



## *Our Worship of God*

*September 24, 2023*

*11:15 am*

*(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)*

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**Welcome**

Pastor Carol McEntyre

**Prelude**

**Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love**  
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

arr. Powell

**†Call to Worship**

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

When we pass through the waters,  
**God is with us.**

When we suffer and feel hopeless,  
**God is with us.**

When we are joyful and celebratory,  
**God is with us.**

Whether we feel triumphant or defeated,  
**God is with us.**

Come, let us worship God together, because  
**God is with us!**

**†Opening Hymn 612**

How Firm a Foundation

## †Passing the Peace of Christ

### Scripture Reading

Sandy Hall

#### Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.  
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,  
though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble with its tumult. *Selah*  
There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.  
God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;  
God will help it when the morning dawns.  
The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter;  
he utters his voice; the earth melts.  
The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge. *Selah*  
Come, behold the works of the Lord;  
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.  
He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;  
he burns the shields with fire.  
“Be still, and know that I am God!  
I am exalted among the nations;  
I am exalted in the earth.”  
The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge. *Selah*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

† Hymn 516

Be Still and Know

Litany for God's Faithfulness

Caleb Cooke, Pastoral Resident

God, our refuge and strength,  
    **The mountains shake and the waters roar.**  
The strife of the day burdens and wearies us.  
    **We feel anxious and uncertain.**

Help us to remember your mercy,  
    **And your steadfast love,**  
Which you have been showing us since time began,  
    **Since humanity became conscious.**

Your love has never failed us,  
    **Nor ceased to motivate your goodness.**

So we cling to Divine Truth,  
    **To the deep well of Love within us,**  
To the silence and peace available to us,  
    **To our connection to your Presence,**  
To the recollection of your mercy and justice  
    **To the safety of your Spirit.**

Make us know your ways, oh God;  
    **Teach us your paths.**  
Lead us in your truth,  
    **So we can always find you there.**

For you are always faithful,  
    **You are a very present help in times of trouble. Amen.**

† Hymn 618

Give to the Winds Your Fears

Sharing Our Gifts

**Special Music**

**Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

arr. Richard Walters

Mariah Dale, *soloist*

**Message**

Pastor Carol McEntyre

**†Hymn of Response 60**

Great is Thy Faithfulness

**Life of the Church**

**†Benediction**

**†Postlude**

**Recessional**

by J. Roff

Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

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# Worship Notes

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*Call to Worship*, ~ written by Rev. Mindi and posted on Rev-o-lution

*How Firm a Foundation*, Words: Rippon's Selection of Hymns, 1787; sts. 2-5 from Isaiah 43:1-5.  
Music: Traditional American melody; Funk's Genuine Church Music, 1832.

*Be Still and Know*, ©1989 Hope Publishing Company. Music: Anonymous; para. Of Psalm 46:10, 7:1, Exodus 15:26. Music: Anonymous; arr. Jack Schrader, 1988.

*Litany for God's Faithfulness*, adapted from Litany for Water from Rocks by Fran Pratt

*Give to the Winds Your Fears*, Words: Paul Gerhardt, 1653; para. of Psalm 37; tr. John Wesley, 1739. Music: George J. Elvey, 1868.

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*, ©1923. Renewal Hope Publishing Company. Words: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923. Music: William M. Runyan, 1923.

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## Week at a Glance

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### Sunday, September 24

- 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
- 6:00 pm College Sunday Night Gathering in the Office Commons

### Monday, September 25

- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting
- 5:30 pm Church Council Meeting in the Conference Room

### Tuesday, September 26

- 1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

### Wednesday, September 27

- 6:30-7:30 pm Chancel Bells
- 5:30 *The Calling* Dinner
- 6:00-7:15 *The Calling*

### Thursday, September 28

- 10:30 am First Baptist Women's Zoom Book Study

### Sunday, October 1

- 9:10 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 9:15 am Awakening Worship on the front lawn
- 10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour –Adult, Youth & First Kids Sunday School
- 11:15 am Traditional Worship on the front lawn
- 2:00 pm *How to Fight Racism* Discussion in the Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 pm College Sunday Night Gathering in the Office Commons

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# Announcements

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## 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](http://fbc-columbia.org/connect)



## On-Lawn Worship - October 1

We invite you to join us for On-Lawn worship on Sunday, October 1, at 9:15 or 11:15. We have such a lovely front lawn; it will be a gift to gather for worship under the trees! As a reminder, bring your lawn chair. Adult Small Groups, Youth Ministry, and First Kids Sunday School will meet as usual at 10:15 a.m.

## 200th Anniversary Celebration:

### History Book and Time Capsule Project

We are publishing a formal archival-quality book to preserve and document our history. This book will be approximately 650 pages and will be published early in 2024. Personal copies will be available for \$75 each. A sample copy is on display in the History Room. Please email Ken Hammann if you are interested in purchasing a copy at [krhammann@gmail.com](mailto:krhammann@gmail.com).

Another anniversary project is the creation of a time capsule, which will be sealed in the wall of the Church entrance and will not be opened for 50 years. We are asking for suggestions for items, documents, keepsakes, etc., to be enclosed in this capsule. Please submit your suggestions to 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Team members: Ken Hammann ([krhammann@gmail.com](mailto:krhammann@gmail.com)) or Randy Wyatt ([sterlingwyatt@icloud.com](mailto:sterlingwyatt@icloud.com)) by October 31st.

## September Mission Opportunities 2023

The Serving Team is looking forward to a month of mission opportunities for our congregation in September. There are lots of opportunities to help serve your neighbor with kindness and compassion including the Extra Mile House, The Food Bank, and Habitat for Humanity. For more information, see the Spire or talk with Pastor Michael McEntyre.

## Guest Speaker, Jemar Tisby – October 14-15

When the 200th Anniversary Team planned our year of celebration, we wanted to host events that highlight our church's values. In the last few years, First Baptist has made a commitment to the work of racial justice, voting to make the Racial Justice and Inclusion Team a permanent part of our team structure and joining the Thriving for Racial Justice cohort with the Alliance of Baptists. So, in planning for the 200th Anniversary Celebration, we wanted to host an event that would emphasize our racial justice work. As such, we are thrilled to have the opportunity to host Dr. Jemar Tisby, a New York Times bestselling author, national speaker, and public historian on a mission to deliver truths from the Black experience with depth and clarity. He will be with us for a weekend of events on October 14-15.

## Worship Service of Truth-telling, Lament and Commitment

**Combined Worship - Sunday, October 22, at 11:15 a.m.**

When the 200th Anniversary Team began planning our year of celebration, we knew remembering and honoring our history would be part of the festivities. At the same time, we recognized that we could not celebrate the beautiful aspects of our past without giving an honest account of our church's historical connection to slavery. We have acknowledged our past sins from the beginning of our anniversary celebration. The Racial Justice Team and our pastoral staff have crafted a combined worship service of Truth-telling, Lament, and Commitment that will be held on Sunday, October 22, at 11:15 a.m. The purpose of the service is to give an account of the extent of our connection to slavery and recognize the enslaved people who were impacted by our distorted view of the gospel. We are going to read the names of the enslaved persons, lament our church's involvement in this evil practice, and recommit ourselves to the work of seeking racial justice.



## *How to Fight Racism Discussion*

FBC still has a few copies available for purchase. The Columbia library has the book also, and even has a young reader's edition. Both are available as either physical copies or audiobooks. Please consider attending the sessions even if you don't have time to read the book—the greater the participation, the more fruitful the discussion. The first two will be before Dr. Tisby's weekend with our church, and the last will be the following Sunday: October 1, 8, and 22.

Please join us in Fellowship Hall at 2-3:30 pm on October 1, 8, and 22. If you have questions, please contact Julie Walker ([jbethwalker58@gmail.com](mailto:jbethwalker58@gmail.com)) at or Lynne Lampe ([llampe.editor@gmail.com](mailto:llampe.editor@gmail.com)).



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