

**UN-MUDDYING THE WATER:  
ON BEING BAPTIST**

# *Our Worship of God*

*January 22, 2023*

*11:15 am*

*(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)*

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**Welcome**

Pastor Carol McEntyre

**Prelude**

**Faithfulness**

arr. Wagner

Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

**†Call to Worship (responsive)**

The Word you spoke, and keep speaking, O God

**is the life, the sustenance, of all that is - seen and unseen.**

The Life you gave, and keep giving, O Christ

**is the recreation, the renewed birth of every creature.**

The breath you breathed, and keep breathing, O Spirit

**is the inspiration for creativity, compassion and community that connects and unites all that God has made.**

Life-giving, Life-restoring, Life-fulfilling God, our worship seeks to honor you, our hearts are devoted to you and our lives are completely given over to you.

**Amen.**

**†Opening Hymn 309**

Wonderful Words of Life

**†Passing the Peace of Christ**

## **Prayer of Approach for Scripture (responsive)**

by Lynne Lampe

Thank you, God, for placing us in the flow of humanity,  
intended for community but also created as individuals.  
Thank you, God, for grace and guidance  
as we make decisions that affect not only our own lives,  
but also the lives around us.  
Thank you for inspiring the many books  
that have become the book we call the Bible,  
just one of the ways you lead us to Truth.

**O God, we have both used and abused the Bible.  
It has been a source of beauty and an excuse for war.  
When we read it, we sometimes feel well-loved  
and other times, shut out and misunderstood.  
We see its contradictions and feel confused.  
God, we need your urging, your continued call.  
Please be with us as we spend time with the Word,  
directing our reading and opening our hearts to your intention.**

Please, God, help us find clarity and avoid rigidity.  
Help us see this book as a door to open, not a wall to divide.  
A bridge to connect, not a chasm to swallow what—or who—  
is different from us. Please, God, help us approach the Word  
with humility. There are many interpretations of the text.  
Please help us welcome discussion of these different points of view.  
If we hear someone use verses to cause damage or hurt,  
lead us to speak Truth with kindness and respect for all.

**God, we acknowledge your gift, the Bible.  
We pray that we will seek your Presence in its pages  
just as we reach for you in worship and prayer.  
We pray this in Christ's name. Amen.**

**John 5:37-40**

[Jesus said] And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form, and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent. “You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life, and it is they that testify on my behalf. Yet you refuse to come to me to have life.

**Hebrews 1:1-2**

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds.

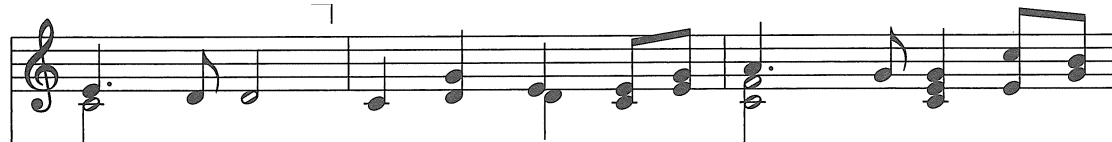
The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Unison



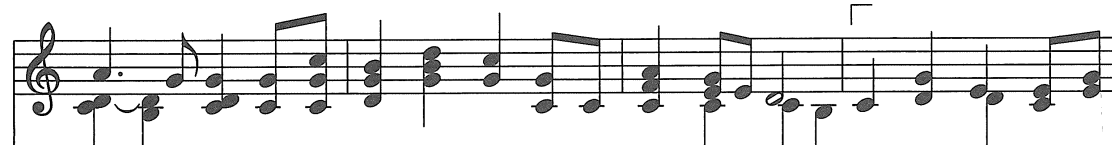
1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to re-ceive the food of Your
2. Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu -
3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your



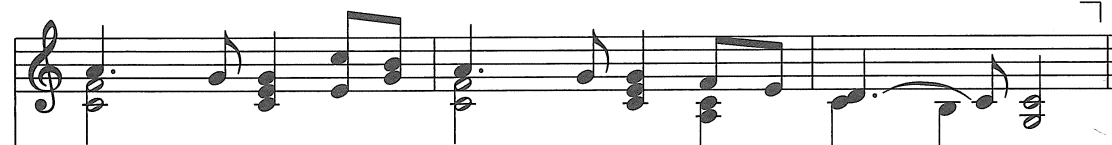
Ho - ly Word. Take Your Truth, plant it deep in us; shape and  
mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts and our at - ti-tudes in the  
plans for us. Truths un - changed from the dawn of time that will



fash - ion us in Your like - ness; that the light of Christ might be  
ra - di-ance of Your pur - i - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our  
ech - o down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on Your



seen to-day in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful-  
eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of power that can  
prom - is - es; and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till Your



fill in us all Your pur - pos - es for Your glo - ry.  
nev - er fail; let their truth pre-vail o - ver un - be - lief.  
church is built, and the earth is filled with Your glo - ry.

## Sharing Our Gifts

### Anthem

None Like You  
*Chancel Choir*

*Creator of the moon and stars, of mountains reaching high,  
Creator of the galaxies who hears a baby's cry.  
Eternity, with all its years, stands present in Your view.  
Alpha and Omega, Lord, there is none like You.  
You make the wilderness to bloom and in the desert sand,  
Provide the gentle, soaking rain, refreshing thirsty land.  
You send the warming of the sun, the fragile snowflake too.  
We bow in gratitude, O Lord, there is none like You.  
You paint the rainbow on the storm and tell the wind to cease,  
You reach out with tender hand, creation is at peace.  
You speak Your Word and it is done, the universe obeys,  
But we are free to choose, Your children sing Your praise.  
Creator of the moon and stars, of mountains reaching high,  
Creator of the galaxies who hears a baby's cry.  
Eternity, with all its years, stands present in Your view.  
Alpha and Omega, Lord, there is none like You.*

### Message

Pastor Carol McEntyre

### †Hymn of Commitment 306

Standing on the Promises

### Life of the Church

### †Benediction

### †Postlude

**Deo Gracias**  
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

arr. Callahan

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# Worship Notes

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*Prayer of Approach for Scripture*, by church member, Lynne Lampe.

*Wonderful Words of Life*, Words and Music: Philip P. Bliss, 1874.

*Speak, O Lord*, Words & Music: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend, 2005

*None Like You*, By Craig Courtney and J. Paul Williams.

*Standing on the Promises*, Words & Music: R. Kelso Carter, 1886.

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# Week at a Glance

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## Sunday, January 22

- 9:10 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 9:15 am Awakening Worship in the Fellowship Hall
- 10:15 am Business Meeting in the Fellowship Hall
- 10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour –Youth & First Kids Sunday School
- 11:15 am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

## Monday, January 23

- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting

## Tuesday, January 24

- 1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

## Wednesday, January 25

- 10:00 am Yoga Class
- 5:30 pm The Calling Dinner
- 6:00 pm The Calling Meeting
- 6:30-7:30 pm Chancel Bells

## Thursday, January 26

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

## Sunday, January 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 Sanctuary



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# Announcements

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## 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](http://fbc-columbia.org/connect)



## Kindness Focus for January 2023

As part of our 200th Anniversary festivities, we are giving back through acts of kindness. #kindnessfirst launched in November 2022. Each month, our community will receive a new kindness focus as we work towards co-creating a kinder world. Our kindness focus for January is family or friends who are like family. The people we know and love the most are sometimes the same people we are most awful toward in word and deed. We often take our frustration or anxiety out on those we love. So, this month, we are encouraging acts of kindness toward family members or friends who are like family. You can record all your intentional acts of kindness on the bulletin board in the elevator lobby of the Education Building. We have stickers that say, “#kindnessfirst” For every act of intentional kindness you do, you are invited to put a sticker up!

## Sharing Our Stories- February 12

Throughout 2023, Pastor Carol plans to host in-depth conversations with different First Baptist folx about their faith. Colleen Ostercamp, First Baptist’s longtime church organist, will be her next conversation partner. Join us **on Sunday, February 12, at 10:15 am** in the Parlor as they will have a 40-minute conversation about Colleen’s spiritual journey! Carol has curated a list of about 20 questions to guide the conversation. Questions like: What gifts have come out of some of the hard times in your life- events that you might have called “bad” at the time? How do you use these gifts?

## First Baptist Welcomes Former Pastor John Baker

Leading up to our 200th anniversary, First Baptist is welcoming back former pastors to the pulpit. On Sunday, February 19, we are elated to welcome John Baker, preaching during both worship services. If you are new to First Baptist, John Baker was pastor of First Baptist from 1997-2010.

## First Kids Pancake Party - Tuesday, February 21

The Pancake Party is back from another year celebrating Shrove Tuesday! Kids and their families are invited to the Fellowship Hall on February 21 for a Pancake Party at 5:30 pm. During our Pancake Party, kids will hear a little bit about what Lent is and prepare and learn some faith activities your family can use all season long. RSVP is required by February 15 to ensure we have all the necessary supplies. For more information, email Pastor Brittany at [bnull@fbc-columbia.org](mailto:bnull@fbc-columbia.org).

## "The Many" in Concert and Leading in Worship

The Many will perform Saturday, February 25, at 5 pm in the First Baptist Church Sanctuary for a free community concert. The ensemble will also provide music and lead worship at 11:15 am on Sunday, February 26, at the church. Drawing on indie pop and gospel influences, The Many is an intentionally diverse group of musicians committed to honest expressions of faith, peacemaking, economic and racial justice, and LGBTQ+ inclusion.

The group includes Hannah Rand, Christa Sangster Monroe, Darren Calhoun, Jonathan Ulanday, Kristina Sinks and Gary Rand. They are the house band of the Plural Guild which came together to create music, poems, prayer, visual art, liturgy, experiences and community that embrace questions and doubts, as well as faith. The Many makes music to help give voice to faith and doubt, questions and fears, laments and longings, music that speaks to a non-violent God, who is with us and for us. Both events are free to attend and open to the public. We encourage you to invite friends.

## Notes

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Church Staff

*Rev. Dr. Carol McEntyre, Senior Pastor*

*Michael McEntyre, Pastor of Youth, Missions, and Administration*

*Brittany McDonald Null, Pastor of Families and Spiritual Formation*

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*Jonathan Ray, Music Director-Traditional Worship*

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