



Our Worship of God

March 31, 2024

9:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

~ Easter Sunday ~

Welcome

Pastor Greg Hunt

†Call to Worship (responsive)

Caleb Cooke, Pastoral Resident

Yesterday we thought death had won.

Yesterday we thought all was lost.

Yesterday we thought Christ was gone.

But not today.

Today we know that love has won.

Today we know that hope is real.

Today we know that Christ is here.

We have a reason to hope.

We have a reason to sing!

Alleluia!

Alleluia!

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

†Opening Song

House of the Lord

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

†Song of Praise

Forever (We Sing Hallelujah)

Prayer for Illumination

Caleb Cooke

Gospel Reading

Pat Fowler

Luke 24:1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to the hands of sinners and be crucified and on the third day rise again.” Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise be to Christ.

Sharing of Our Gifts

Pastor Greg Hunt

†Song of Resurrection

Christ is Risen

Message

Pastor Greg Hunt

Affirmation of Faith (unison)

We may weep through the longest nights.

We may stare at the empty tomb with more questions than answers.

We may run our fingers over the burial cloths and still long for more.

But today, we are a people of hope.

We believe in new beginnings.

We believe that the God who created the world is stronger than death.

We believe that Jesus abides among us,

healing, teaching, and leaving fingerprints throughout this world.

We believe that a tomb could not hold him.

We believe that the sun does rise.

We believe that Peter was there

with questions, awe, and faith the size of a mustard seed.

We believe that the story is not over yet,

for God is among us.

Today we are a people of hope.

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

†Song of Response

Made New

Life of the Church

Pastor Greg Hunt

†Benediction

Worship Notes

Where?

by Hannah Garrity ink on paper

Painted in ink on paper, Peter's expression here is inquisitive with a touch of concern. He's tired, but hopeful. He has just gotten amazing news. Joanna, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James relayed the message and Peter dared to believe it. The prophecy is coming true.

So many of the things that Jesus foretold have happened over the last few days. The most heavy on Peter's heart are his repeated denials. Fear took over. In contrast, now hope and joy begin to bubble up inside. He will see Jesus again! Jesus has overcome death! The prophecies have been fulfilled! Truly, God is in this place.

House of the Lord, CCLI Song # 7168995 Jonathan Smith | Phil Wickham

Christ is Risen, CCLI Song # 5242683 Matt Maher | Mia Fieldes

Made New, CCLI Song # 7026321 Colby Wedgeworth | Josiah James | Lincoln Brewster

Forever (We Sing Hallelujah), CCLI Song # 7001228 Brian Johnson | Christa Black Gifford | Gabriel Wilson | Jenn Johnson | Joel Taylor | Kari Jobe

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Week at a Glance

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

Tuesday, April 2

1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

Wednesday, April 3

5:30 pm The Calling Dinner

6:00 pm The Calling Meeting

6:30-7:30 pm Chancel Bells

Thursday, April 4

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

Sunday, April 7

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11:15 am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

6:00 pm The Gathering in the College Ministry Room

Announcements

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.



Offices Closed – April 1

On Monday, April 1, the offices will be closed for Easter Monday.

First Baptist Book Club - April 11

The First Baptist Book Club will be meeting on Thursday, April 11th from 6:00-8:00 pm in the large conference room upstairs. At this meeting, we will discuss Christena Cleveland's *God Is a Black Woman*. Light refreshments will be served, and the discussion will be lively! Join us to see how we can make our faith more empowering and inclusive—there's still plenty of time to buy and read the book. First Baptist Book Club participants are asked to purchase the book independently.



New Combined Class during Spiritual Formation Hour

Beginning April 14, 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.

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. Registration is open!

Small Group Volunteer Prompts:

- For Mount Celestial put “Kasman” in the small group prompt
- For Crafting for a Cause, put “Crafty Critters”
- For the Stone Bridge House, put “Robertson”
- For the project led by Shelby Myers, put “Myers”

A detailed description of projects will be sent in an email next week. If you have difficulty registering or for any questions, contact Pastor Brittany or Caleb Cooke.





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Rev. Dr. Greg Hunt, Interim Senior Pastor
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