



**WHAT GOD WANTS TO KNOW**

# *Our Worship of God*

*May 5, 2024*

*9:15 am*

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

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**Welcome**

Pastor Greg Hunt

**†Call to Worship (responsive)**

Pastor Greg Hunt

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 Song**

Child of Love

**†Passing the Peace of Christ**

**Graduate Recognition**

River K Stone

Ella Pritchett

Alexis Simmerman

## **Gospel Reading**

### **John 15:9-17**

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

The Gospel of Our Lord.  
**Praise Be to Christ.**

**†Song of Love**

Isn't He

## Prayers of Intercession

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

Holy God, you call us to live in love  
and to be a sign of your great love for the world.

**Hear our prayers.**

Give us love for your church...

**Keep us faithful in proclaiming the word,**  
celebrating the sacraments,  
**and serving all who are in need.**

Give us love for the earth...

**Teach us to care for and protect**  
the good world you have created  
**and all the creatures who share our home.**

Give us love for all people...

**Lead us to work for justice and peace,**  
liberating those who are oppressed  
**and putting an end to violence.**

Give us love for our neighbors...

**Fill us with compassion and concern**  
for the people in our communities  
**who are vulnerable or in distress.**

Give us love for one another...

**Use us as instruments of healing,**  
tending to the sick and suffering  
**and comforting those who mourn.**

Give us love for your holy realm...

**Make us ready and eager for the day**  
when Christ will come again  
**in the glory of your new creation.**

Abide in us, loving God,

**and help us to abide in you;**  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Sharing of Our Gifts**

**†Song of Praise**

Deep Love of Jesus

**Message**

*Building Out*

Rev. Caleb Cooke

**Invitation to the Table**

**Communion**

**†Song of Response**

Build My Life

**Life of the Church**

Rev. Caleb Cooke

**†Benediction**

Rev. Caleb Cooke

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# Worship Notes

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## Week at a Glance

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### Sunday, May 5 – Graduation 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
- 6:00 pm The Gathering

### Monday, May 6

- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting

### Tuesday, May 7

- 1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

### Wednesday, May 8

- 5:30 pm The Calling Dinner
- 5:30 pm First Baptist Musicians Pizza Party
- 6:00 pm The Calling Meeting

### Thursday, May 9

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

### Sunday, May 12

- 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
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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).



## Combined Class during Spiritual Formation Hour

Join us in the parlor during the Spiritual Formation hour for our combined class, “Reclaiming Paul: Embracing a Progressive Understanding.” Led by Pastoral Resident Caleb Cooke, this class redefines and reclaims important concepts in Paul’s letters such as mission, justice, grace, love, participation in Christ, and more. 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 is discussion-based and a great opportunity to connect with folx you may not see very often.

## First Baptist Fellowship Table

Fellowship is at the heart of knowing and caring for ourselves and others. The Sunday morning “Fellowship Table” is a way to fill our tummies and hearts on Sundays and mix and mingle with each other. The table is located in the connector building and all are invited to stop by before making their way to small groups. Here are two things you can do to support this ministry:

**SIGN-UP** to host a future Fellowship Table. Sign up dates through June are posted on the bulletin board across from the table.

**DONATE** funds to help provide supplies for the Fellowship Table.

*Contact Sherry Wyatt for questions: (573) 819-2380 or [sherrywyattrn@gmail.com](mailto:sherrywyattrn@gmail.com).*



## One Great Hour of Sharing: ABCUSA World Relief Month

In May, on behalf of the American Baptist World Relief Office, First Baptist will be collecting contributions for One Great Hour of Sharing. Based on Matthew 5:14, this year's theme is "Sharing the Light." Throughout May, you will see promotional materials in and around our bulletins, as well as hear about One Great Hour of Sharing during worship. We are excited to partner with you in sending God's light into the world.

## First Baptist Musicians Pizza Party - May 8 @ 5:30 pm

First Baptist is throwing a Pizza Party for our musicians in the Fellowship Hall! All members of the chancel choir, chancel handbells, praise team, and scholarship musicians (and anyone who has ever offered their musical gifts at FBC) are welcome and are invited to bring their spouse/partner along! If you are interested in attending, please let Jonathan Ray know by sending him an email at [jray@fbc-columbia.org](mailto:jray@fbc-columbia.org). We hope to see you for a fun evening of free pizza as FBC thanks you for a wonderful year of worshipful music making!

**COMBINED**

*worship*

**PENTECOST**  
**May 19**  
**9:15 am in the Sanctuary**



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

*Rev. Brittany McDonald Null, Pastor of Families and Spiritual Formation*

*Rev. 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*