



Our Worship of God

July 9, 2023

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Welcome

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

Prelude

Let All Things Now Living
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

arr. Larson

†Call to Worship (from Psalm 145:8-12)

Our God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger
and abounding in steadfast love.

**Our God is good to all, and God's compassion is over all
that God has made.**

All your works shall give thanks to you, O God,

And all your faithful shall bless you.

They shall speak of the glory of your kin-dom, and tell of your power,

**To make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious
splendor of your kin-dom.**

God's reign is everlasting,

And we worship God in faithfulness and gratitude.

†Hymn 130

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Sharing Our Stories

CJ Duffie

Hebrew Bible Reading

Ella Pritchett

Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

See, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea to sea

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

†Hymn 262

Rejoice, the Lord is King

Gospel Reading

Ella Pritchett

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

“But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

“For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The Gospel of Our Lord.
Praise be to Christ.

Litany of Rest and Balance

God, we hear your invitation to us:

**“Come to me, you who are weary and heavy burdened.
I will give you rest.”**

We acknowledge our souls’ need for rest and quiet nourishment.

We lay down our burdens.

We acknowledge our souls’ need of connection with You.

We turn our intentions toward You now.

Silence for acknowledging God’s presence

We confess our tendency to overlook rest as a necessary part of soul and self care.

**We confess our pride in thinking that our work is so important
that we may not set it down.**

We confess our readiness to believe that what we do determines our worth.

**We confess our obsession with productivity, results,
measurable progress.**

We confess our neglect of the good soil of our souls.

**We confess our tendency to forget that it is in You that we live
and move and have our being
and that Your love is better than life.**

Silence for Confession

We ask now for body, mind, spirit, whole-person nourishment.

For rest and resurrection,

For new life,

For healing and consolation of our souls.

Where we have overspent ourselves

Refresh us.

Where we have misplaced our priorities

Re-arrange us.

Where we have said yes when we should have said no

Remind us.

We thank You for meaningful work; for blessings and burdens.

We thank You for rest.

May we become present to our great need for Daily bread:

the presence of Christ in our lives. Amen.

Sharing Our Gifts

Anthem

Cantate!
Chancel Choir

by Mary Lynn Lightfoot

Message

CJ Duffie

†Hymn of Response 532

Be Thou My Vision

Life of the Church

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

†Benediction

†Postlude

Sing Praise to God
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

arr. Hopson

Worship Notes



Guest Preacher, CJ Duffie

Georgia-bred and Spirit-led, Christopher (CJ) Duffie lives in the freedom of Christ. Discerning the call of God as a teenager, CJ has devoted his life to the study of religion and the Church. CJ earned a Bachelor of Arts in Religion from Faith International University, Tacoma, WA. Presently, he recently completed a Master of Divinity student at Central Baptist Theological Seminary, Shawnee Mission, KS.

CJ is a proud member of St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, Kansas City, MO. CJ is married to the love of his life, Darren. CJ and Darren currently reside in the Kansas City Metro with their four pet parakeets, Beverly, Xavier, II, Mary Ann, and St. John of Chrysostom. When CJ is not working or studying, enjoys spending time with his husband.

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing, Words: Charles Wesley, 1739. Music: Carl G. Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839.

Rejoice, the Lord is King, Words: Charles Wesley, 1744, alt. Music: John Darwall, 1770.

Litany of Rest and Balance, by Fran Pratt.

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, July 9 – Guest Preacher CJ Duffie

- 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, July 10

- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, July 11

- 1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

Wednesday, July 12

- 6:30-7:30 pm Chancel Bells

Thursday, July 13

- 10:30 am First Baptist Women's Zoom Book Study
- 6:00 pm FBC Summer Game Night in the Parlor

Sunday, July 16 – Guest Preacher Aurelia Pratt

- 9:10 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 9:15 am Awakening Worship in the Fellowship Hall
- 10:15 am Sharing Our Stories with Aurelia Pratt & First Kids Sunday School
- 11:15 am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

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



First Baptist Game Night – Thursdays at 6 pm

Board game enthusiasts are invited to the Parlor for evenings of fellowship and fun. You can bring your own board game or play one that another friend brings. We will be meeting weekly through the summer. All are welcome!

Guest Preacher Aurelia Pratt – Next Sunday, July 16

Rev. Aurelia Dávila Pratt is the lead pastor of Peace of Christ Church, a radically loving community in Round Rock, Texas. Named by Sojourners as one of “Ten Christian Women Shaping the Church in 2022”, Aurelia is also the author of *A Brown Girl’s Epiphany: Reclaim Your Intuition and Step into Your Power* and the co-host of the Nuance Tea Podcast. Aurelia is a graduate of George W. Truett Theological Seminary (MDiv, 2012) as well as a licensed master of social work (LMSW, 2011). She currently serves as chair of the Board of Advocates at her alma mater, the Diana R. Garland School of Social Work at Baylor University.

Aurelia lives in Central Texas with her husband of 16 years, Lyle, and their seven year old daughter, Cosette.

Churchwide Pool Party – August 16

Save the Date for the Churchwide Pool Party on August 16 at Oakland Pool hosted by the Kids and Youth ministries. This was such a great night last year we decided to bring it back this summer. We have reserved the whole pool from 5:30-7:30 pm. The event is free and we will have freeze pops to enjoy.



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