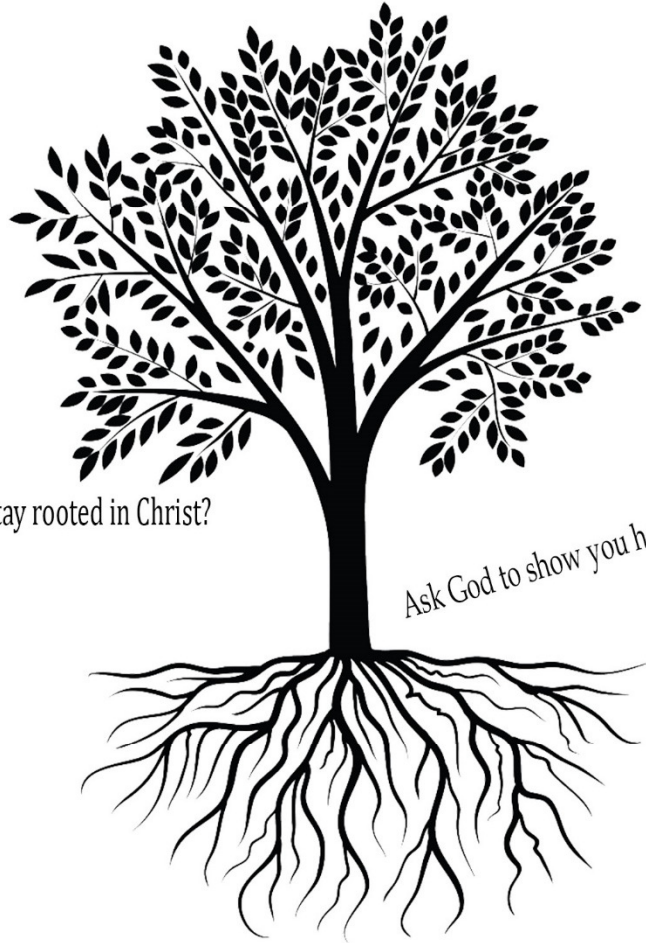


When is the last time you "abounded in thanksgiving"?

What would that even look like?



What helps you stay rooted in Christ?

Ask God to show you how to be rooted in Christ?

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

Colossians 2:6-7

thanksgiving.

# *Our Worship of God*

*July 28, 2019*

*11:15 am*

*(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)*

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**Greeting**

Shelby Myers

**Prelude**

Sicilian Melody

arr. G. Young

**†Call to Worship (responsive)**

It is in this place of holiness that we can come with our fears,  
our doubts, our joys and our celebrations.

**We come to this place, to hear the words of peace,  
of hope, of love God speaks to us.**

It is in this place of discovery  
that we can come searching.

**We come to this place, to find  
the One who has been looking for us.**

It is in this place of openness  
that we can come knocking.

**We come to this place, to be rooted in the One who creates,  
sustains, and redeems all things.**

**†Processional Hymn 130**

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

*(Please turn to face the cross as it enters.)*

**†Passing the Peace of Christ**

**Blessing for First Kids Camp**

Pastor Carol McEntyre

*As the deer pants for the water,  
so my soul longs after you;  
you alone are my heart's desire  
and I long to worship you.*

*You alone are my strength, my shield,  
to you alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire,  
and I long to worship you.*

*I want you more than gold or silver,  
only you can satisfy;  
you alone are the real joygiver  
and the apple of my eye.*

*You alone are my strength, my shield,  
to you alone may my spirit yield;  
You alone are my heart's desire,  
and I long to worship you!*

*You're my friend and you are my brother,  
even though you are a king;  
I love you more than any other,  
so much more than anything!*

*You alone are my strength, my shield,  
to you alone may my spirit yield;  
you alone are my heart's desire,  
and I long to worship you.  
and I long, and I long, and I long  
to worship you.*

**Colossians 2:6-19**

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Prayer of Confession (responsive)**

When our faith is rooted deeply in you, O God,  
our lives reflect your kingdom,  
but sometimes our lives become so entangled with the values of the world,  
that your values take second place.

**Forgive us, O God,  
and reconnect us to the Holy Spirit,  
source of power and life.**

Merciful God, strip our hearts and minds  
of all that prevents our lives being firmly rooted in you.

**May our lives bear fruit worthy of our faith,  
as we come to fullness in you. Amen.**

## **Words of Assurance**

based on Colossians 2:13-15

Family of God, hear the good news!  
God has forgiven your sins.  
Christ has utterly wiped out  
the bonds that hold us  
and has rendered them powerless.  
In Christ, we have new life,  
and a chance to begin again.

**Thanks be to God!**

## **†Hymn 558**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

## **Message**

Carol McEntyre

**†Hymn of Commitment 374**

Now Thank We All Our God

**†Offertory Sentence**

**Offertory**

How Firm a Foundation

arr. Hopson

**†Benediction**

As you go from here, remember this:  
The same Spirit of God  
who raised Jesus Christ from the dead,  
also lives in you,  
breathing new life and freedom  
into your hearts and minds.  
So go from here  
grounded in joy and rooted in confidence,  
knowing that God is at work within you.

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# Worship Notes

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Call to Worship: <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/2019/07/liturgy-with-communion-for-july-28-2019.html>

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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.

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## Week at a Glance

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### Monday, July 29

**7:30 am-5:30 pm First Kids Camp**

**1-3:00 pm Staff Meeting**

**6:00 pm Church Council Meeting**

*Office Commons*

*E2*

### Tuesday, July 30

**7:30 am-5:30 pm First Kids Camp**

**11:45 am – 2 pm Crafty Critters**

*Offsite*

### Wednesday, July 31

**7:30 am-5:30 pm First Kids Camp**

### Thursday, August 1

**7:30 am-5:30 pm First Kids Camp**

### Friday, August 2

**7:30 am-5:30 pm First Kids Camp**

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## Announcements

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### Welcome! We're Glad You're Here

We would love to help you connect with our church. To learn more about First Baptist, fill out an information card during worship and drop it in the offering plate or give it to the pastor after worship. You can also stop by the Connections table and pick up our newsletter, *The Spire*. Information about our Children's Ministry and some of our adult small groups can be found on the back of the bulletin.



## First Kids Camp Week – July 29- August 2

Next week we will be hosting First Kids Camp throughout the church buildings. For increased security and the safety of our children, the building doors will be less accessible during open office hours. If you need access to the building, please call the church office at 575-442-1149.

## Combined Worship and Business Meeting – August 4

First Baptist will have Combined Worship on August 4 at 11:15 am in the Sanctuary. Following worship, there will be a brief business meeting.

## Inclusion Training August 4, 11 and 18

One focus area that came out of our All In Visioning Process was "Work toward increased accessibility and inclusivity in First Baptist ministries and facilities." To do this, we have committed to expanding opportunities for inclusion education and experiences. We have identified two areas of inclusion that we want to work on this summer. The first area of focus is the inclusion of all genders including people who are transgender and nonbinary. On August 4 and 11 at 10:15 in the parlor, Dr. Christy Hutton and Dr. Loren Bauerband from the University of Missouri will be leading this training. The second area of focus is the inclusion of people with disabilities, especially children. On August 18 at 10:15 am in the parlor, Christy Edwards a minister and mother of a special needs child, will be talking about how faith communities can companion this growing population.

## Fall Kick-Off – August 25

As we look toward the end of summer, we are preparing for our annual Fall Kick-Off after Traditional worship on August 25. We will have a throwback to the 80's theme this year! The church will provide the chicken, as well as beverages and tableware. We know you will please the crowd with your delicious side dishes and desserts! Get out your scrunchies, headbands, and parachute pants as we kick off the new season in style.



For Children During Worship:

Birth-Kindergarteners can be checked in at the nursery, located next to the sanctuary, where they will be cared for by our professional staff.

1<sup>st</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> Graders are encouraged to participate in worship with their family.

10:15 Spiritual Formation Hour:

Birth-Age 3 Childcare is provided by our professional staff in the nursery, which is located next to the sanctuary.

First Kids Sunday School (3 years old through 5th grade) is on the third floor.

Youth Bible Study (grades 6-12) is on the third floor.

Adult Small Groups are located on the second floor:

- Discussion Class (in the Parlor) likes to take a deep dive into scripture.
- Faith Forum (Elevator Lobby Classroom) is a diverse group that likes to read the lesson for the day together, share information, and ask questions to learn from one another.
- Connections Group (office commons) is made up of younger adults. They spend time building community, sharing life, and often take on heady theological topics.

\*The all-gender restroom is located in the Child Development Center Hallway outside the Sanctuary.

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*Michael McEntyre, Associate Pastor of Youth, College and Young Adults, and Missions*

*Brittany McDonald Null, Pastoral Resident*

*Shelby Myers, Awakening Worship Praise Band Director*

*Colleen Ostercamp, Pianist and Organist, Jess Wolfe, Child Development Center Director*

*Susan Goudie, Administrative Assistant, Bethany James, Nursery Director*

*Brenda Rice, Project Coordinator, Michael Ide, Custodian*