



Our Worship of God

July 30, 2023

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Welcome

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

†Prelude

What Does the Lord Require

arr. Burkhardt

Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

†Call to Worship

What mysteries there are in God's world!

We stand in awe at the wonders of the natural world.

We look at the tiniest of seeds and wonder what will happen.

From that small seed will grow a protective shrub.

Although we often consider our gifts to be small and insignificant,

God will use our gifts in miraculous ways.

Praise the God of small seeds and mighty power.

†Proclamation Hymn

God We Wonder Where to Find You
Sung to Nettleton

*God, we wonder where to find you; should we turn our eyes above?
How can people understand you? Is your love a distant love?
Do our songs rise up to heaven? Does that language still ring true?
In this world of joy and suffering, God, we wonder: Where are you?*

*We are grounded in creation—in the water, dirt and sky,
And we find the Spirit's presence as we hear creation's cry.
For we see in life's beginning what is now and always true:
We're at home in what you've given, called to care for earth for you.*

*We are grounded in our neighbors, in our loved ones, in our towns,
And in daily, loving labors, where your signs of grace abound.
Here in Christ we love each other, and we care for the oppressed;
Spirit-filled, with one another, we are grounded! We are blessed!*

*God, we trust that you are with us, dwelling in the here and now.
When we struggle to live fully, your compassion shows us how.
As we work to bring your justice, as we seek your peaceful way,
As we put our faith in practice, may we find you, God, today.*

†Passing the Peace of Christ

†Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:31-33; 44-52

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

The Gospel of Our Lord.
Praise be to Christ.

†Hymn 678

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

Prayer of Petition (responsive)

Teach us Your ways, Lord, that we may come down from our heights
and be open to the same Spirit
who moved over the face of the waters in the first day of creation
and moves also over the chaos of this time
to fashion a day like this,
a world like ours,
a life like ours,
a kin-dom acting as leaven in the bread of earth.
And make us aware of the miracles of life,
of warm and cold,
of starkness and order,
of screaming wind and impenetrable silences,

and of the unfathomable mystery of amazing grace

in which we are kept.

Teach us Your ways, Lord, that we may praise You

for all the surprising, ingenious ways You bless us,

and for all the wondrous gifts You give us,

along with all the pain and joy we sustain.

Teach us Your ways, Lord, that we may accept our talents openly,

nurture it hopefully,

develop it faithfully,

and give it freely.

Teach us Your ways, Lord, that we may love Your kindness

and practice it toward the hungry of the world,

the poor and sick, and oppressed,

that we may learn the healing humility that comes from You.

Teach us Your ways, Lord, so that our hearts are flooded with Your mercy—

emptying them of what makes it firmly opposed to Your ways,

so that they beat more in rhythm with You

and pounds greatly for Your kin-dom. Amen.

Sharing Our Gifts

Anthem

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

arr. Mack Wilberg

Chancel Choir

The King of love my shepherd is,

Whose goodness faileth never;

I nothing lack if I am his

And he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow,

My ransomed soul he leadeth

And, where the verdant pastures grow,

With food celestial feedeth.

And so through all the length of days,

Thy goodness faileth never.

Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise

Within thy house forever.

Message

Ella Pritchett

†Hymn of Response 353

For the Beauty of the Earth

Life of the Church

Pastor Michael McEntyre

†Benediction

Ella Pritchett

†Postlude

Trumpet Tune
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

Stanley

Worship Notes



Guest Preacher, Ella Pritchett

Ella Pritchett is First Baptist's summer intern through Student.Church. Originally from Kansas City, Ella now lives in Columbia and attends school at the University of Missouri-Columbia. She is a rising senior majoring in Secondary Social Studies Education and attends the Mizzou BSU. When she's not helping Pastor Brittany in the children and college ministries, Ella enjoys reading, writing, and good conversation. Ella is passionate about spiritual formation for all ages, pursuing equity in religious spaces, and caffeine.

Call to Worship, written by Nancy C. Townley, on the Worship Connection page of the Ministry Matters website. <http://www.ministrymatters.com/>

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, July 30– Summer Intern, Ella Pritchett 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 31

- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, August 1

- 1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

Wednesday, August 2

- 6:30-7:30 pm Chancel Bells

Thursday, August 3

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

Sunday, August 6– Chris Fillingham Guest Preacher

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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!

Guest Preacher – Chris Fillingham – August 6 & 13

Chris Fillingham is an adjunct teacher of Leadership and Spiritual Formation at Portland Seminary in the D. Min. program. Before that he was a pastor for 15 years serving churches in MO and TX. He and his wife Jessi live in St. Louis where they are raising their 4 kids, 2 cats and a dog.

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.

Fall Kick-Off – August 27

Mark your calendars for our annual Fall Kick-Off on August 27 following the Traditional Service.



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