

Our Worship of God

January 19, 2020

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Prelude

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

arr. Wold

†Call to Worship (responsive)

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

Come and see the love God has given to us.

Come and see what it means to be children of God.

Come with this hope, that Christ's presence is real.

With joy, we come to see the Lord.

†Processional Hymn 70

God is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him

Theme Interpretation

Carol McEntyre

Opening Prayer

Loving God, you spun the world into being with love and long for all of creation to live in harmony. You call us by name and invite us to walk as your children. Open our hearts and empower us with courage, that we may more faithfully embody the blessing of goodness you have bestowed on each of us.

Remind us of your presence with us and within us.

Amen.

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Scripture Reading

Richard Hayden

Matthew 19:13-14

Then little children were being brought to him in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples spoke sternly to those who brought them; but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs."

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

Blessing of the Children

Brittany McDonald Null

Anthem

Now I Walk In Beauty

Now I walk in beauty Beauty is before me Beauty is behind me Above and below me

Grounded in Blessing

Michael McEntyre

I am God's Beloved. I find my home in God. Blessing resides in me. I am enough.

Scripture Reading

Richard Hayden

Romans 5:12-17

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

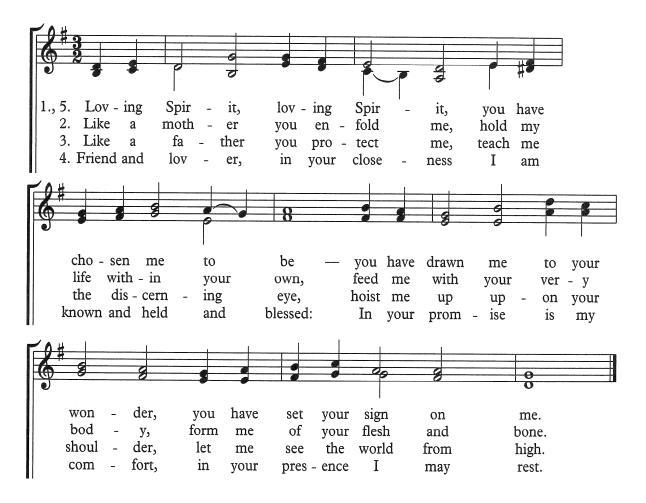
But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Message

Carol McEntyre

Letting Go of Original Sin



†Offertory Sentence

Offertory

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

arr. Whitsett

†Benediction

May the God who fashioned the universe in love move freely among and within us.

May our lives embody the light of Christ and our togetherness bring forth a community of belovedness.

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God who calls us good and proclaims we're enough.

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.

Week at a Glance

Monday, January 20

Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Offices Closed

Tuesday, January 21

11:45 am-2:00 pm Crafty Critters Conference Room

Wednesday, January 22

5:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal Fellowship Hall

6:00 pm The Calling Kick-Off
6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Sanctuary

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Sunday, January 26

10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour Education Building

11:15 am Combined Worship Sanctuary

12:15 pm Annual Business Meeting Fellowship Hall

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.

Combined Worship & Annual Business Meeting

Join us on Sunday, January 26 at 11:15 am in the Sanctuary for Combined Worship followed by our Annual Business Meeting in the Fellowship Hall. We will pause to look back at the highlights of the last year and celebrate all that God has done in and through us. We will talk about ministry plans for 2020. We will vote on the Nominating Committee report and the 2020 budget. Lunch will be provided for a suggested donation of \$6.00.

For Parents:

The nursery (Birth-Age 3) will open at 10:15 am and remain open until the business meeting ends. First Kids Sunday School will meet as usual at 10:15 am for potty-trained 3-year-olds through 5th grade. At 11:15 am, potty-trained 3-year-olds through kindergarten can remain upstairs for extended session. 1st – 5th graders are encouraged to participate in combined worship with their family. Following worship, children who participated in combined worship can be brought upstairs to join those in extended session for pizza, games, and activities.

Chancel Bells Seeking New Ringers

Are you interested in joining an amazing group of church folk in making music for the praise and glory of God? The Chancel Bells are looking for new members! You don't need experience with bells to try them out, just a desire to lift a song to God. Handbells are a very approachable medium in church music and can be great for both beginning and experienced musicians and ringers alike. The ensemble rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary and will enhance worship 5 to 6 times in the coming semester. If you are interested or want to now more, please contact Noah Hartsfield, Interim Handbell Director, at nhartsfield2010@gmail.com.

New Small Group Opportunity - The Color of Compromise

Beginning February 2 during the 10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour, there will be a new small group focused on various forms of privilege and how we move forward. The group, led by Misty Phillips, Dave Walker, Julie Walker, and Lynne Lampe, will meet in the conference room and use the book *The Color of Compromise* by Jamar Tisby as the basis for the discussions. This book about the history of racial oppression in our country and the church's complicity. Each week, the group will focus on one chapter from the book. Books are \$15 each. To register, email the church office at churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org.

<u>Christianity & Transgender Inclusion Event – February 21 & 22</u> with Austen Hartke

A graduate of Luther Seminary's Master of Arts program in Old Testament and Hebrew Bible Studies, Hartke works to help other trans and gender non-conforming people see themselves in scripture. A recent winner of the John Milton Prize in Old Testament Writing, author of *Transforming: The Bible and the Lives of Transgender Christians*, and creator of the YouTube series "Transgender and Christian," Hartke shares experiences as a bisexual and transgender Christian.

An LGBTQ+ Affirming Worship Service will be held at 6:30 pm on Friday, February 21, after which Hartke will share his coming out story and talk about the biblical stories that give him strength as an adult in a session called *Transgender and Christian: A Coming Out and Coming Home Story*.

On Saturday, February 22, at 10:00 am, Hartke will lead *The Bible and Transgender Christian's Seminar* in a session that explores the biblical texts historically used to discriminate against the LGBTQ+ community. Then he will dig into stories of biblical characters who didn't fit the mold when it came to gender expression.

The weekend events are sponsored by First Baptist Church, The Center Project, Rock Bridge Christian Church, Broadway Christian Church, St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Columbia United Church of Christ, Unity, Unitarian Universalist Church and Heart Space Clinic.

The events are free to the public and will take place at First Baptist. No tickets are necessary, and childcare is provided with reservation. To sign up for childcare, email churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org with the number of children and their ages.



For Children During Worship:

<u>Birth-Kindergarteners</u> 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:

<u>Birth-Age 3 Childcare</u> 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 Group (Parlor) has begun an in-depth study of 1 Corinthians. Everyone is welcome to join the conversation.
- -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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