



Our Worship of God

October 15, 2023

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Welcome

Pastor Carol McEntyre

† Call to Worship (responsive)

We gather to worship God,

Who creates us and loves us;

Who gifts us with diversity and makes us for community;

Who gives Jesus Christ to show us how to live;

Who inspires children, youth, young adults, and people of all ages,

To seek justice, share power,

and live together in love and equality;

Who invites us to join the struggle for wholeness and wellbeing for all,
and whose presence, grace, and love

sustain us in our living.

We gather to worship God.

To God be all glory, honor, and praise!

*Oh I'm leaning leaning
Safe and secure from all alarms
Leaning leaning leaning on the everlasting arms
Leaning on the everlasting arms
Oh I'm leaning on the everlasting arms*

*Let my yes be yes to You oh Lord
Let my no be no to things of this world
If I rise or fall if I stand at all
I am leaning on Your everlasting arms*

*What a fellowship what a joy divine
What a priceless gift
God I'm Yours and You are mine
Let my restless soul be still and know
I am leaning on Your everlasting arms
(I am leaning on Your everlasting arms)*

*From the morning sun and mercies new
To the evening stars every promise is true
As I walk this world I'm held by You
I am leaning on Your everlasting arms*

*What a fellowship what a joy divine
What a priceless gift
God I'm Yours and You are mine
Let my restless soul be still and know
I am leaning on Your everlasting arms
(I am leaning on Your everlasting arms)*

*The more I'm leaning the more I'm flying
Feels less like dying
More like living for Heaven on Earth*

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†Passing the Peace of Christ

Scripture Reading

Ken Hammann

Matthew 5:11-12

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise be to Christ.

Prayer for Faith in Spite of Chaos

God, when the world is burning down,
When some are reaping the rewards of avarice and injustice,
When others are incurring oppression and suffering,
When many are beset by calamity,
When we are at odds with our neighbors,
When wars rage around the world,
When nature and history are rebuking us...

Let us not lose hope,
Nor fall prey to cynicism and endless worry.
But let the words of those who went before us
Provoke us to faith, love and good deeds.

We remind ourselves of these truths, no matter what happens:
We rest securely in Divine presence and care.
We rejoice in the heritage of faithfulness we have received.
We bless the wisdom and counsel of the Spirit within us.
We are full of joy and life forever.
We can never escape or deter the Love of God.

We keep the faith that is our inheritance:
That Love is working for good in the world;
That Christ is always redeeming humanity's misguided deeds;
That forgiveness heals and soothes us;
That spirit transcends ego,
That death is never the end of the story.

So even when it seems that all is lost
And we are tempted to let go of our last shred of hope,
We can access faith to remind us that we are held by Love,
That we come from Love and will return to you.
Amen.

†Song of Reflection

No One Ever Cared For Me Like Jesus

*If my heart could tell a story, if my life would sing a song
If I have a testimony, if I have anything at all*

*No one ever cared for me like Jesus
His faithful hand has held my all this way
And when I'm old and grey
And all my days are numbered on the earth
Let it be known, In You alone
My joy was found (I found my joy)*

*Let my children tell their children, Let this be their memory
That all my treasure was in heaven, And you were everything to me*

*No one ever cared for me like Jesus
His faithful hand has held my all this way
And when I'm old and grey
And all my days are numbered on the earth
Let it be known, In You alone
My joy was found(I found my joy)*

*I'm still in love, You're still enough for me
Still all I want, You're still my everything*

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*No one ever cared for me like Jesus
His faithful hand has held my all this way
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(REPEAT)*

Sharing of Our Gifts

Anthem

Gentle Voice
Chancel Choir

Sermon

Why I am Still a Christian

Dr. Jemar Tisby

†Hymn of Response 712

The Kingdom of God is Justice and Joy

†Benediction

May God bless you with a restless discomfort about easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships, so that you may seek truth boldly and love deep within your heart. May God bless you with holy anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that you may tirelessly work for justice, freedom, and peace among all people. May God bless you with the gift of tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, or the loss of all that they cherish, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and transform their pain into joy. May God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you really can make a difference in this world, so that you are able, with God's grace, to do what others claim cannot be done.

†Postlude

In Christ There is No East or West
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

arr. Callahan

Worship Notes



Dr. Jemar Tisby is the author of the New York Times bestselling book, *The Color of Compromise: The Truth about the Church's Complicity in Racism*, and the award-winning *How to Fight Racism*. His latest book is *How to Fight Racism: Young Reader's Edition*. Jemar has been a co-host of the "Pass the Mic" podcast since its inception seven years ago. His writing has been featured in the *Washington Post*, *The Atlantic*, and the *New York Times* among others. He is a frequent commentator on outlets such as NPR and CNN's New Day program. He speaks nationwide on the topics of racial justice, U.S. history, and religion. Jemar earned his PhD in history with a focus on race, religion, and social movements in the 20th century. Dr. Jemar Tisby recently joined the faculty of Simmons College

of Kentucky as a Professor of History and Public Scholarship. You can follow his work through his newsletter, Footnotes, and on social media at @JemarTisby.

Leaning, CCLI Song # 7192530

No One Ever Cared For Me Like Jesus, CCLI Song # 7147718 Chandler Moore | Dante Bowe | Jason Ingram | Steffany Gretzinger

The Kingdom of God is Justice and Joy, Words: Bryn Austin Rees, 1973. Music: William Croft, 1708.

Prayer for Faith in Spite of Chaos, Adapted from a poem by Fran Pratt

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, October 15

- 9:10 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 10:15 am Jemar Tisby Q & A and First Kids Sunday School
- 11:15 am Combined Worship with Jemar Tisby Preaching
- 6:00 pm College Sunday Night Gathering in the Office Commons

Monday, October 16

- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, October 17

- 1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

Wednesday, October 18

- 6:30-7:30 pm Chancel Bells
- 5:30 *The Calling* Dinner
- 6:00-7:15 *The Calling*

Thursday, October 19

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

Saturday, October 21

- First Baptist in Mizzou Homecoming Parade

Sunday, October 22 -Truth-telling, Lament and Commitment

- 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 Fellowship Hall
- 2:00 pm *How to Fight Racism* Discussion in the Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 pm College Sunday Night Gathering in the Office Commons

Announcements

Welcome 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



Worship Service of Truth-telling, Lament and Commitment Combined Worship - Sunday, October 22, at 11:15 a.m.

When the 200th Anniversary Team began planning our year of celebration, we knew remembering and honoring our history would be part of the festivities. At the same time, we recognized that we could not celebrate the beautiful aspects of our past without giving an honest account of our church's historical connection to slavery. We have acknowledged our past sins from the beginning of our anniversary celebration. The Racial Justice Team and our pastoral staff have crafted a combined worship service of Truth-telling, Lament, and Commitment that will be held on Sunday, October 22, at 11:15 a.m. The purpose of the service is to give an account of the extent of our connection to slavery and recognize the enslaved people who were impacted by our distorted view of the gospel. We are going to read the names of the enslaved persons, lament our church's involvement in this evil practice, and recommit ourselves to the work of seeking racial justice.

First Baptist in Mizzou Homecoming Parade - October 21

As part of our 200th Anniversary Celebration, we are not only remembering our history and giving thanks for the ways that God has been faithful to us in the past but also fostering outreach in the present. One of the avenues for getting the word out about our great congregation is to participate in Mizzou's Homecoming Parade! Anyone in the congregation who wants to join the fun is invited to participate. We need 6 or 7 people to hand out candy, people to walk and carry the banners, and a few people to ride on the float. We will line up for the parade at 8:15 a.m. Details about where to line up will be forthcoming. If you want to join the fun, email Pastor Carol at mcentyre@fbc-columbia.org.

How to Fight Racism Discussion

In anticipation of Dr. Jemar Tisby's weekend with us, October 14-15, one of the First Baptist summer reads was his book *How to Fight Racism*. In this book, Dr. Tisby calls us to foster "prophetic imagination," to envision a world without racism. Each of the book's three sections begins with a grounding in our faith. Each chapter title starts with "How to ...," indicating the practical steps provided. The Racial Justice Team is sponsoring three opportunities to discuss the book. The final discussion will be held on October 22. We invite you to join us in the Fellowship Hall at 2-3:30 pm. If you have questions, contact Julie Walker (jbethwalker58@gmail.com) or Lynne Lampe (llampe.editor@gmail.com).

Fall Fun Fest – Sunday October 29

Fall Fun Fest is back for another year at Midway Golf and Games. Join us Sunday, October 29 from 3:30-7:30 for food, fellowship, and fun. There will be an opportunity to play archery tag, mini-golf, and of course participate in our annual trunk-or-treat. The Gold Pumpkin is at play for the most creative trunk!

Jesus and John Wayne Book Discussion

Sunday, November 5 at 12:30 pm

Join Pastoral Resident Caleb Cooke on November 5 at 12:30 pm in the Conference Room for a conversation about one of our summer reads, *Jesus and John Wayne*. In this brilliant book, author Kristin Kobes Du Mez argues that the 2016 election of Donald Trump was not an accident. Rather, Trump's rise to evangelical fame is a feature of a 75-year-long transformation of Jesus into a macho "spiritual badass." Feel free to join the discussion even if you haven't read the book; it will be a lively one. We will meet in the Conference Room and a meal will be provided. RSVP to ccooke@fbc-columbia.org by October 29.

Interested in Ringing Handbells?

We'd like to invite anyone in the congregation who is interested in learning about ringing handbells to come and join us! You don't need experience with handbells or even be able to read music. Rehearsals are on Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary and we play in service about once a month. Nursery care is available on Wednesday nights. If you'd like to learn more or are interested, please reach out to Handbell Director Noah Hartsfield at nhartsfield2010@gmail.com.

200th Anniversary Worship & Luncheon - November 12

We invite all First Baptist friends to join us in celebrating a momentous occasion - our 200th Anniversary! On November 12, at 11:15 a.m., we will come together for a special Anniversary Celebration Worship Service as we give thanks to God for 200 years of mission and ministry.

Following the service, we invite you to continue the festivities with us at a Banquet Luncheon at the Kimball Ballroom at Stephens College. Your presence will make this occasion truly memorable.

To ensure we have enough seats and delicious food for everyone, we kindly request that you RSVP for the luncheon by October 23. You can do so by emailing the church office at churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org or by simply following the QR code link and registering online.

200
celebrating
200
years of First Baptist

All friends of First Baptist Church
are invited to join us for this
most joyous occasion.

November 12

11:15 am Celebration
Worship Service
Followed by a Banquet at
Stephens College
Kimball Ballroom

- luncheon tickets -
suggested donation of
\$10 each, \$20 for families
RSVP by October 23 to
churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org





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

Caleb Cooke, Pastoral Resident

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,

Brenda Rice, Administrative Assistant for Web, Facilities and Arts,

Mike Ide, Custodian,

Marcy Douglas, Childcare Coordinator