



## *Our Worship of God*

*April 30, 2023*

*11:15 am*

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

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**Welcome**

Pastor Carol McEntyre

**†Prelude**

**With a Voice of Singing**  
*Chancel Choir*

by Martin Shaw

*With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!*

*Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.*

*The Lord hath delivered His people, Alleluia!*

*O be joyful in God, all ye lands.*

*O sing praises to the honor of His name, make His praise to be glorious.*

*With a voice of singing, declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!*

## †Call to Worship (responsive)

We gather in the presence of God to encounter Love that draws us in.

**We come seeking a beloved community of resistance.**

Together, we practice courage in resisting evil and rejecting the temptations of complicity and complacency.

**The Spirit leads us in welcome and hospitality.**

Our faith is placed in Love Eternal that brings new life and fellowship.

**With hope that is neither narrow nor fragile,  
we come to follow Christ.**

## †Opening Hymn 695

In Christ There Is No East or West

## †Passing the Peace of Christ

## Blessing for the Serving Team

## †Hymn 531

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

## Scripture Reading

Donna Ostercamp

*As you hear the scripture read, we invite you to notice what word,  
phrase or image stands out to you.*

### **Acts 2:42-47**

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

## Question for Reflection

*As you hear the scripture read for a second time,  
what is the passage calling you to?*

## Pastoral Prayer

## Sharing of our Gifts

## Offertory Music

**Beach Spring**  
*Chancel Bells*

arr. John Matheny

## Message

Pastor Carol McEntyre

## †Hymn 712

The Kingdom of God is Justice and Joy

## Life of the Church

## †Benediction

## †Postlude

**Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing** arr. Smith/Hustad  
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ* Becki Forsee, *piano*

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# Worship Notes

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*In Christ There Is No East or West*, ©1982 Hope Publishing Company. Words: Michael Perry, c. 1979 (from a line by John Oxenham, 1908). Music: Traditional Afro-American melody; arr. Harry T. Burleigh, 1939.

*O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*, Words: George Matheson, 1882. Music: Albert L. Peace, 1884.

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

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## Week at a Glance

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### Sunday, April 30

- 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, May 1

- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting

### Tuesday, May 2

- 1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

### Wednesday, May 3

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

### Thursday, May 4

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

### Sunday, May 7 – Brunch Worship

- 10:15 Brunch Worship in the Fellowship Hall

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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)



## 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 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.

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

First Baptist would like to honor all of our high school and college graduates on Sunday, May 14. 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](mailto: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.

## 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 7 to [churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org](mailto:churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org) or by using the QR code.



## 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. 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.



## 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,*  
*Brenda Rice, Administrative Assistant for Web, Facilities and Arts,*  
*Mike Ide, Custodian,*  
*Marcy Douglas, Childcare Coordinator*