

Our Worship of God

October 14, 2018

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Greeting

Brittany McDonald Null Pastoral Resident

Prelude

His Eye is on the Sparrow Chancel Bells

Call to Worship (responsive)

We gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God.

Surely God is in this place

and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.

God's love is for you

and for all people everywhere.

That we may share God's love and life,

may we be renewed

in the refreshing Spirit of the living water.

The living Christ is with us.

Praise the Lord!

†Processional Hymn 96

Praise Him! Praise Him!

(Please turn to face the cross as it enters)

†Passing the Peace of Christ

One Great Hour of Sharing

Prayer for Restoration (unison)

Lord God, Creator and Sustainer of our earth, Hear our cry. Part of your world has been devastated. Our hearts are overwhelmed and saddened as we watch those seeking higher ground and shelter.

For those who have lost loved ones, bring comfort as only you Lord God are able.

For those who have lost property and possessions, bring restoration.

For the thousands who have lost sleep and worked tirelessly to rescue, restore order, bring supplies, keep utilities safe and running, shelter the homeless and organize relief, bring deep rest and rejuvenation.

For those who are even now preparing to come alongside your children who suffered during the storm, bring wisdom, strength, endurance and resources that they may stay on the task until restoration is complete.

From the end of the earth we will cry to you with our hearts overwhelmed. Lead us to the rock that is higher than we. You, God, are our shelter and refuge, our strong tower. Let us all, those of us who experienced hurricanes Florence and Michael and those of us who watched it unfold, find refuge and trust in the shelter of your wings. Amen.

Gospel Reading Sandy Hall

John 4: 5-15

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink",

you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water. Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' They left the city and were on their way to him.

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise be to Christ.**

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.

Sharing our Stories

Mark Thomas

Anthem

Let Everything that Hath Breath

Ames

Message

Pastor Carol McEntyre

+Hymn of Commitment 574

Lord, Speak to Me

†Offertory Sentence

†Benediction (responsive)

As people of faith we have gathered for worship.

As people of faith we now return to the world.

Go out to share the story of faith,

The story of life, with the world around you.

We share the faith in word and in deed, In speech and in action.

As you go out to give a living witness,

As you go out to testify to God's love active in the world,

Go knowing that God goes with you,

Sharing the laughter and the hope, the fears and the tears.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Postlude

Week at a Glance

Sunday, October 14

4 pm Kid's Music Sanctuary
4 pm First Baptist 101 Parlor

Monday, October 15

9-10:30 Senior Yoga Parlor

1-3:30 pm Staff Meeting Conference Room

Tuesday, October 16

11:45 am – 2 pm Crafty Critters E2

Wednesday, October 17

5:30 pm Psalm Players RehearsalSanctuary6 pm The Calling for YouthYouth Suite6:30 pm Chancel Bells RehearsalSanctuary7:30 pm Chancel Choir RehearsalSanctuary

Thursday, October 18

6 pm Praise Band Rehearsal Fellowship Hall

Announcements

Today: Help with Hurricane Relief

Give to American Baptist Churches – One Great Hour of Sharing, Normally First Baptist takes a special missions offering in November to support the mission efforts of our American Baptist partners at home and around the world. Due to the incredible need after hurricanes Florence and Michael, the Serving Team has moved to begin this offering early and to direct all the money raised to ABC's "One Great Hour of Sharing." One Great Hour of Sharing is administered by the World Relief Committee of the Board of General Ministries of American Baptist Churches USA and includes all ABC disaster relief work. One hundred percent of donations to One Great Hour of Sharing go towards relief efforts, no dollars are retained for administrative costs. If you would like to give to support this work, make your contribution to First Baptist Church and be sure to put ABC One Great Hour of Sharing in the memo line of your check and/or place it in one of the special offering envelopes. Funds will be collected through Nov. 4. We hope you will give generously to support the work of our ministry partners as they seek to assist those effected by the recent devastation.

Thank you,

Mark Thomas, Chair of the Serving Team

Oct. 14 First Baptist 101

If you sense that God is drawing you to the community of First Baptist, we want to celebrate that and we want you to have a chance to get to know our church! First Baptist 101 is a class that is open to adults who are new members or for those who are interested in learning more about First Baptist. Today Pastor Carol McEntyre will present "Understanding First Baptist leadership structure, the church staff, committees, goals and vision of the church."

Oct. 14 First Kids Music

First Kids Music for children for age three to grade five will meet today in the Sanctuary. Everyone will meet at 4 p.m. then split into older and younger groups. The easiest access door is on Waugh St., the south door closest to the parking lot.

Oct. 18 First Baptist Adventurers

First Baptist Adventurers are invited to meet at Stadium Grill, Oct. 18, 5:30-7 pm. For more information contact Paula Thomas at paulalou52@gmail.com

Oct. 21 Afternoon at the Farm

Join us Sunday at 3 pm for old-fashioned hayrides, great conversations around the bonfire, at our church's annual gathering at the Bay family farm. There will be Trunk-or-Treating at 4:30 p.m. and dinner at 5 p.m. Adults are encouraged to decorate the trunk of their car and children to wear or bring Halloween costumes.

To get there from Columbia take I-70 west to Exit 121 (the Midway exist). Turn right on Highway 40. Turn right on Route J. Make a hard right onto Boothe Lane at the water tower. Continue straight until this road bears left. The gate to the farm will then be on your right. Look for the balloons!

Oct. 26: CDC Halloween Party

The Child Development Center (CDC) would like to invite all First Baptist and CDC families with children to a Halloween celebration on Oct. 26 from 5-6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Children will participate in a costume parade, pumpkin decorating, games and more! Snacks will be provided. Please bring your child in a toddler-friendly costume free of weapons, blood, and/or scary masks. RSVP to Jess Wolfe at cdcdirector@fbc-columbia.org. lot.

Oct. 31 Youth Halloween celebration at pastors' house

Youth and college students are invited to the McEntyre's house to help "greet" kids and hand out candy. For all those who wish to come, we'll eat dinner at 5 pm and wrap up around 9 pm. We will decorate the house and yard with some festive fun (think T-Rex costumes and talking pumpkins). It will be a scream.





Churchwide Visioning

Sunday Oct. 28 Combined Worship Service

We will come together for a combined worship service at 9:15 am. Following worship, we gather on the front steps of the church to take a church-wide photo in honor of our 195th anniversary. Then we will move to the fellowship hall for breakfast and a ministry review. This will be an opportunity to learn about all the different ministries of the church and reflect on them. To ask questions like: what in the congregational life is working well? What needs improvement? If we were going to drop something, what would it be?

Saturday Nov. 3 Visioning Work

We will gather in Fellowship Hall where Dr. Chris Gambell from the Center for Congregational Health will lead us in a time of reflection about the gifts/strengths of First Baptist. This will be an opportunity for you to share what the church means to you and when we have been at our best.

Sunday Nov. 4 Combined Worship

We will come together for Combined Worship at 9:15 am in the Sanctuary. Following worship, we will move to Fellowship Hall for breakfast and a visioning session led by Dr. Chris Gambill in which we will reflect on the gifts that God has given us and how we might use them in unique ways for ministry.

My Notes:

Worship Notes

The Call to Worship come from the "Life In Liturgy" website, lifeinliturgy.wordpress.com. The Prayer for Restoration was written by Nell Green following Hurricane Harvey and may be found at cbfblog.com.

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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.

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 Combined Small Groups meet in the Parlor on the second floor for the series "Street Theology – Joining God's Mission As We Go."

Carol McEntyre, Senior Pastor † Ed Rollins, Associate Pastor
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