

A person's silhouette stands on a rock in the foreground, looking up at a vast night sky filled with stars and the Milky Way galaxy. The sky transitions from a dark purple at the top to a warm orange glow near the horizon. The text is overlaid on this scene.

HE IS THE IMAGE OF
the invisible God

THE FIRSTBORN OF ALL CREATION

Colossians 1:15

Our Worship of God

August 18, 2019

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Greeting

Brittany McDonald Null

Prelude

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

arr. Chesterton

†Call to Worship (responsive)

The spirit of God calls us from many places;
some of us come from busy homes with many people
some of us live alone.

We are a part of the family.

This week has been different for each of us;
some of us have had happy news we want to celebrate
some of us have faced grief and need to cry.

We are members of God's family.

Yet we all come to this same place;
all of us seeking God's presence in our lives
all of us seeking God's presence with each other.

Together we become God's family.

†Processional Hymn 77

Praise to the Lord

Sharing Our Stories

Marques Ruff

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Colossians 3:11-20

In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all! As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and never treat them harshly. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is your acceptable duty in the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Handbell Solo

Noah Hartsfield

Fairest Lord Jesus

Litany for Families (Responsive)

Holy One, we thank you for our families
in all of our configurations;

**single and partnered, widowed and married
some children, no children, grown children,
canines and felines and humans.**

Holy One, we pray for our families
in all of our vulnerability;

**both resilient and still fragile
finding both welcome and closed doors
treading the waters of intimacy and covenant.**

Holy One, we celebrate your blessing
made known in our families;

**reflection of your unconditional love
embodiment of your compassion,
named and claimed, beautiful and beloved.**

*Womb of life, and source of being,
home of ev'ry restless heart,
in your arms the worlds awakened;
you have loves us from the start.
We, your children, gather 'round you,
at the table you prepare.
Sharing stories tears and laughter,
we are nurtured by your care.*

*Word in flesh, our brother Jesus,
born to bring us second birth,
you have come to stand beside us,
knowing weakness, knowing earth.
Priest who shares our human struggles,
Life of Life, and Death of Death,
risen Christ, come stand among us,
send the Spirit by your breath.*

*Brooding Spirit, move among us;
be our partner, be our friend.
When our mem'ry fails, remind us
whose we are, what we intend.
Labor with us, aid the birthing
of the new world made new,
ever singing, ever praising,
one with all, and one with you.*

*Mother, Brother, holy Partner;
Father, Spirit, Only Son:
we would praise your name forever,
one-in-three, and three-in-one.
We would share your life, your passion,
share your word of world made new,
ever singing, ever praising,
one with all, and one with you.*

Message

Pastor Carol McEntyre

†Hymn of Commitment 695

In Christ There Is No East or West

†Offertory Sentence

Offertory

Concerto No. 2 in G Major

Bach

†Benediction

Worship Notes

☞ *The sanctuary flowers are given by June Hoff, ☞
in memory of her husband Elmer Hoff.*

Call to Worship and Litany for Families: <https://liturgyoutside.net/themes/familyoutside/>

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Thank you for worshipping 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.

Week at a Glance

Sunday, August 18

10:15am Inclusion Training

Inclusion of people with disabilities

Parlor

Monday, August 19

9-10:30 am Senior Yoga

1-3:00 pm Staff Meeting

Parlor

Office Commons

Tuesday, August 20

11:45 am – 2 pm Crafty Critters

Conference Room

Wednesday, August 21

5:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal

7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Fellowship Hall

Sanctuary

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Sunday, August 25

12:15 pm Fall Kick-Off

Announcements

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.

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.

Back-to School Blessing – August 25

Join us Sunday, August 25 as we offer a blessing for our children, teachers, and administrators as the new school year begins.

New to the Pew Blessing – Sept 8

With the beginning of the new school year, we are excited to welcome our newest worshippers to the pews. On Sunday morning, September 8, in conjunction with our Sermon Series, *What is the Bible?*, we will be presenting Bibles to our first graders and offering a blessing over them and their families. We want to celebrate this milestone and commit to walking alongside them on their journey.

What is the Bible? Sermon Series - Sept. 8 - Oct. 13

During this sermon series, we are going to take a deep theological dive into the Bible. We will talk about what it is, how this ancient book speaks today, the parts of the Bible that trouble us, and what we do with it.

If you have been reading our summer book club selections about the Bible, we wanted to let you know when the discussions will take place. The groups will meet during the Small Group Hour at 10:15 am in the Conference Room on the second floor. We look forward to the conversation!

Inspired by Rachel Held Evans

September 8 & 15

10:15 am, Conference Room

led by Kim Siegenthaler

What is the Bible? by Rob Bell

September 22 & 29

10:15 am, Conference Room

led by Noah Hartsfield

The Bible Tells Me So by Peter Enns

October 6 & 13

10:15 am, Conference Room

led by Brian Ford



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.

1st- 5th 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.

Church Staff

Rev. Dr. Carol McEntyre, Senior Pastor

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