15 am Small Groups

Various Classrooms

4-5 pm Children's Music

Sanctuary

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

Youth Suite

Announcements

Guest Speaker – Amanda Tyler

Amanda Tyler is executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee (BJC) for Religious Liberty. She leads the organization as it upholds the historic Baptist principle of religious liberty, defending the free exercise of religion and protecting against its establishment by government. Tyler often speaks in churches, educational institutions and denominational gatherings, and provides commentary on church-state issues to the media. A member of the Texas and U.S. Supreme Court Bar, she has experience working in Congress, in a private legal practice and serving as a law clerk for a federal judge.

A native of Austin, Texas, Tyler grew up hearing about the cherished Baptist principles of religious liberty and the separation of church and state as a member of Highland Park Baptist Church. Because she was committed to these principles, Tyler sought out the Baptist Joint Committee when she moved to Washington to attend Georgetown University, and began volunteering in the office.

Tyler graduated from the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown with a bachelor's degree in foreign service. She was hired by the BJC to serve as assistant to the general counsel. During this time, she wrote columns for *Report from the Capital*, drafted statements on religious liberty issues, presented educational programs and coordinated the broad coalition in support of the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act.

Tyler left the BJC to enroll in The University of Texas School of Law, where she received her J.D. with honors. Following law school, Tyler worked in private practice and served as a law clerk for a U.S. district court judge in Dallas, Texas. She later joined the staff of U.S. Rep. Lloyd Doggett in Austin and Washington, D.C.

Tyler began her tenure as executive director in January 2017. A member of First Baptist Church of Washington, D.C., she lives in the city with her husband, Robert Behrendt, and their son, Phelps.

Children's Music

We continue meeting with the children on Sunday afternoons at 4 pm to prepare for "Breaking News," the Christmas drama to be presented at the church-wide Christmas dinner on Sunday, December 10. Children from age 4 through grade 5.

Combined Worship and Business Meeting November 12

On Sunday, November 12 we will have a combined worship at 9:15 in the Fellowship Hall, followed by brunch and a business meeting.

Advent Wreaths Workshop

On Sunday, November 26 at 10:15 (during the Small Group Hour) you are invited to meet in the Fellowship Hall for an intergenerational event at which we will make Advent wreaths for home use. The wreath can serve to call you and yours to enter into the hope, peace, joy and love found in God's gift of Jesus. You will also receive a simple Advent devotional with a reflection for each week of the season. Supplies will be available (a wreath form, greens, wire, candles, and some ribbon). There is a suggested donation of \$20 per wreath. If you would like to make a wreath while enjoying hot cider and Christmas carols, please RSVP to the church office at 442-1149 or churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org.

Note: The children's and youth ministries will participate in the workshop in lieu of their usual small groups to make personalized wreaths and to participate in other Advent activities.

World Mission Offering throughout November

Throughout November, First Baptist has the opportunity to support the mission efforts of our American Baptist partners at home and around the world. The 2017 offering will provide much-needed support for disaster recovery efforts funded by the One Great Hour of Sharing ministry as well as the ongoing work of ABC-USA missionaries around the world. Contributions should be made out to First Baptist Church. Please be sure to put ABC Missions Offering in the memo line of your check and/or place your gift in one of the special missions offering envelopes.

Tailgate

To mark the face-off between the Mizzou Tigers and the Tennessee Volunteers on Saturday November 11, you are invited to a pre-game tailgate party starting two hours before kickoff at the home of Lili Vianello and John Shrum, 1005 Wayne Rd. The hosts are providing a main course; please bring a few sides and your favorite beverages. The event may be inside or out depending upon weather. You are welcome even if you are not attending the game. Because parking is limited, please RSVP by emailing Lili at lili@visionworksgroup.com if you plan to attend. Carpooling is advised.

Worship Notes

The Invitation to Worship is posted on the Baptist Joint committee website.

The Call to Worship was written by Bob Stillerman, Associate Pastor of Millbrook Baptist Church in Raleigh, NC. Based on Genesis 1:27; Galatians 5:1, 13-14.

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The monologue is posted at <http://bjconline.org/roger-williams-monologue-2/>.

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Today's scripture readers, Jeremy and Andrea Weingartner, joined First Baptist in 2002, and were married in the church in 2003. Jeremy graduated from the University of Missouri with a BA in English and History, but is now pursuing an Associates of the Arts in Mechatronics at Moberly Area Community College. Andrea received her PhD in American History from the University of Missouri in 2013 and now teaches history at MACC full time. They have two children; Jonah is 5 and in kindergarten, and Marley is a busy 2 year old.

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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 Khaki Westerfield in honor of her daughter Carrie's birthday.

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):

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

Discussion Class in the parlor on the second floor.

Young Adult Small Group in the 2nd floor library.

Women's Small Group in the hospitality room off the sanctuary.

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