

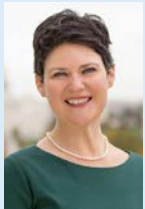
# WINTER 2020

Invitations to connect with God and others through worship, shared community, and acts of compassion and justice.

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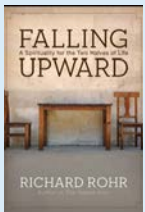
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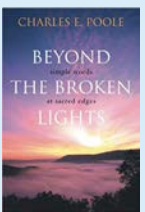
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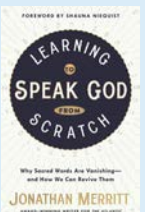
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## SUNDAY MORNINGS

### **New Class for Parents**

9:30am; *Parents of Children (0-18yrs old)*; Conference Room (second floor)

A new class to meet on Sunday mornings at 9:30am is forming in 2020. Topics and books discussed will focus on parenting children and how we navigate those joys and challenges, from Monday to Sunday, as Christ followers. All are welcome.

### ***Falling Upward* by Richard Rohr**

9:30am; *"Crossroads" intergenerational group*; Meadows Room (basement level)

The Crossroads group will explore spiritual growth by way of life's inevitable crises. *Falling Upward* by Richard Rohr will prompt lively discussion. A warm welcome, hot coffee and light breakfast await you!

### ***Beyond the Broken Lights* by Charles Poole**

9:45am; *"Tapestry" meets in the second floor Library.*

The Tapestry Class begins the new year with a book by a former FBC pastor. It's a thoughtful and inviting look at our questions and the need for clarity in the depths of the mystery of God. Hot coffee is always available and guests are warmly welcomed.

### ***Learning to Speak God From Scratch: Why Sacred Words Are Vanishing and How We Can Revive Them* by Jonathan Merritt**

9:45am; *Young Adults group meets in Suite 103-105 (near the O Street entrance)*

In this groundbreaking book, Jonathan revives ancient expressions through incisive cultural commentary, vulnerable personal narratives, and surprising biblical insights. Both provocative and liberating, *Learning to Speak God from Scratch* will breathe new life into your spiritual conversations and invite you into the embrace of the God who inhabits them.



# Praying With Our Pens During Lent

## Saturday Writing Workshop - Feb. 22

Writing with friends is wonderful preparation for Easter. This year First Baptist has the opportunity to spend the Lenten season preparing in this way. **The Faith Formation Team invites you to join us on Saturday, February 22 from 10am - 2pm, for a writing workshop with Carol Davis Younger**, editor of Reflections, the daily devotional guide of NextSunday Resources (Smyth & Helwys). We'll dive into writing exercises, read Scripture with a notebook in hand, and discuss how forming words forms us spiritually. Experienced writers, and those who are simply curious about writing as a spiritual practice, are welcome.



Carol loves gathering and working with church writing groups because of the amazing opportunities they provide congregations for learning, community, and growth. Reflecting on our lives with pen and paper is a helpful way to pray. And sharing what we're writing with those who are doing the same often creates an unusual kind of prayer meeting. Plan to join us on February 22! No size limit; all are welcome! **Look for a sign up at [firstbaptistdc.org](http://firstbaptistdc.org) soon.**

## Two Writing Groups During Lent

Following the Saturday workshop with Carol Davis Younger on February 22 (see announcement above), FBC will offer TWO 5-week writing groups: one on Wednesday evenings (led by Pastor Julie) and one on Saturday mornings (led by Pastor Alyssa). Four Parables of Jesus, The Prodigal Son, The Good Samaritan, The Sower, and The Laborers in the Vineyard, will provide the framework for our group gatherings. Each session will involve free-writing time, as well as brief writing assignments with time to share some our work with the group. Stay tuned for more information from the Faith Formation Team as Lent approaches!





# Winter Sermons

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH SUNDAYS @ 11AM

January 26

## Half-Baked

Hosea 7:1-10

February 2

## The Crazy Farmer

Matthew 13:24-30

February 9

## Going Public

Matthew 5:13-20

February 16

## Good News: God Isn't Fair

Matthew 20:1-16

February 23

## Transfiguration Sunday

(Alyssa Aldape Preaching)

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# Interfaith Shabbat Service Friday, Jan. 17, 2020

The Washington Hebrew Congregation and Senior Rabbi Bruce Lustig invite First Baptist Church to join them on Friday evening, Jan. 17, for dinner and an Interfaith Shabbat Service commemorating the birthday and spirit of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Special guest speaker is Marian Wright Edelman, founder and president emerita of the Children's Defense Fund, as well as interfaith clergy (with Pastor Alyssa representing FBCDC) and choirs from the DC area. Complimentary dinner is served at 5:30; service begins at 7:00. RSVP by January 14 to Zena Aldridge [zaldridge@firstbaptistdc.org](mailto:zaldridge@firstbaptistdc.org).



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# Connect

## Writing Groups Coming in Lent

See item in GROW TOGETHER: "Two Writing Groups During Lent" for a small group writing experience.

## Coffee & Conversation

Each Sunday (except potluck Sundays) refreshments are served by our hospitality team in the church parlor immediately following worship. Come and go or come and linger. It's a great way to meet new friends.

## First Sunday Potluck

After the communion service on the first Sunday of the month, we gather in Fellowship Hall for our monthly potluck lunch. It's a great way to meet new folks and share a simple meal together. Guests are always welcome!

## Ordinary Time

Ordinary Time is a gathering for young adults during the week to take a break from the day-to-day tasks of city living and catch up with one another, ask what God is up to in our lives, and to just be. Come as you are and meet us at the table!

We'll be meeting **every first and third Thursday** of the month at City Tap House DUPONT from 6pm-8pm. Contact Pastor Alyssa for more information.

# Serve

## Sandwich Making For Martha's Table

Every third Wednesday we prepare sandwiches for Martha's Table. Join us as we make sandwiches for unsheltered and hungry people in D.C. After sandwich making we'll enjoy a light supper together. We begin sandwich making at 5pm in Fellowship Hall, followed by supper. It's a great way to serve those in need and get to know your fellow FBC'ers.



# Sunday Morning Children's Ministry Schedule

Faithful, nurturing volunteers and trusted child care professionals gather each week to play, sing, learn, and serve the spiritual needs of children. Young learners are taught the Bible through stories, play, art, and music. School-age children are introduced to the role of discipleship by learning spiritual gifts, Bible verses, prayer, and studying Bible stories.

**9:30am–10am — Drop-Off for Sunday School** — Parents drop off children on the 3rd floor.

**10am–10:45am — Sunday School in 3rd Floor Children's Classroom** — Children (12 and under) gather in the 3rd fl. Children's classrooms for a Bible lesson, art project & playtime with peers.

**10:45am — Transitional Time** — Older children are escorted by an adult volunteer to the sanctuary for worship. Kindergarten & Younger: Remain in 3rd floor classrooms, the adjacent 3rd floor playroom, or 3rd floor library throughout the worship service.

**11am–12noon — Younger Children's Ministry During Worship Hour** — Younger children begin in 3rd floor classroom for a Bible lesson, reading and art project. Children move to the adjacent playroom for sing-along music and play with one another.

**After worship (around 12:15pm)** — Parents, return to the 3rd floor, ring the bell, and your child will be delivered to you. A teacher or children's minister will gladly update you on how your son/daughter did during Sunday school and worship.

## This Winter with the FBC Kids

### **Sunday, January 19 - Listening Luncheon**

Volunteers and friends are invited to gather from 12pm–1pm in the 3rd Floor classroom to eat a bite, brainstorm, and reconnect as we discuss future events for FBC Kids. Current volunteers and church members interested in understanding the mission of the Children's Ministry are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Pastor Kelly at [kmp@firstbaptistdc.org](mailto:kmp@firstbaptistdc.org).

### **Saturday, January 25 - Popcorn & Movie Night**

FBC Kids and friends are invited to a Popcorn & Movie Night from 5 pm–9pm. Kids can be dropped off and picked up at the O Street entrance. Dinner is 6 pm, show-time is 7pm, and pickup is 9pm. Please RSVP to Pastor Kelly at [kmp@firstbaptistdc.org](mailto:kmp@firstbaptistdc.org).

### **Saturday, February 8 and Sunday, February 9 - Nighttime Adventure**

FBC Kids are invited to join Pastor Kelly for an Arts & Crafts Nighttime Adventure. Kids will create special gifts to share with loved ones for Valentines Day. Kids can be dropped off at 5 pm at the O Street entrance. We also will eat dinner, watch a movie, and play hide-and-seek. Children who wish to leave can be picked up at 9pm. Email Pastor Kelly at [kmp@firstbaptistdc.org](mailto:kmp@firstbaptistdc.org) for more information.

### **Saturday, February 22 - Mardi Gras Stroll**

FBC Kids will pass a good time and celebrate Mardi Gras from 2pm–6pm. Pastor Kelly invites families to meet up at The Wharf for a Mardi Gras stroll. We can eat s'mores, and the adventurous might even go ice skating. Email Pastor Kelly at [kmp@firstbaptistdc.org](mailto:kmp@firstbaptistdc.org) if you are interested in this outing.



## Winter Lock In - January 18-19

Youth Group-Age (7th-12th Grade) students are invited to the Winter Lock In. Celebrate the arrival of the magi in our belated Epiphany Party! Bring money for pizza and a white elephant gift (not exceeding \$10) and get ready to have some fun! Crown/Tiara optional. Plus Food. Games. Sleep (maybe).

## Third Sunday Lunch

The FBC Youth do lunch together on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Contact Pastor Alyssa for more information.

## Sunday School takes place in the Youth Lounge on the 3rd Floor at 9:30am

## Sing with the FBC Chancel Choir

Every Sunday the Chancel Choir enriches worship at FBC through beautiful music that points to God. If you are a singer (at any level), you are heartily invited to come and share your gifts. There are no auditions; come as you are! The Chancel Choir rehearses each Sunday morning promptly at 10am in the choir suite (room 312). If you'd like to sit in on a rehearsal, please contact choir member Zena Aldridge [zaldridge@firstbaptistdc.org](mailto:zaldridge@firstbaptistdc.org) who'll be glad to answer any questions and/or help you find the choir room on your first day.



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Organists from the **Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC** Performing on the FBCDC 6,000-Pipe Austin Organ:



Sunday, Feb. 2 @ 3pm  
**Benjamin LaPrairie**  
Assoc. Director of Music



Sunday, Mar. 1 @ 3pm  
**Andrew Vu**  
Assistant Organist



Sunday, May 3 @ 3pm  
**Peter Latona**  
Director of Music

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## Communion Sunday Benevolence Offering

Each time we observe communion in worship we receive a special offering, beyond our regular giving, for those in our church, community and world who are experiencing needs such as food and housing insecurity, medical bills, etc. Your generous gifts help FBC to meet those needs. The Benevolence Fund is administered by our Life Deacons. **In the 6 month period between May 3 and Nov. 1, 2019, we received 35 requests and were able to help 23 individuals/families in the amount of \$5,584.**

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