



Our Worship of God

August 13, 2023

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Preservice Music

Judy Elliot, *harp*

Welcome

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

Prelude

Amazing Grace

arr. traditional

Judy Elliot, *harp*

† Call to Worship

Because of God's everlasting goodness,
we offer God our thanks and praise.

God's faithful love endures for ever and ever.

Because of God's care and concern for humanity,
we offer God our thanks and praise.

God's faithful love endures for ever and ever.

Because of God's transforming powers and actions,
we gather as a community of faith and trust in God—
and we offer God our thanks and praise.

God's faithful love endures for ever and ever.

†Opening Hymn 70

God is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Gospel Reading

Caleb Cooke, *Pastoral Resident*

Mark 5:1-13

They came to the other side of the sea, to the region of the Gerasenes. And when he had stepped out of the boat, immediately a man from the tombs with an unclean spirit met him. He lived among the tombs, and no one could restrain him any more, even with a chain, for he had often been restrained with shackles and chains, but the chains he wrenched apart, and the shackles he broke in pieces, and no one had the strength to subdue him. Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always howling and bruising himself with stones. When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and bowed down before him, and he shouted at the top of his voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me.” For he had said to him, “Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!” Then Jesus asked him, “What is your name?” He replied, “My name is Legion, for we are many.” He begged him earnestly not to send them out of the region. Now there on the hillside a great herd of swine was feeding, and the unclean spirits begged him, “Send us into the swine; let us enter them.” So he gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out and entered the swine, and the herd, numbering about two thousand, stampeded down the steep bank into the sea and were drowned in the sea.

The Gospel of Our Lord.
Praise be to Christ.

†Hymn of Preparation 779

Great God, Your Love Has Called Us

Litany for Getting Real

Pastor Michael McEntyre

God, we are getting real with you:

Admitting our weaknesses,
Our needs,
Our discouragements,
Our problems,
Our exhaustion.

We aren't hiding our truth from you.

We are done pretending we are fine when we aren't.
We are done fibbing about our capacities.
We are done overextending ourselves.
We are done making excuses for injustice,
And we are done making light of trauma.

Like Esther, we seek help when we are desperate.

Like Moses, we admit when we are exhausted.
Like the Psalmist, we cry out for rescue.
Like Christ, we know we need to face what hurts.

In turn, you greet us with radical acceptance and honesty.

You graciously make space for our needs.
Our help is in you who made heaven and earth.
You revive our souls.

Don't let us get ensnared by insolent and ego-driven people,

Nor let us become those people.
Help us to humbly and resolutely face what troubles us,
Whether it's inside ourselves, or in society.
We toss out everything that causes harm to the vulnerable,
**And we get rid of everything that keeps us
from being our true selves.**

We give thanks for the unpretentious way of Christ,

And for the welcome of God that meets us wherever we are.
Amen.

Sharing Our Gifts

Anthem

I'll Walk with God (from The Student Prince)

Mariah Dale, *soloist*
Colleen Ostercamp, *piano*

*I'll walk with God from this day on
His helping hand I'll lean upon
This is my prayer, my humble plea,
May the Lord be ever with me*

*There is no death, tho' eyes grow dim
There is no fear when I'm near to Him
I'll lean on Him forever
And He'll forsake me never*

*He will not fail me as long as my faith is strong,
Whatever road I may walk along;*

*I'll walk with God, I'll take His hand
I'll talk with God, He'll understand;
I'll pray to Him, each day to Him
And He'll hear the words that I say*

*His hand will guide my throne and rod
And I'll never walk alone while I walk with God!*

Message

Legion Is My Name

Rev. Dr. Chris Fillingham

†Hymn of Response 552

My Faith Looks up to Thee

Life of the Church

†Benediction

†Postlude

Prelude in C Minor
Olivia Chang, *organ*

Bach

Worship Notes



Guest Preacher, Chris Fillingham

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.

I'll Walk With God (from The Student Prince), by Brodsky/Webster

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Litany for Getting Real, By Fran Pratt

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, August 13– Chris Fillingham Guest Preacher

- 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, August 14

- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, August 15

- 1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

Wednesday, August 16

- 6:30-7:30 pm Chancel Bells
- 5:30-7:30 pm Churchwide Pool Party at Oakland Pool

Thursday, August 17

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

Sunday, August 20

- 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



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.

Blessing of the Backpacks - August 20

Join us on August 20 during both worship services for our annual blessing of the backpacks and the new school year. Participants will have the opportunity to share about their feelings for returning to school, receive a backpack tag, and be reminded that God is with us all the time.

Promotion Sunday - August 20

On August 20, First Kids will be celebrating Promotion Sunday! This Sunday marks the transition to new classes. During the Fall, our classes will be Age 4-Kindergarten, 1st-2nd, and 3rd-5th. Adults are invited to meet the teachers before kids transition to some fun activities with their new classes.

Pastor Carol Returns August 20

On Sunday, August 20, our Pastor returns to the pulpit! Pastor Carol will be returning from her sabbatical next week and leading us in worship on August 20. We know she will have lots of stories to share so we hope you will be here to welcome her back.

The Calling Kick-Off – August 23

The Calling, our mid-week gathering for 6-12th grade students, will kickoff on Wednesday, August 23 at Midway Golf and Games from 5:30-7:30 pm. We will have pizza in the parking lot, followed by a round of mini-golf and go-kart racing. The event is free for youth and their friends! This semester we will begin by looking at the Greatest Commandment and the importance of understanding ourselves as we strive to understand God. The youth room will open each week at 5:30 pm for those who want to come early to eat dinner. Activities and lessons follow from 6:00- 7:15 pm. Parents can pick up students between 7:15 and 7:30 pm. We are looking forward to another great year!

Fall Kick-Off - August 27

on the front lawn following Traditional Worship

As we look toward the end of summer, we are gearing up for our annual Fall Kick-Off! This event is a great opportunity to get to know others in our community, eat good food, and play lawn games! The church will provide meat, beverages, and tableware. You can bring a side dish or dessert to share. Wear your First Baptist blue as we celebrate our 200 years in style!

New to the Pew Blessing - August 27

With the beginning of the new school year, we are excited to welcome our newest worshippers to the pews. On Sunday, August 27 during both worship services, we will be presenting a Bible to our first graders and offering a blessing to them and their families. As a church family, we want to celebrate this milestone and commit to walking alongside our kids in their faith.

Exciting Internship Update!

We are excited to announce that Ella Pritchett will be serving this fall as our Student Intern. Ella ministered this summer through the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's Student.Church internship program where she helped run Children's Sunday School, assisted with worship planning, regularly led in worship, and even preached her first congregational sermon. Ella proved to be an invaluable part of our team this summer, and we are so glad she wants to extend her experience by continuing the internship. Ella's primary focuses will be in the children, youth, and college ministries!

Notes

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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

Caleb Cooke, Pastoral Resident

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