



Learning to
LAMENT

Our Worship of God

February 18, 2018

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

First Sunday of Lent

Lament (a definition):

n. a passionate expression of sorrow or grief; a song, hymn or poem of mourning

v. to express sorrow, mourning, or regret aloud; to regret strongly

Greeting

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Prelude

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me
Bruno Nascimento and Colleen Ostercamp, piano

Larson

Call to Worship (responsive) inspired by Psalm 66

Come and see the works of God,

God's awesome deeds among us.

Come and hear, all who revere God,

God's still speaking voice in our weary world.

Come and touch the sacred,

extraordinary in the ordinary,

God's presence in water, bread and wine.

†Processional Hymn 758

Baptized in Water

(Please turn to face the cross as it enters)

The Baptism of Karlye Jeffries

Response of the Congregation (unison)

*We rejoice with you. We will pray for you.
And we will walk with you in the way of Jesus.*

Baptismal Prayer

Yvette Chambers

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Lenten Theme Interpretation

Learning to Lament: What is your natural response to things that make you sad or angry? *(Use the space below to reflect)*

2 Kings 25:1-7

And in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, on the tenth day of the month, King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon came with all his army against Jerusalem, and laid siege to it; they built siegeworks against it all around. So the city was besieged until the eleventh year of King Zedekiah. On the ninth day of the fourth month the famine became so severe in the city that there was no food for the people of the land. Then a breach was made in the city wall; the king with all the soldiers fled by night by the way of the gate between the two walls, by the king's garden, though the Chaldeans were all around the city. They went in the direction of the Arabah. But the army of the Chaldeans pursued the king, and overtook him in the plains of Jericho; all his army was scattered, deserting him. Then they captured the king and brought him up to the king of Babylon at Riblah, who passed sentence on him. They slaughtered the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, then put out the eyes of Zedekiah; they bound him in fetters and took him to Babylon.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**Anthem**

How Long O Lord

Butler

Austin Wright, clarinet Ben Worley, conductor

*How long, O Lord, wilt Thou forget me?**How long, O Lord, wilt Thou hide Thy face from me?**How long must I bear pain, bear pain in my soul,**and bear sorrow all the day in my heart?**Consider and answer me, O Lord, my God,**lighten my eyes lest I sleep the sleep of death.**I will sing to the Lord for I have trusted in Thy love,
in Thy love, and my heart shall rejoice in Thy salvation.**How long, O Lord, how long, O Lord!*

Scripture Reading

Michael Brewer

Lamentations 1:1-4

How lonely sits the city
that once was full of people!
How like a widow she has become,
she that was great among the nations!
She that was a princess among the provinces
has become a vassal.

She weeps bitterly in the night,
with tears on her cheeks;
among all her lovers
she has no one to comfort her;
all her friends have dealt treacherously with her,
they have become her enemies.

Judah has gone into exile with suffering
and hard servitude;
she lives now among the nations,
and finds no resting place;
her pursuers have all overtaken her
in the midst of her distress.

The roads to Zion mourn,
for no one comes to the festivals;
all her gates are desolate,
her priests groan;
her young girls grieve,
and her lot is bitter.

Message

Lament in a Culture of Rainbows and Kittens

Carol McEntyre

Prayer of Lament (inspired by Psalm 77)

God, we call out to you!
From the depths of our hearts, we cry,
“Lord, hear our prayer!”

We are consumed by grief.
it’s hard to sleep,
it’s hard to eat,
it’s even hard to pray.

Where are you, God?

Deep down, we know that you love us—
we’ve experienced your mercy and your faithfulness in the past,
and it has sustained us through many difficult times.
We refuse to believe that you have deserted us,
or that you are unaware of the pain that we’re feeling.

**And so we turn to you again,
longing for your presence,
looking for your comfort and peace.**

Surround us with your unfailing love.
Remind us that you alone are God,
and that you hold us in the palm of your hand.

**Give us courage and strength to face the days ahead,
and strengthen us in the knowledge that we do not face them alone.**

In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, we pray.

Amen.



1. Out of the depths, O God, we call to you.
 2. Out of the depths of fear, O God, we speak.
 3. God of the lov - ing heart, we praise your name.



Wounds of the past re - main, af - fect - ing all we do.
 Break - ing the si - lenc - es, the sear - ing truth we seek.
 Dance through our lives and loves; a - noint with Spir - it flame.



Fac - ing our lives, we need your love so
 Safe a - mong friends, our grief and rage we
 Your light il - lu - mines each fa - mil - iar



much. Here in this com - mu - ni - ty, heal us by your touch.
 share. Here in this com - mu - ni - ty, hold us in your care.
 face. Here in this com - mu - ni - ty, meet us with your grace.

†Offertory Sentence

Offertory

Gentle Voice

Dengler

Renan Leme, violin David Fazekas, conductor

*Far above the noise of life, there's a voice that is gently calling.
 "Leave behind your cares and strife. Come to Me. I will give you rest.
 Bring your fear and bring your pain.
 Bring your anger and bring your worry."
 Do you hear the voice of Jesus, gently calling, "Come unto Me"?*

*Gentle voice, so meek and mild; gentle words of understanding.
“You are my beloved child. Come to Me. I will give you rest.
Bring your grief and bring your cares.
Bring your heartaches and bring your sorrow.”
Do you hear the voice of Jesus, gently calling, “Come unto Me”?
Gentle voice, so full of love. Gentle words so rich in mercy.
“You are my beloved child. Come to Me. I will give you rest.”*

†Benediction

Postlude

Week at a Glance

Sunday, February 18

4-4:50 pm First Kids Music

Sanctuary

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

Youth Suite

Monday, February 19

9-10:30 am Senior Yoga

Parlor

1-3:30 pm Staff Meeting

Conference Room

Tuesday, February 20

11:45 am – 2 pm Crafty Critters

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Wednesday, February 21

6-7:30 pm Financial Peace University

Conference Room

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

7:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Fellowship Hall

Sunday, February 25

4-4:50 pm First Kids Music

Sanctuary

5 pm Critical Conversations

Second Baptist Church

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

Youth Suite

Announcements

Critical Conversations

The Critical Conversations event has been rescheduled for Sunday, Feb 25, at 5 pm at Second Baptist Church.

First Baptist Hosts Room at the Inn February 18 – March 3

For those in our community without adequate housing, winter is potentially deadly. That is why we are grateful for the ministry of Room at the Inn (RATI). RATI is a winter shelter designed for those in need, to provide a warm and safe place to sleep from 7:00 pm - 7:00 am through March 10. The shelter is supported by area churches and local volunteers.

First Baptist hosts Room at the Inn from today through Saturday, March 3 in the Fellowship Hall. Please visit <http://www.roomattheinncomo.org> to sign up to work, or to learn more about the needs.

Trip to Lakota Reservation – Interest Survey

First Baptist has been invited to return to the Lakota Reservation in Bridger again this summer.

There is no big project scheduled for this year, so the trip will mainly focus on building and maintaining relationships within the reservation and possibly some light construction work, clean up, and help with maintenance needs at the Takini School. We need at least 10 people to make the trip but can take up to 20. We will also need people willing to cook this year, as we will not be teaming with Second Baptist in Liberty for this trip. The cost of the trip is expected to remain at \$100 per person.

As a reminder, when we stay in Bridger we sleep at the church. Participants are asked to bring their own air mattresses and bedding. There are showers and restrooms on site. If you have questions or are interested in being a part of this experience, please contact Associate Pastor Michael McEntyre at mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org by March 4.

Two First Baptist Adventures

Paula Thomas, Fellowship Ministry Coordinator, has February and March adventures planned for First Baptist members and friends. To sign up, or to learn more about cost and other details, please contact Paula at paulalou52@gmail.com.

♦ Tuesday, February 27: dinner at Addison's at 5 pm, followed by your choice of concerts at 7 pm. King's Daughters & Sons Benefit Concert is at First Baptist (see poster on bulletin board). At Sacred Heart Church, the MU School of Music's Ars Nova Singers will perform music inspired by artwork from the Museum of Art and Archaeology. This concert is free. Please RSVP for the meal by February 25 to Paula or to the church office.

♦ Saturday, March 24: Barefoot in the Park at the New Theatre Restaurant in Overland Park, Kansas. The group will leave Columbia at 8 am for the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art; then leave the Nelson at 11:45 for the Theatre to enjoy a buffet lunch prior to the show. The group will stop for dessert on the way home, and arrive back in Columbia around 6:30 pm. If interested, please contact Paula by February 20.

Worship Notes

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Thank you for worshiping with us today! If you wish to share this worship experience with a neighbor, the service is broadcast live, and the sermon is available on our website within a week.



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 Kee and Diana Groshong

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.

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