

Our Worship of God

April 16, 2023

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

~ The Second Sunday of Easter ~

Introit

Alleluia, Alleluia!
Chancel Choir

by Deborah Governor

Welcome

Pastor Carol McEntyre

† Call to Worship (responsive)

We gather as people on a journey.

**We believe and we have doubts,
we do good and we sin.**

**We are imperfect humans,
and still beloved by God.**

Love and grace. Hope and faith.

These are the essence of the one we call God.

**We seek forgiveness and grace from
the One and from those we've harmed.**

Assured of that grace,

we are ready to grow again.

**We yearn for a new way,
a new perspective,
and a clear path.**

Though we are full of trust and full of doubt, we are here.

Speak to us, God! Continue creating us!

Inspire our hearts.

Enlighten our minds.

Guide our actions. Amen.

†Opening Song

To the One

†Passing the Peace of Christ

†Gospel Reading

Auben Galloway

John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.” A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of Resurrection. Christ is Risen.

Christ is Risen indeed.

Prayer of Confession (responsive)

Creator God,
we confess that at times we are skeptics.
At times we doubt that you exist
because of the evil we have seen in the world.
Oppression, marginalization, and plain hate still plague our world,
and it is hard to see your love and light.
Sometimes, even those who bear your name
do not walk in your ways.

Help us to see your goodness in this world.

Help us to know your love.

**Fill us with your love and goodness,
so that we might love one another,
and lift up one another in faith. Amen.**

Words of Assurance (responsive)

This is the Good News: God does not mock us when we fail to trust,
but invites us into a deeper, more intimate relationship.

Put your finger here. Look at my hands.

Put your hand in my side. Trust me!

God does not shame us when our faith waivers,
but challenges us to be strengthened by God's promises.

Happy are those who don't see, and yet trust!

God's purpose is not to tear us down, but to build us up:
forgiven, refreshed, and renewed!

Sharing of our Gifts

†Song of Praise

Your Love is Here


Message

Pastor Carol McEntyre


†Hymn of Response

We Walk by Faith

Unison



1. We walk by faith and not by sight. No gra-cious words we
 2. We may not touch His hands and side, nor fol-low where He
 3. And when our life of faith is done, in realms of clear - er



hear from Him who spoke as none e'er spoke; but we be -
 trod; but in His prom - ise we re - joice, and cry, "My
 light we may be - hold You as You are, with full and

Parts (optional)



lieve Him near.
 Lord and God!" We walk by faith and not by sight, led by God's
 end - less sight.



pure and ho-ly Light! Pre-pare us for the jour-ney, Lord, and may we



know Your power and might, as we walk by faith and not by sight.

Life of the Church

†Benediction

†Postlude

Christ the Lord is Risen Today
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

arr. Lani Smith

Worship Notes

Call to Worship, written by Tim Graves and posted on LiturgyBits, liturgybits.wordpress.com

To the One, CCLI Song # 7084422 Abbie Parker | Adam Palmer | Jeff Pardo

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing, Words: Attr. Jean Tisserand, 15th C.; tr. John M. Neale, 1851, alt. Music: Traditional French melody, 15th C.

Prayer of Confession, written by Rev. Mindi and posted on Rev-o-lution, <http://rev-o-lution.org>

Words of Assurance, written by Scott Cervas, and posted on LiturgyLink, <https://www.liturgylink.net/04/09/call-to-confession-declaration-of-grace>

Your Love is Here, CCLI Song # 7113890 Hannah Rand | Lenora Rand

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, April 16

9:10 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour –Adult, Youth & First Kids Sunday School

11:15 am Combined Worship in the Sanctuary

Monday, April 17

1:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, April 18

1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

Wednesday, April 19

5:30 pm The Calling Dinner

6:00 pm The Calling Meeting

5:30 pm Chancel Choir Potluck

6:30-7:30 pm Chancel Bells

Thursday, April 20

10:30 am First Baptist Women's Zoom Book Study

Sunday, April 23

9:10 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

9:15 am Awakening Worship in the Fellowship Hall

10:15 am Sharing Our Stories in the Parlor

10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour –First Kids Sunday School

11:15 am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

Announcements

Visitors

If you are visiting, we are so glad to have you with us! If you would like to receive more information about First Baptist and our ministries, you can fill out a connection card at the welcome table, scan the QR code in the bulletin, or visit our website at fbc-columbia.org/connect



ForColumbia - April 29!

Register at <https://forcolumbia.com/volunteer/>

ForColumbia is a city-wide day of service that brings together churches in Columbia to be the hands and feet of Christ in our community. On April 29, First Baptist will join with volunteers from more than 45 partner churches to serve. Contact Pastor Michael McEntyre for more information at mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org.

Chancel Choir Potluck

Wednesday, April 19, 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

The Chancel Choir will be hosting a choir potluck in the fellowship hall on Wednesday, April 19th from 5:30 until approximately 6:30. The choir would like to invite the handbell choir, the praise band team, staff, and any congregation or community members who might be interested in singing in the chancel choir during traditional worship from April 23 until the choir dismisses for summer after Sunday, May 14. This potluck will be a great opportunity to fellowship with other music lovers and feel a warm welcome to make beautiful, worshipful music in our final “lower impact” Sundays before the summer break. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Jonathan Ray at jray@fbc-columbia.org. We hope to see you there!

Sharing Our Stories Sunday, April 23, 10:15 am

Throughout 2023, Pastor Carol is hosting in-depth conversations with different First Baptist folx about their faith. Carol has curated a list of about 20 questions to guide the conversation. Questions like: What is a well-known passage or teaching from the Bible that you no longer believe or at least struggle to believe? Talk about how you pray and how it has changed over the years. Jason Tratchel and Norma Baker will be her next conversation partners. Join us on Sunday, April 23, at 10:15 am in the Parlor as they will have a 40-minute conversation about their spiritual journeys!

Celebrating 10 Years with Pastor Michael McEntyre Sunday, May 21

March 28 was Pastor Michael McEntyre's official 10th anniversary at First Baptist. He began his tenure with us as Minister of Youth and Missions and transitioned to his current role as Pastor of Youth, Missions, and Administration in 2018. We plan to celebrate this milestone on Sunday, May 21, with a dinner at 5:30 pm at The Roof, located at the Broadway Hotel, right across the street from the church. Michael will share some of his faith story during the celebration to coincide with the Sharing Our Stories interviews Pastor Carol is conducting this year. Please RSVP for the dinner by May 15 to churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org.

Please Give to the Youth Scholarship Fund Envelope Challenge

Easter Sunday kicked off our Youth Envelope Challenge. This fundraiser event helps make all of our events equitable and affordable for our youth. Every year our student ministry offers fantastic spiritual and relational opportunities such as Youth Camp, retreats, summer events, and more. We work hard to make these events affordable for all of our students, but this would not be possible without the help of our Student Scholarship Fund. Money given to our Student Scholarship Fund allows us to lower the overall cost of an event (such as camp) for every student. This is especially helpful for families with multiple students in our student ministry. Our Student Scholarship Fund also allows us the freedom to work with families needing further assistance to make sure no student is left out because of financial restraints. You can support our Student Scholarship Fund by picking up one (or more) envelopes from the bulletin board in the connector building on a Sunday and dropping it in the offering. You can also give online to support by scanning this QR code. Thank you for your kindness.



Attention All Graduates, High School, College, & Beyond!

First Baptist would like to honor all of our high school and college graduates on Sunday, May 7. Graduates will be recognized in both of our worship services and there will be a light brunch between the service in the Children's Building Hallway. We are asking that all graduates (or parents of graduates) send your graduation information to the church no later than **Sunday, April 30** so it may be featured in the Spire. (For high school students this includes your name, senior photo, school graduating from, and future plans. For our college and post college grads, please include your name, recent photo, parent's names, school you are graduating from, degree you are graduating with, and future plans). Information may be brought to the church office or emailed electronically to mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org. We do not want to miss celebrating any of our graduates' accomplishments so please help us honor all the graduates within our congregation by sending in this important information soon.

Brunch Worship - May 7 at 10:15 am

On Sunday, May 7, First Baptist will gather for worship around a meal and communion at 10:15 am in the Fellowship Hall. Brunch worship began at First Baptist as a holy experiment last year to reconnect after years of pandemic living. We enjoyed it so much we continue to offer Brunch worship several times a year. Brunch Worship takes the place of our small groups and other worship services for the day. You are invited to contribute to worship by bringing whatever entrée, dessert, fruit, salad, muffin, or store-bought contribution you want to make and by signing up to lead in worship or help clean up! Childcare will continue to be available for children from birth through kindergarten. Older children and youth are encouraged to be full participants in Brunch Worship. After our plates are full, we will take some time to eat and converse. Then, we will hear a scripture reading and explore scripture together through discussion. Finally, we will sing, pray, and clean up together. While this may look and feel different from other worship services and fellowship opportunities, it fosters meaningful connections with God and one another.

Journey Together: *Changemakers*

June 23-25, 2023

Save the date for Journey Together: A Family-Oriented Spiritual Formation Weekend. Children and their families will come together to remember that everyone can make a difference in the world through corporate worship, games, Bible study, art projects, and science explorations. Activities are geared toward kids aged 3 through 5th grade and their families, however, all are welcome! Youth can participate with their families or volunteer to help. Registration begins May 1.



Rev. Dr. Carol McEntyre, Senior Pastor
Rev. Dr. Michael McEntyre, Pastor of Youth, Missions, and Administration
Rev. Brittany McDonald Null, Pastor of Families and Spiritual Formation
Jonathan Ray, Music Director-Traditional Worship,
Shelby Myers, Awakening Worship Praise Band Director,
Colleen Ostercamp, Pianist and Organist,
Noah Hartsfield, Handbell Director
Susan Goudie, Administrative Assistant,
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Mike Ide, Custodian,
Marcy Douglas, Childcare Coordinator