

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 25, 2019

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Greeting

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Prelude

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

†Call to Worship (responsive)

Camille Chang and Brittany McDonald Null

God is alive.

God is alive in the squirmy children in our midst.

We will love them.

God is alive.

God is alive in the boundless energy of our children.

We will love them.

God is alive.

God is alive in the children who play four square and tetherball.

We will love them.

God is alive.

God is alive in children who jump in puddles and make mud pies.

We will love them.

God is alive.

God is alive in the remarkable imaginations of our children.

We will love them.

God is alive.

God is alive in the minds of all who think like children.

We will love them.

God is alive so let's sing praises.

†Processional Hymn 40

Let the Whole Creation Cry

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Child Development Center

Noah Hartsfield

Blessing of the School Year (responsive)

Brittany McDonald Null

Gracious God,

As we celebrate the gift of our children, let us make the time to be with them and to listen when they try to tell us what is on their minds and hearts.

Help us to guide them as they grow up in the midst of this fast-moving and often confusing culture.

May we work diligently to develop a loving and caring family in which each member is recognized as a special and unique individual.

We pray for the children of this world who live in societies that do not always understand or recognize the needs which are so necessary for their welfare.

We pray for the many children who are homeless and forgotten, for those who suffer physical abuse, and for those who are caught in the horrors of wars.

Help us to celebrate the gift of children wherever they may be in God's world.

Be with us as parents, teachers, pastors, and friends as we shepherd our children.

Loving God, You have blessed us with the joy and responsibility of caring for children. As this new school year begins, we pray that you will help each of us: parents, teachers, Sunday school teachers, mentors, and grandparents to do our part to give children every chance to learn and grow.

This year, as all our children grow on the outside, we pray that they will grow on the inside too, in knowledge and love for you and others. Let your Holy Spirit give them the gifts of wisdom and understanding. Help them learn the things you need them to know. Bless them with a joyful, safe and productive school year. We ask through Christ, Amen.

Anthem

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands
Pedro Ramiro, *violin*

arr. Mark Hayes

*He's got the whole world in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands.*

*He's got the wind and the rain in His hands,
He's got the wind and the rain in His hands,
He's got the wind and the rain in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands.*

*He's got the little tiny baby in His hands,
He's got the little tiny baby in His hands,
He's got the little tiny baby in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands.*

*He's got all the world's children in His hands,
He's got all the world's children in His hands,
He's got all the world's children in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands.*

*He's got peace for all nations in His hands,
He's got peace for all nations in His hands,
He's got peace for all nations in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands.*

*He's got the wind and the rain,
the tiny little baby,
everybody here is in God's hands.*

Colossians 3:20-21

Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is your acceptable duty in the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, or they may lose heart.

Matthew 18:1-5

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” He called a child, whom he put among them, and said, “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.

Matthew 19:13-15

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.” And he laid his hands on them and went on his way.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Unison

1. I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be
 3. When you heard the won - der of the word I was
 5. In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too
 7. I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be

there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you
 there to cheer you on; you were raised to praise the
 old, no long - er young, I'll be there to guide you
 there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you

were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold.
 liv - ing God, to whom you now be - long.
 through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.
 were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold.

2. I was there when you were but a child, with a
 4. If you find some - one to share your time and you
 6. When the eve - ning gen - tly clos - es in and you

faith to suit you well; in a blaze of light you
 join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your
 shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be there as I have

wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell.
 vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun.
 al - ways been with just one more sur - prise.

Fine

Message

Pastor Carol McEntyre

†Hymn of Commitment 412

Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands

†Offertory Sentence

Offertory

Morceau de Concours
Támila Freitas, *Flute*

by Fauré

†Benediction

*Following the service, you are invited to join us
on the front lawn for our Annual Kick-Off*

Worship Notes

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Jim & Judy Elliott

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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

Sunday, August 25

12:15 pm Fall Kick-Off

Front Lawn

Monday, August 26

9-10:30 am Senior Yoga

Parlor

1-3:00 pm Staff Meeting

Office Commons

Tuesday, August 27

11:45 am – 2 pm Crafty Critters

Conference Room

Wednesday, August 28

5:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Fellowship Hall

6:00 pm The Calling Kick-Off

Midway Golf & Games

6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal

Sanctuary

7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Sanctuary

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 – Today!

Join us on the front lawn after worship for our Annual Fall Kick-Off picnic!

The Calling Kick-Off- August 28

All students in 6-12th grade are invited to join us on August 28 at MIDWAY GOLF AND GAMES! We will (weather permitting) eat some pizza, play some putt-putt, race some go karts, and have a blast. Our festivities will begin at 6:00 pm and finish by 7:30 pm. The Calling is our Wednesday night gathering for Middle and High School students that takes place each week from 6- 7:15 pm. This is a fun time for students to gather together to build relationships, explore faith, and learn how the Bible helps shape and guide our lives. On Wednesday nights, just take the elevator or stairs up to the 3rd floor and follow the loud music! Our mid-week gathering is a lot of fun and we hope to see all our students there.

Children's Ministry Volunteers Needed

Our Children's Ministry needs volunteers to help with extended session during both services. You can sign-up to volunteer following the service, during the Fall Kick-Off, or by contacting Brittany at bnull@fbc-columbia.org

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.

Summer Book Club Discussion Groups

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

Sheppard Lecture Series – October 19 & 20

Join us on October 19 & 20 for our annual Sheppard Lecture with Jared Byas, co-host of the popular podcast, *The Bible for Normal People*.

Invite-a-Friend Sunday – September 8

We are declaring Sunday, September 8 Invite-a-Friend Sunday!

As a community of faith, we look forward to Sunday morning when we come to church, see our friends, attend small group and worship together. We love our church and believe other people would too if they came to visit. So, the Telling Team came up with the idea of Invite-a-Friend Sunday.

We thought if we agreed together to invite a friend, it would encourage us to issue the invitation. You can invite a co-worker, a neighbor, a family member, or a friend. Sunday, September 8 is the start of a new sermon series about the Bible- what it is and how it speaks today. It is going to be a great time of learning, so why not invite others to join us?

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.

Child Development Center Supply Drive

One way to show your love for the CDC this fall is to participate in our classroom supply drive. On Sunday morning you can stop by the bulletin board in the hallway by the Sanctuary to see a list of classroom supplies our teachers are requesting for the school year. Each supply will be on a slip of paper, simply take a slip of paper or two, purchase those supplies, and drop the supplies and the slip of paper off on the 2nd floor of the Church next to the CDC office.



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

Michael McEntyre, Associate Pastor of Youth, Missions, and Interim Administration

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