



Our Worship of God

July 16, 2023

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Welcome

Pastor Michael McEntyre

†Prelude

It Is Well With My Soul
The Boonslick Chordbusters

†Call to Worship

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.**

†Opening Hymn 304

Come Down, O Love Divine!

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Prayer for Illumination and the Lord's Prayer

Ella Pritchett

God of holy wisdom, we are seekers on the way to a deeper wisdom and a wider vision. Our lives are full of information and opinions, but in the midst of it all we long to hear the voice of wisdom – Your wisdom, God – cutting through the noise and teaching us how to live.

God, we have come here this morning to learn wisdom from your Word, from your Holy Spirit, and from one another. We have come so that wisdom may call us out of certainty and into mystery. We have come to have the deeper, richer, wisdom-filled life that you have promised to each of us.

Oh God, make us ready to hear the words spoken to our hearts this morning. Call us to hear your wisdom and grant us the courage to respond. Together we pray as you taught your disciples to pray...

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sin, as we forgive those who sin against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Gospel Reading

Sandy Hall

John 14:23-29

Jesus answered him, “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words, and the word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me.

“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur you may believe.

The Gospel of Our Lord.
Praise be to Christ.

†Song of Praise 284

Spirit, Now Live in Me

New Testament Reading

Pastor Michael McEntyre

Acts 16:9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We therefore set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there.

A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.” And she prevailed upon us.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sharing Our Gifts

Anthem

Irish Blessing
The Boonslick Chordbusters

arr. Don Gray

Message

The Heart Isn't Deceitful

Rev. Aurelia Pratt

†Song of Response 557

Open My Eyes, That I May See

Life of the Church

Pastor Michael McEntyre

†Benediction

†Postlude

Glorious Things
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

arr. Hopson

Worship Notes



Guest Preacher Aurelia Pratt

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.

Prelude: It is Well With My Soul, by Horatio Spafford & Phillip Bliss

Call to Worship, By John Van de Laar Sacredise.com

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Week at a Glance

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

Monday, July 17

- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, July 18

- 1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

Wednesday, July 19

- 6:30-7:30 pm Chancel Bells

Thursday, July 20

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

Sunday, July 23– Pastor Michael Preaching

- 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

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!

Popsicles in the Park – July 25

Hey families with kids, join Pastor Brittany and Ella at Stephens Lake Park on July 25 at 10:30 am for Popsicles in the Park. We'll bring the popsicles, you bring your family and we will have a great time enjoying a sweet treat and hanging out!

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