



# *Our Worship of God*

*March 24, 2024*

*9:15 am*

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

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## *~ Palm Sunday ~*

**Welcome**

Pastor Greg Hunt

### **†Call to Worship (responsive)**

Sing songs of loudest praise!

**Hosanna!**

Sing songs that are unashamed.

**Hosanna!**

Sing songs without being afraid.

**Hosanna!**

Sing for the God of tomorrow and today.

**Hosanna!**

Let us worship the One worthy to be praised.

### **†Procession of the Palms**

Hosanna

*Children and friends are invited to process and wave their palm branches  
down the center aisle.*

### **†Song of Wonder**

Awestruck

### **†Passing the Peace of Christ**

**Call to Confession**

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

**Prayer of Confession (unison)**

**Holy God, we want to run into the streets and sing your praise!  
We want to be bold and unashamed of this good-news Gospel.  
However, too often we find ourselves standing against the wall.**

**Too often we stay quiet.  
Too often we let others carry the song.  
Forgive us for the moments when we could lead the parade  
but instead find ourselves standing on the sidelines.**

**Show us which songs are ours to sing.  
Show us which parades are ours to lead,  
and then give us the courage and conviction to do both.  
With hope and honesty we pray, amen.**

**Words of Forgiveness**

**†Song of Praise**

Gratitude

**Prayer for Illumination**

Caleb Cooke, *Pastoral Resident*

## **Gospel Reading**

Henry Imler

### **John 12:12-16**

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting,

“Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—  
the King of Israel!”

Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written:

“Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion.

Look, your king is coming,  
sitting on a donkey’s colt!”

His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

The Gospel of our Lord.  
**Praise be to Christ.**

## **Missions Moment**

Caleb Cooke

## **Sharing of Our Gifts**

## **†Song of Faithfulness**

10,000 Reasons

**Message**

*Then They Remembered*

Caleb Cooke

**†Song of Response**

Beautiful Things

**Life of the Church**

**†Benediction**





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# Worship Notes

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ABOUT THE BULLETIN COVER:

## Then They Remembered

by Lisle Gwynn Garrity

Inspired by John 12:12-16

*Acrylic painting on canvas with digital drawing*

This image attempts to visualize these two locations in time and space. On the left, Peter looks out from the palm procession—his eyes glazed over as he watches Jesus riding into the city where he will surely meet his death. As the crowds sing “hosanna!” for a new, soon- to-be-killed-king, the dissonance of the scene causes Peter to tremble—like a guitar string snapped suddenly mid-tune.

In the top right is Peter’s mirror image. In this mirage, we glimpse the future. Peter stands aghast at the empty tomb, waves of hope and relief rushing through him like a river of grace, the remembering happening all at once—like a childhood song plucked from memory, like the refrain of a chorus that won’t let you go: *it’s true, it’s true, thank God it’s true.*

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*Hosanna*, CCLI Song # 4785835 Brooke Ligertwood

*Awestruck*, Songwriters: Dawnchere Wilkerson / Aodhan Thomas King

*Gratitude*, CCLI Song # 7158417 Benjamin Hastings | Brandon Lake | Dante Bowe

*10,000 Reasons*, CCLI Song # 6016351 Jonas Myrin | Matt Redman

*Beautiful Things*, CCLI Song # 5665521 Lisa Gungor | Michael Gungor

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## Week at a Glance

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### Sunday, March 24 – Palm Sunday

- 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
- 5:00 pm The Ordination of Caleb Cooke

### Tuesday, March 26

- 1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

### Wednesday, March 27

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

### Thursday, March 28

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

### Friday, March 29

- 6:00 pm Good Friday Service in the Fellowship Hall

### Saturday, March 30

- 10:00 am First Kids Easter Egg Hunt

### Sunday, March 31 – Easter Sunday

- 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, April 1

- OFFICES CLOSED for Easter Monday

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# Announcements

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## 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).



## Good Friday - Friday, March 29 in the Fellowship Hall

On this Holy day, we are paying close attention to how Peter acts in Jesus' final hours. So much happens in a short amount of time: Jesus predicts Peter's denial, soldiers come and Peter draws his sword, Jesus is arrested and Peter denies him, Peter denies Jesus again and again and the cock crows, then Jesus is crucified and dies. Peter is prone to messing up, fighting, denying, leaving, and seeking safety for himself. But aren't we all? On Friday, March 29, you are invited to join us for our Good Friday Service, where we will reflect on Jesus' final days and lament all the ways we are prone to leave the God we love. This service will be more experiential and therefore will only be available in person. For those who are unable to attend, but would like to observe Good Friday, a take-home liturgy will be made available.

## First Kids Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday, March 30

Join us Saturday, March 30 at 10 am for our annual Easter Egg Hunt! Kids are invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall for Easter snacks and crafts before our egg hunt takes place at 10:30 am. Kids will be divided into groups for age-specific hunts. Following the egg hunts, families are invited to participate in lawn games and 9 square.

## Easter Sunday - March 31

Although we are still in the throes of Lent, Easter is coming! Join us, on Sunday, March 31 at 9:15 am Awakening Worship and 11:15 am Traditional worship as we celebrate the risen Christ. During the Spiritual Formation Hour, we will have pastries and coffee to share, and if the weather is nice, we will even have some tables out on the front lawn. Small groups will still gather, and you are welcome to bring your treats there! We look forward to singing many Alleluias as we celebrate the resurrection!



Ordination of Caleb Cooke  
Tonight, Sunday, March 24  
5:00 pm

It is with great excitement that we announce the Ordination of Caleb Cooke. All are invited to the ordination service on Sunday, March 24, at 5 pm. Reception to follow. We encourage those who are unable to attend to send cards to the church with words of affirmation for Caleb.

First Baptist Book Club

After a short hiatus, First Baptist Book Club will be returning soon! Led by Pastoral Resident Caleb Cooke, the First Baptist Book Club will seek to gain insight into the Christian experience from a variety of powerful voices. The first book on the docket is *God Is a Black Woman* by Dr. Christena Cleveland. This book recounts Dr. Cleveland's

journey to liberate her identity and faith from the "whitemalegod" and to uncover what she calls the "Sacred Black Feminine," i.e., the Black Female God who embodies liberation, healing, and hope. If you are interested, please email Caleb at [ccooke@fbc-columbia.org](mailto:ccooke@fbc-columbia.org). First Baptist Book Club participants are asked to purchase the book independently.



## ForColumbia 2024 – Register Today!

First Baptist is excited to announce that we will be partnering with ForColumbia again this year! ForColumbia was founded in 2015 to bring Christians together to freely share the love of God by serving our community, side-by-side. They do this by organizing volunteers from churches throughout mid-Missouri to serve individuals, non-profit organizations, and other public venues in an annual city-wide day of service. ForColumbia will be April 27 from 9am to 2pm. If this is not your first time serving with us, note, there are a couple of changes to this year's ForColumbia. Rather than having two work slots, the day of service will go from 9am to 2pm. Childcare will be provided the entire time. More information will be coming soon on the projects in which First Baptist will be directly involved. Registration is open!



## New Combined Class during Spiritual Formation Hour

Beginning April 14th, there will be a combined class offered in the parlor during the Spiritual Formation hour called “Reclaiming Paul: Embracing a Progressive Understanding.” Led by Pastoral Resident Caleb Cooke, this class will redefine and reclaim important concepts in Paul’s letters such as mission, justice, grace, love, participation in Christ, and more. In this class, we will see that, above all, Paul seeks to transform the body of Christ into a justice-oriented, Spirit-filled people whose unity in Christ transcends earthly divisions through inclusion, not omission; in other words, Paul preaches *unity without uniformity*. The class will be discussion-based and a great opportunity to connect with folx you may not see very often.

## Notes

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*Rev. Dr. Greg Hunt, Interim Senior Pastor*

*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*

*Nellene Martin, Childcare Director*