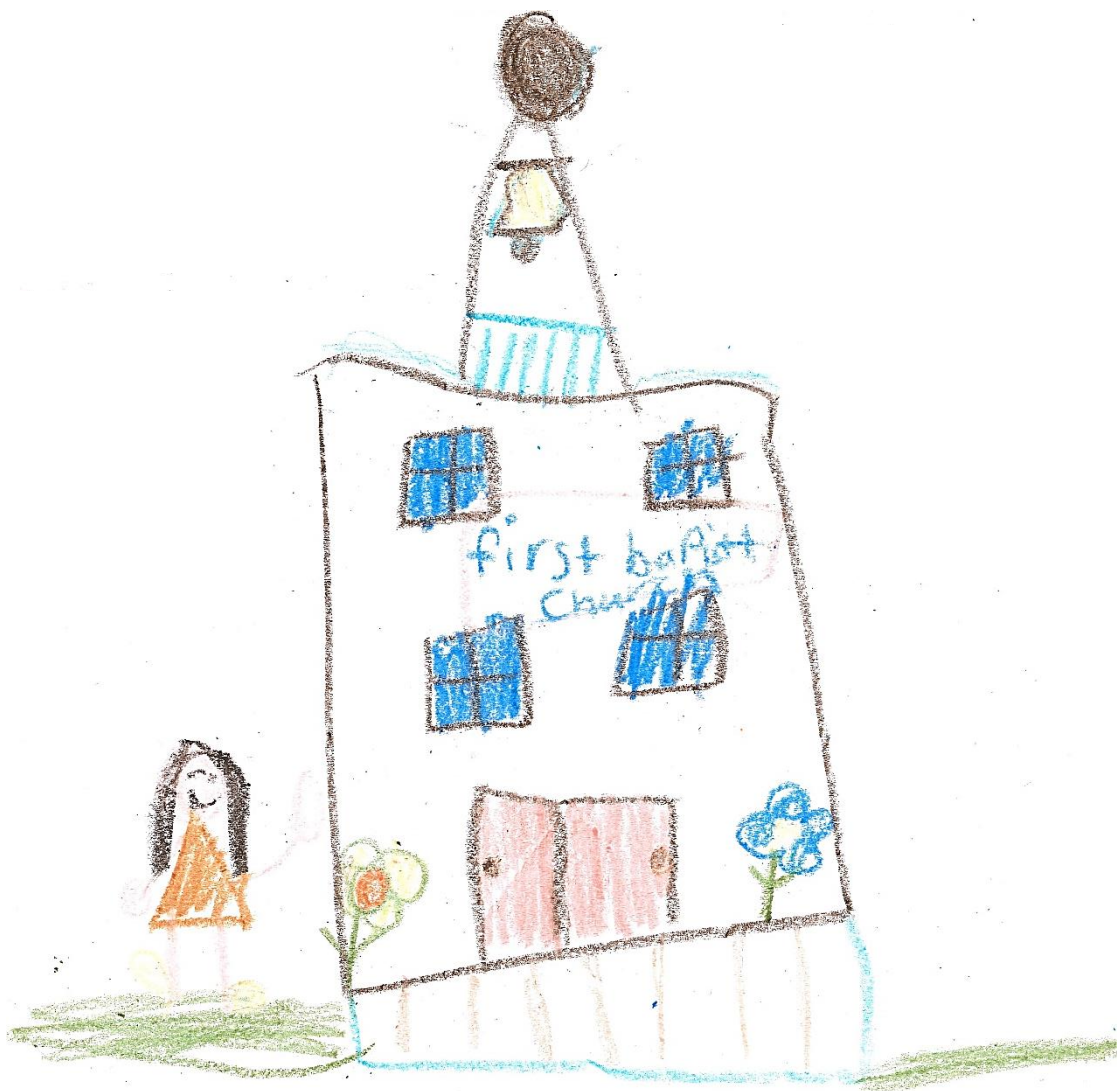


# PEACE WITH GOD



# *Our Worship of God*

*July 21, 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

Jesus says we must be born from above.

**God promises to give us a new heart!**

God will remove our heart of stone  
and give us a heart of flesh,

**so that we might give our hearts to Jesus.**

Jesus says we must be born of the Spirit.

**God promises to give us a new spirit!**

God will put the divine spirit within us,  
**so that we can follow the way of God.**

Jesus says that God loves the world,  
**that God is saving the world.**

So we come now to worship our God,  
**for we are God's people.**

**†Opening Songs**

Made New  
No One Else

**†Passing the Peace of Christ**

**Scripture Reading**

**John 3:1-8**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person."

Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

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

**Prayer**

Caleb Cooke, *Pastoral Resident*

Creating God, for all in our lives that feels  
weary and wearing, hard and heavy,

**let us be born again.**

For all that feels petty and predictable, mundane and meaningless,

**let us be born from above.**

Amidst the struggles of these earthly lives,

**let us be reborn in the Spirit each day.**

Remove our hearts of stone, O God.

**Give us hearts of flesh. Give us new spirits.**

*We invite you to now pause and offer this breath prayer\* to God.*

Inhale: God, give me a new heart

Exhale: and a new spirit.

*\* A breath prayer is a short, simple prayer that is repeated in rhythm with one's breathing. This practice is often used as a form of contemplation, helping individuals focus their thoughts, calm their minds, and connect to God.*

**†Song of Praise**

Holy Ground

<b>Sharing Our Gifts</b>	Pastor Greg Hunt
<b>†Song of Hope</b>	Build My Life
<b>Message</b>	Pastor Greg Hunt
<b>†Song of Response</b>	Beautiful Things
<b>Life of the Church</b>	Pastor Greg Hunt
<b>†Benediction</b>	

Go forth knowing that you are God's people,  
 living with holy hearts of flesh in this world that God so loves.  
 Receive the blessing of abundant life  
 that God offers to all who give their hearts.

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## Worship Notes

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## Week at a Glance

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### Sunday, July 21

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, July 22

1:00 pm Staff Meeting

### Tuesday, July 23

1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

### Thursday, July 25

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

### Sunday, July 28

10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour –Adult, Youth & First Kids Sunday School

11:15 am Combined Worship: Celebration of 21 Years of the Awakening Service  
in the Fellowship Hall

4:00 pm Ice Cream Social & Decorating Party in Fellowship Hall

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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).



## Celebrating 21 years of the Awakening Service

**Combined Worship - July 28 at 11:15 am in the Fellowship Hall**

The Awakening Service is celebrating 21 years of ministry on in July. As a way to honor this milestone, we are having a combined worship service at 11:15 in the Fellowship Hall. Pastoral Resident Caleb Cooke will be preaching, and there will be lots of celebrating as we reflect on the past and dream of our future together.

## Ice Cream Social & Journey Together Decoration Party- July 28

Join us in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm for an Ice Cream Social! We will provide the ice cream, and invite you to bring your favorite toppings to share as we enjoy some good treats and fellowship. After enjoying some ice cream, stay a while and help us prepare for Journey Together, our Family Vacation Bible School happening the following weekend. There will be options for the least and most skilled decorators among us. For those who stick around a little longer, we will be ordering pizza around 6 pm. Thank you in advance for helping us make Journey Together an immersive experience!

## Journey Together: August 2-4

Journey Together is a weekend event for families with kids hosted by First Baptist Kids Ministry. Journey Together is designed to help kids and those who care for them connect with God, one another, and other families with kids in our community. This year's theme is *Discover Jesus*. Adults and children will use their investigative skills to discover Jesus! The journey of discovery has many twists and turns, so children and adults will learn to ask questions, work together, shine their light in the world, follow Jesus' example to serve others, and trust in God when things go wrong. Through worship and drama, Bible study, art and science exploration, and active games, children and adults are invited to follow the example of Jesus in every place and every part of life. We know families take many shapes and sizes, and all are welcome to participate. Our world is better when we "Journey Together". This year, Journey Together will take place on August 2-4 and will conclude with a pool party Sunday evening. To register or learn more, visit [fbc-columbia.org/together](http://fbc-columbia.org/together).



## Church-Wide Pool Party - August 4

Save the Date for the Churchwide Pool Party on August 4 at Oakland Pool hosted by the Kids and Youth ministries. This is one of our most requested events and we are glad to have it to celebrate what we know will be an amazing weekend of Journey Together. We have reserved the whole pool from 5:30- 7:30 pm. The event is free and we will have freeze pops to enjoy.

## Calling All Musicians!

Do you play a musical instrument? Would you be interested in offering a prelude in traditional worship someday? Let us know! We would love to feature you and your talents in a prelude! Any age and skill level are welcome. Don't have a piece of music on hand? No problem! We can find something for you! (And FBC just happens to have the world's greatest pianist to accompany you. So, if you're a little nervous, you would be in the best of hands!) Just reach out to Jonathan at [jray@fbc-columbia.org](mailto:jray@fbc-columbia.org) if you're interested. We'll see you on the stage!



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*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*