

Our Worship of God

July 23, 2023

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Welcome

Pastor Michael McEntyre

†Prelude

Old Hundredth Psalm Tune

Chancel Choir

*All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice,
Him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,
Come ye before him, and rejoice.*

*The Lord, ye know, is God indeed,
Without our aid he did us make,
We are his folk, he doth us feed,
And for his sheep he doth us take.*

*O enter then his gates with praise,
Approach with joy his courts unto,
Praise, laud, and bless his name always,
For it is seemly so to do.*

*For why? the Lord our God is good:
His mercy is forever sure,
His trust at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.*

CONGREGATION, PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR IN SPIRIT AND SING

*To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heaven and earth adore,
From men and from the angel host
Be praise and glory evermore.*

†Call to Worship

Ellie Boyer

What does the Lord require of you?
**To do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with our God.**

What does God command of us?
**To love God with all our heart,
and all our soul,
and all our mind,
and all our strength,
and to love our neighbor as ourselves.**

God does not call us to ease or to comfort.
**But to presence, and abundance,
and grace in our struggle.**

Let us worship the God who believes in us,
and trusts in us, and abides with us.
**Let us worship the God who will ask much of us,
but will be beside us every step of the way.**

†Opening Hymn 62

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
Calvin Lautenschlager, *piano*

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Matthew 5:43-48

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven, for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

The Gospel of Our Lord.

Praise be to Christ.

Sharing Our Gifts

Katie Myers

Special Music**Morning Has Broken**

arr. Jason Krug

Noah Hartsfield, *handbells*Colleen Ostercamp, *flute* Becki Forsee, *piano***Readings from the Book of Esther****Esther 3:1-2; 5-6**

Nate McEntyre

After these things King Ahasuerus promoted Haman son of Hammedatha the Agagite and advanced him and set his seat above all the officials who were with him. And all the king’s servants who were at the king’s gate bowed down and did obeisance to Haman, for the king had so commanded concerning him. But Mordecai did not bow down or do obeisance.

When Haman saw that Mordecai did not bow down or do obeisance to him, Haman was infuriated. But he thought it beneath him to kill only Mordecai. So, having been told who Mordecai’s people were, Haman plotted to destroy all the Jews, the people of Mordecai, throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus.

When they told Mordecai what Esther had said, Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, “Do not think that in the king’s palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father’s family will perish. Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this.” Then Esther said in reply to Mordecai, “Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. I and my maids will also fast as you do. After that I will go to the king, though it is against the law, and if I perish, I perish.”

Esther 8:1-2; 7-8; 15-17

Calvin Lautenschlager

On that day King Ahasuerus gave to Queen Esther the house of Haman, the enemy of the Jews, and Mordecai came before the king, for Esther had told what he was to her. Then the king took off his signet ring, which he had taken from Haman, and gave it to Mordecai. So Esther set Mordecai over the house of Haman.

Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther and to Mordecai the Jew, “See, I have given Esther the house of Haman, and they have hung him on the pole because he plotted to kill the Jews. You may write as you please with regard to the Jews, in the name of the king, and seal it with the king’s ring, for an edict written in the name of the king and sealed with the king’s ring cannot be revoked.”

Then Mordecai went out from the presence of the king, wearing royal robes of blue and white, with a great golden crown and a mantle of fine linen and purple, while the city of Susa shouted and rejoiced. For the Jews there was light and gladness, joy and honor. In every province and in every city, wherever the king’s command and his edict came, there was gladness and joy among the Jews, a festival and a holiday. Furthermore, many of the peoples of the country professed to be Jews because the fear of the Jews had fallen upon them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

†Hymn 52

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Message

Pastor Michael McEntyre

Wisdom from Esther: A Camp Reflection

†Hymn of Response 669

God of Grace and God of Glory

Calvin Lautenschlager, *piano*

Life of the Church

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

†Benediction

†Postlude

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

arr. Taylor

Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

Worship Notes

Prelude: Old Hundredth Psalm Tune by Ralph Vaughan Williams

Call to Worship, ~ written by Eliza Buchakjian-Tweedy, Pastor at First Church Congregational, Rochester, NH. She blogs at <http://sermonizing.wordpress.com/>

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise, Words: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867. Music: Traditional Welsh melody.

I Sing the Mighty Power of God, Words: Isaac Watts, 1715, alt. Music: *Gesangbuch der H. W. K Hofkapelle*, 1784.

Offertory Prayer - Mary Scifres, on the Ministry Matters website.

<http://www.ministrymatters.com/all/blog/entry/1779/worship-elements-october-16-2011>

God of Grace and God of Glory, Words: Harry E. Fosdick, 1930, alt. Music: John Hughes, 1907.

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Week at a Glance

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

Monday, July 24

- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, July 25

- 10:30 am Popsicles in the Park
- 1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

Wednesday, July 26

- 6:30-7:30 pm Chancel Bells

Thursday, July 27

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

Sunday, July 30– Summer Intern, Ella Pritchett Preaching

- 9:10 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
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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!

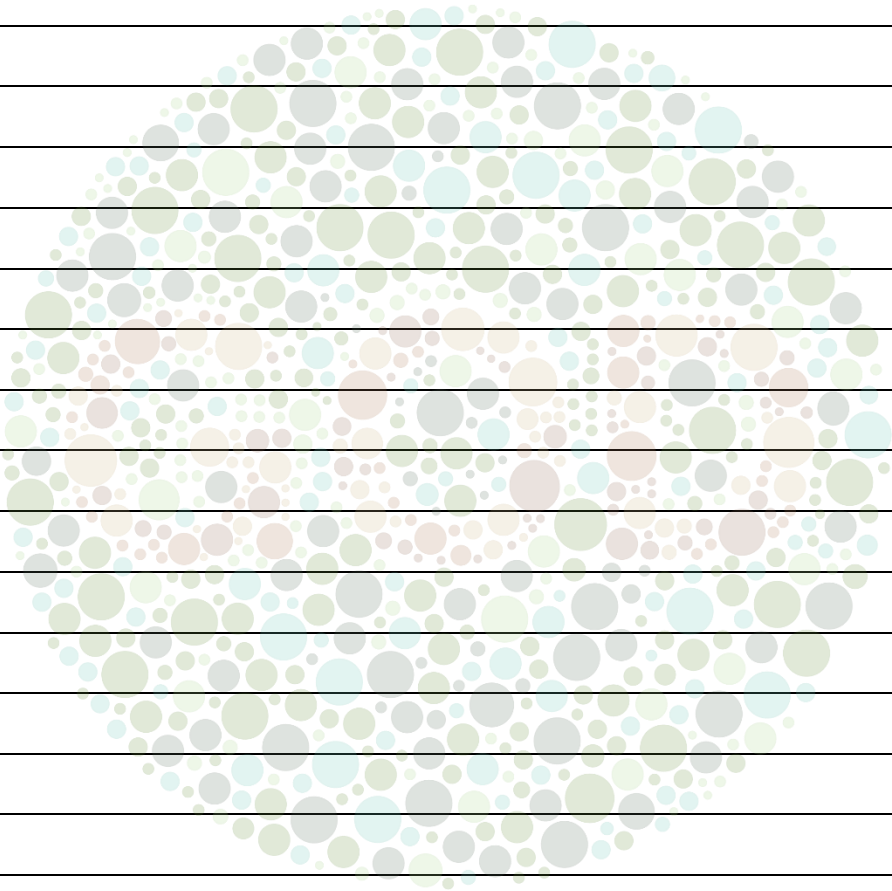
Popsicles in the Park – July 25

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.

Notes





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