



Our Worship of God:

October 22, 2023

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Service of Truth-Telling, Lament, and Commitment

*“None of us can be held responsible for the wrongdoings of our ancestors.
But if today we choose not to do the right and necessary thing, that burden we own.”*

-Nikole Hannah-Jones

Welcome and Setting of Intentions

Pastor Carol McEntyre

†Call to Worship (responsive)

We gather to worship together,

Different people, different lives, different histories,

Yet all children of the same Parent,

Created lovingly by the Source of all life!

We gather to reconnect with one another,

Different people, different lives, different histories,

Yet all disciples of one Teacher.

Jesus, the Word made flesh, dwelling among us.

We gather with different joys and sorrows, different hopes and fears,

Different people, different lives, different histories,

Yet one people with one God, one faith, one baptism.

**Let us open ourselves to the presence of God at work in us,
among us, and through us.**

†Opening Hymn 710

We are Called to Be God's People

Scripture Reading

Bill Lautenschlager

Luke 4:14-21

Then Jesus, in the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding region. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to set free those who are oppressed,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise be to Christ.

- *Truth-Telling* -

Message

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Litany for Truth-Telling

God, we pray for our faith community,
 As a whole and as individuals,
That we will have the courage to hold fast to truth,
 Even when truth is inconvenient,
Even when truth convicts us,
 Even when truth is difficult,
Even when truth is not what we’d hoped,
 Even when truth is hard to tell ...

Acknowledgment and Remembrance

Congregational Response

Lord have mercy;
 Christ have mercy

Choral Response

Kyrie

Silence

- *Lament* -

Lament

Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child

Colleen Ostercamp, *Piano* & Easton Kerns, *Drum*

“Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child” is an African-American Spiritual that dates to the era of slavery in the United States. This Spiritual expresses pain and despair, especially of children being separated from parents.

Prayer of Lament and Confession

written by Lynne Lampe
read by Rebekah Robertson

God, our heart’s true and deepest desire is to live out your Word.

This congregation was founded on great love for You.

Yet from the beginning, we had a distorted view of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We have fallen short of full acceptance of all Your children.

The ways have changed over the years, and today, with Your help,

**we lament times we and our forebearers limited another’s
humanity based on the color of their skin.**

Forgive us for twisting your Word for our own ends—

open our hearts and minds to true understanding.

For times we did not follow Your example to treat everyone
as Your beloveds,

God, we lament.

For times we thought equality meant You wanted us to be colorblind,

God, we lament.

For times we did nothing, not even speak, to fight injustice due to all we
include in the word *race*—skin color, language, food, cultural practices,

God, we lament.

For times we assumed whiteness as the default and called it “normal,”

God, we lament.

For times we updated our language but neither changed our behaviors nor
truly challenged our assumptions,

God, we lament.

For times we didn't believe when someone told us ways they experienced racism,

God, we lament.

For times we spoke before listening and thought our experiences were alike,

God, we lament.

For times we followed social convention rather than

Your teaching and example,

God, we lament.

For times we chose acceptance from our social group rather than follow You,

God, we lament.

For times we chose comfort over discomfort and growth,

God, we lament.

For times we valued individuality at the expense of community,

God, we lament.

Silence for Confession

God of Justice and Truth, we confess we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed.

In what we have done, and what we have left undone.

For the times when our fear is greater than our desire to understand.

God, forgive us.

For the ways our church has benefited from the slavery of the past,

Christ, forgive us.

For how the greater Church has distorted your word to allow slavery to exist,

Spirit, forgive us.

For - give us, Lord.

1. For griev-ance and in - jus - tice: }
2. For weak-ness and trans - gres-sion: } For - give us, Lord. { A -
3. In your e - ter - nal mer - cy: } { Re -
In

loof - ness and in - dif-ference: }
sis - tance and re - bel - lion: } For - give us, Lord. {
your sus - tain - ing grace: } {

- *Commitment* -

Litany for Addressing Racism (responsive)

Erik Potter & Pat Fowler

Oh God, we are gradually waking up
To the knowledge of our deep and hidden sins;

Most particularly, to the sin of racism

Which has affected our culture, psyche, and practice.

We thought we could say, “Oh, those racist generations have passed on.
The civil rights movement already happened.”
We thought we had leveled the playing field.

We thought we could ignore Whiteness.

We thought we didn’t have to see color.

But we know that we have more work to do,

To cleanse, heal, and establish justice.

We quit before the work was finished.

We were wrong.

Help us to see what we couldn’t see before.

Help us to examine everything:

Every custom and system,

Every group dynamic and assumption,

To leave no stone unturned in our mission

To rout out injustice;

To take every thought captive to the loving ethic of Christ.

This work is messy.

We feel sensitive about it.

We feel overwhelmed and ashamed.

Help us not to minimize or shirk,

Nor be blinded by our privilege.

Give us robust hearts,

Willing to take an unflinching look at the racism within us.

And as we sift through our habits, culture, and customs,

Examining them with a new sensitivity to injustice,

Help us to embody hope,

Peacemaking,

Restoration,

and above all, love for our neighbors.

Make us aligned to the kin-dom of Heaven,

Diligently working for liberation. Amen.

Offering for Racial Repair

Lynne Lampe, *Racial Justice & Inclusion Team*

†Song of Commitment

Find our Way to Love

*When I hurt you I hurt me
When I push you I push me
When I curse you I curse me
I weep with you as you weep with me
When I starve you I starve me
When I bomb you I bomb me
When I kill you I kill me
I die with you as you die with me*

*There is no other, there's only us
On this trembling tender earth
And all of heaven is here with us
When we find our way to love
When we find our way to love*

*When I hate you I hate me
When I lose you I lose me
When I find you I find me
I live with you as you live with me*

*There is no other, there's only us
On this trembling tender earth
And all of heaven is here with us
When we find our way to love
When we find our way to love*

*God so loves the world
God so loves the world
God so loves every one of us
So we can find our way to love
So we can find our way to love*

Invitation to Action

Caleb Cooke, *Pastoral Resident*

Life of the Church

†Benediction

†Postlude

Forgive Us, Lord (reprise)
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

Worship Notes

The names of enslaved persons acknowledged and remembered today were taken from First Baptist handwritten records, William Jewell's will, and the probate record of Charles Hardin. Some names of enslaved persons were duplicated between those sources, and duplications were removed. Our Church records for 1845-1865 are missing, so the list does not represent all enslaved people. In addition, not all persons enslaved by members of our church would have sought church membership. Therefore, we are confident that the number of people enslaved by our members was larger than our records indicate.

Call to Worship, by the Rev. Leslie Penrose

We Are Called to Be God's People, ©1975 Broadman Press. Words: Thomas A. Jackson, 1973.
Music: Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797.

Forgive Us Lord, ©1996 Abingdon Press. Words: Jorge Lockward, translated by Raquel Mora Martinez (Ps. 51:1-3). Music: Jorge Lockward

Litany for Addressing Racism by Fran Pratt

Find Our Way to Love, CCLI Song # 7116849 Gary Rand | Hannah Rand | Lenora Rand

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Week at a Glance

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

Monday, October 23

- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, October 24

- 1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

Wednesday, October 25

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

Thursday, October 26

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

Sunday, October 29

- 9:10 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 9:15 am Awakening Worship in the Fellowship Hall
- 10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour –Adult, Youth & First Kids Sunday School
- 11:15 am Traditional Worship in the Fellowship Hall
- 3:30-7:30 pm Fall Fun Fest at Midway Golf & Games

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



How to Fight Racism Discussion - This Afternoon

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 this afternoon, 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!

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



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.

Notes

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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,

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