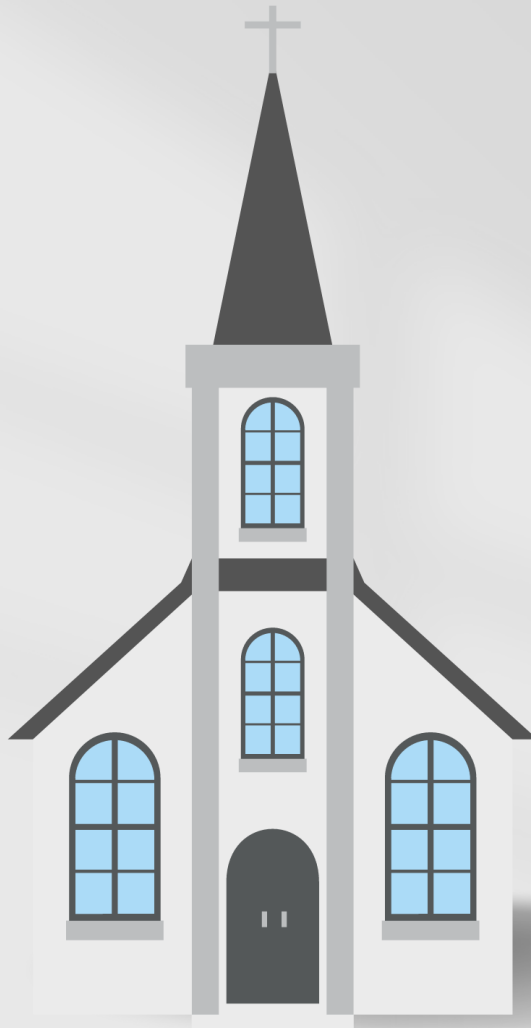




UN-MUDDYING THE WATER: ON BEING BAPTIST

Our Worship of God

January 29, 2023

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Welcome

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

Prelude

How Firm a Foundation

arr. R. Hobby

Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

†Call to Worship (responsive)

In one Spirit, we come to worship the living God.

Together, we praise God's holy name.

Just as the body does not consist of one member but of many,

**We too are many, carrying different experiences,
joys, and concerns.**

If one member suffers, all suffer together with it;

if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

We are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

Together, we lift our voices to sing!

†Opening Hymn 701

God is Here!

†Passing the Peace of Christ

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many. Now if the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I don’t need you!” And the head cannot say to the feet, “I don’t need you!”

On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

1. All the co - lours of the rain-bow live un - seen in dai - ly light,
 2. All the bo - dy's parts are wan - ted, nor can one de - spise the rest:
 3. Ev - ery lang - uage gains more mu - sic when the words for peace ap - pear:
 4. Teach us, God, our need of oth - ers; through them help us ful - ly live.

but their splen - dours find ex - pres-sion when re - leased to hu - man sight;
 head and hand must work to - get - ther, as must eye and ear and chest;
 Pax, Sa - laam, Ei - ri - ni, Hei - wa, Pa - ce, San - ti, Frie den, Mir.
 Wean us from our sel - fish hab - its; let us list - en, learn, for - give.

so the church re - veals most beau - ty where di - ver - si - ty is real:
 so the church needs all its mem - bers for a range of min - i - stries:
 Though our tongues make sounds that va - ry all be - speak a com - mon home:
 May we see your longed - for im - age in each hu - man heart and face,

breadth of race and class and gen - der, room for doubt and space to heal.
 var - ied gifts with one great mis - sion, "Do this for the least of these."
 long - ing for the end of con - flict and a new life in God's Sha - lom.
 and be - hold how those a - round us can be chan - nels of your grace.

Litany of Community

God, we are grateful for our community of faith,

Both in this room and across the globe.

We thank you for your presence with us

and the call to join your good work.

Grant that we may be caring, supportive, prayerful, and intentional,

Working together for the good of your world.

Grant that we may be a community of peace,

A community of love,

A community of thoughtfulness,

A community of generosity.

Grant that we may find among us deep friendships,

Soul renewal,

Spiritual nourishment,

And inspiration to grow.

Let us be a healthy community:

Serving one another,

Giving to those in need,

Following the Way of Christ. Amen.

Sharing Our Gifts

Anthem

Beautiful Savior *Chancel Choir*

by Lloyd Larson

*Beautiful Savior! King of creation!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I love Thee, truly I'll serve Thee.
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.*

*Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming flowers of spring.
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
He makes the woeful heart to sing.*

*Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
Bright are the sparkling stars on high,
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the holy angels in the sky.*

*Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be Thine!*

Message

Church Freedom

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

†Hymn of Commitment 708

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Life of the Church

†Benediction

†Postlude

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

arr. D. Johnson

Worship Notes

Call to Worship, by Brittany McDonald Null

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Week at a Glance

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

Monday, January 30

- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, January 31

- 1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

Wednesday, February 1

- 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, February 2

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

Sunday, February 5

- 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

*There will be a brief special-called business meeting following both services

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



Special Called Business Meeting - Sunday, February 5

First Baptist will have a brief Special Called Business Meeting following both services on February 5 to vote on restarting the Pastoral Residency, accepting the funds from the Baugh Grant, and allocating the 2022 Excess Budget funds. For more information, see this week's Spire article.

Give to the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's Offering for Global Missions -February 2023

During the month of February, First Baptist members will have the opportunity to support the work of Cooperative Baptist Field Personnel around the world by giving to the CBF Offering for Global Missions. The theme for this year's offering is "A Place at the Table for Everyone," highlighting the vast expanse of God's love that CBF Field Personnel around the world represents. 100% of your gifts to the Offering goes to missions funding (including the work of our very own Keith Holmes and Mary Van Rheenen). First Baptist is setting the goal of \$2,000 for our portion of the Offering. Funds can be placed in one of the Global Missions envelopes in worship or indicated on the memo line of the check. Checks should be made out to First Baptist Church. You can also donate online through our giving page. The church will send one check to CBF following the offering. Thank you for your generosity. To learn more about the work of our CBF mission partners, you can visit cbf.net/offering-for-global-missions.

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?

Looking for an Adult Small Group?

Jon Ludwig will teach the Discussion Class, which meets in the Parlor at 10:15 on Sunday mornings during the month of February. Jon has been part of First Baptist since 2016 and was ordained here. Jon is a 2014 graduate of Fuller Seminary. He will be teaching about the Power of Love.

Feb. 5 Loving as God Loves	Ruth 4 & John 1
Feb. 12 A Parent's Love	1 Kings 3
Feb. 19 True Friendship	1 Samuel 18
Feb. 26 Living for Others	Matthew 15

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.

Lenten Series Books for Sale

This year, our worship series is based on Diana Butler Bass' book – *Freeing Jesus: Rediscovering Jesus as Friend, Teacher, Savior, Lord, Way, and Presence*. Diana Butler Bass' books are on sale for \$5.00 each in both of the worship spaces. Please pick one up and read along through the Lenten season.

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.

“The Many” in Concert and Leading Worship – February 25-26

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 Combined Worship at 11:15 am on Sunday, February 26. 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 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.

Rediscovering Jesus: A Lenten Series

In Matthew 16, Jesus is walking with his disciples when he asks the question, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” They share some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, and still others one of the prophets. But Peter answers, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God. This question, “who is Jesus?”, will guide us through the Lenten season. The truth is, Jesus is a lot of things to a lot of people. Chances are one word isn’t enough to capture your view of Jesus either. After all, Jesus is the son of the living God, but Jesus is also a prophet, a friend, and a teacher. Our worship series is based on Diana Butler Bass’ book – *Freeing Jesus: Rediscovering Jesus as Friend, Teacher, Savior, Lord, Way, and Presence*. Throughout Lent, we will dive into her book and rediscover Jesus, learning there are more facets to the Son of the Living God than we could ever imagine.

Ash Wednesday – February 22 at 6:00 pm

To begin the Lenten season, we will gather for **Ash Wednesday Worship on February 22 at 6:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall.



Church Staff

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