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# *Our Worship of God*

*November 17, 2024*

*9:15 am*

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

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**Welcome**

Pastor Greg Hunt

**† Call to Worship (responsive)**

All are welcome here, the brokenhearted and the joyful.

**All are welcome here, the weak and the strong.**

All are welcome here, the fearful and the brave.

**All are welcome here, the young and the old.**

All are welcome here, to sing of God's works.

**All are welcome here, to praise Jesus Christ.**

All are welcome here, to worship and wonder.

**All are welcome here, to know of God's love.**

**† Opening Song**

Welcome Home

**† Passing the Peace of Christ**

**Scripture Reading**

Rachel Proffitt

**The Parable of the Good Samaritan**

**Luke 10:25-37**

An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

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

### **Ministry Moment: Student Ministry**

**†Song**

All Belong Here

### **Affirmation of Faith (responsive)**

When we say, “all are welcome,” we mean “all.”

**In Christ, all are welcome and embraced in community.**

Though sometimes we succumb to the prejudices of our pasts,

**We resist the temptation to judge or to hate.**

When we are told we are behaving in unwelcoming ways,

**We humble ourselves, listen, and try again tomorrow.**

For God welcomes the poor at the banquet table of love.

**The poor and the outcast, the weak and the rejected.**

The Church has a long history of cruelty towards those who do not fit in.

**But God brings them the finest robes and the fatted calf.**

When the Church is most healthy, we are not afraid of differences.

**When the Church is most healthy, we welcome new perspectives.**

When we say, “all are welcome,” we strive to mean “all.”

**And with God’s help, all will feel welcome in this place.**

## Sharing Our Gifts

†Song

This Is Me

Message

*Fully Inclusive*

Pastor Greg Hunt

†Song of Response

I Am Not Ashamed

†Renewal of our Church Covenant (unison)

**Because we have responded to Christ's call  
to follow him as disciples  
and because we find this calling  
too difficult and too important to fulfill alone,  
we covenant together to support and to  
pray for one another without ceasing;  
to be candid in our speech, kind in our attitudes,  
and caring in all our dealings with one another;  
to seek the mind and vision of Christ for ourselves  
and our life together,  
mindful that our unity does not require uniformity.**

**Moreover, we covenant to give first priority  
to our times of public worship and learning;  
to sustain our common mission by proportionate giving,  
faithful service and personal witness;  
to live our lives in a manner worthy  
of the gospel we profess and of this family of faith;  
and to seek others' forgiveness  
and God's when we fail to honor this covenant,  
trusting God's Spirit to renew us  
in stronger faith, brighter hope and broader love.**

## **Preparing Our Hearts for Giving (responsive)**

This is the time where we make our love visible by promising the gifts of our time, talent, energy, and estimates of giving.

**Let's make our commitments with cheerful hearts.**

### **Commitment Walk**

**†Song**

Love Is Greater Than Fear

### **Prayer of Response (unison)**

**Generous God,  
Over and over, your grace sustains us;  
over and over your love provides for us;  
over and over, your arms steady us;  
over and over, what we need is here.  
We give you these gifts  
with gratitude and joy,  
thankful that you are God over all.  
Amen.**

**Life of the Church**

Pastor Greg Hunt

**†Benediction**

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# Worship Notes

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*Call to Worship* — Adapted from a litany by Mary J. Scifres, and posted on the Ministry Matters website.

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# Week at a Glance

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## Sunday, November 17

- 9:15 am Awakening Service in the Fellowship Hall
- 10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour –Adult, Youth & First Kids Sunday School
- 10:15 am Ministry Opportunities Presentation in the Fellowship Hall
- 11:15 am Traditional Service in the Sanctuary

## Monday, November 18

- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting

## Tuesday, November 19

- 1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

## Wednesday, November 20

- 6:00 pm Youth Group
- 6:30 pm Chancel Bells

## Thursday, November 21

- 10:30 am First Baptist Women's Zoom Book Study
- 6:00 pm Crafter Hours

## Sunday, November 24

- 9:15 am Awakening Service in the Fellowship Hall
- 10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour –Adult, Youth & First Kids Sunday School
- 10:15 am Advent Workshop in the Fellowship Hall
- 11:15 am Traditional Service in the Sanctuary

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# Announcements

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## Welcome 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 from the pew back, scan the QR code in the bulletin, or visit our website at [fbc-columbia.org/connect](http://fbc-columbia.org/connect)



## Ministry Opportunities Event – Today at 10:15 am

Curious about how to get more involved at First Baptist? Join us in the Fellowship Hall for a presentation on Ministry Opportunities, facilitated by Stephen Hoell, on Sunday, November 17, from 10:15 to 11:00 am. This optional session will be held in the worship area, where you'll learn more about what each ministry team does and how you can get involved. Ministry Team leaders will be present to share insights and answer any questions you may have about their teams. We hope to see you there!

## Advent Workshop – November 24

On Sunday, November 24, we will gather during the small group hour, 10:15 -11 am, in the Fellowship Hall for a simple workshop to show you how to make *Himmeli* ornaments. All the supplies will be provided, so please join us in the fun. There will be different elements to use depending on your comfort level. We will use these on our Christmas trees this Advent season in our worship spaces and hopefully in your home. For more information, contact Brenda Rice at [brice@fbc-columbia.org](mailto:brice@fbc-columbia.org)



## Current Worship Series: Forward in Faith

As we look to 2025, we anticipate the arrival of a new senior pastor and the ongoing growth of our missional ministries. This adds fresh fuel to our historic commitments of faith and purpose. It also colors our budget planning process, reinforcing a commitment we made at this time last year to move Forward in Faith.

During the month of November, we ask you who consider FBC your spiritual home to commit to giving and participation in 2025 as partners in God's work through our church. Doing so will be a tangible way to show your gratitude and hope related to our congregation's distinctive way of living out our calling in Christ. Each week, we'll be focusing on one of four values that are on conspicuous display among us:

- We are Followers of Jesus (November 3)
- We are a Restorative Community (November 10)
- We are Fully Inclusive (November 17)
- We are Co-Creators with God (November 24)

## Advent Worship Series – Beginning December 1

Advent is a season of endings and beginnings. As the calendar year comes to an end, a new church year begins. Christ's birth ushers us into new ways of living and loving; and yet, the world as we know it spins madly on. In many ways, pregnant Mary was surrounded by endings—large and small, personal and political. But Mary proclaimed hope in a God who was and is making all things new. Christ's birth offered a beautiful new beginning for shepherds and Magi alike—all the while, King Herod tried to bring Christ's story to an end. When we ourselves navigate seasons filled with endings and beginnings, we need reminders. We need words that can feel like steady ground, like a path for our feet to find as we step forward into the unknown. *Words for the Beginning* offers us scriptures and reminders we need to hear again and again as we begin a new season rooted in love.

## Quilts For Display During Advent

Our Advent theme was inspired by the storied tradition of quilting. The visual concept of quilting inspired us because this series feels like a blanket wrapped around you, providing warmth and comfort as you begin again. Like a quilt formed by scraps of old fabrics and meaningful family items, this worship series stitches together the ancient scriptures and reminders we need to hear again and again.

Do you have a family quilt or one that has special meaning to you? Would you be willing to share it with the church? We want to display your quilts in our building to lean into the feeling of warmth and protection they offer. If you would be interested in allowing one of your quilts to be displayed and could provide a brief paragraph about your quilt, please email Brenda Rice: [brice@fbc-columbia.org](mailto:brice@fbc-columbia.org)

## Voluntary Action Center - Holiday Giving Program

First Baptist will sponsor two families as part of Voluntary Action Center's (VAC) 2024 Holiday Giving Program, bringing Christmas cheer to two of our adult neighbors and eight children and youth. Cards with requested/suggested gifts are available on the Bulletin Board in the central hallway between worship spaces. Please take the color top card and leave its black and white match on the Board. You will not need to wrap your gifts, but please attach your card to the gift, and bring them to Church by **Sunday, December 8**. VAC's annual Holiday Program is a community enriching effort that brings joy and support to over 1,000 families in Boone County each year. Thank you for your generosity!



## Pastoral Search Committee Update

The pastoral search committee is excited to announce a candidate to the church for the position of Senior Pastor. The pastoral call visit will occur the weekend of Sunday December 08, 2024, with combined worship at 11:15 followed by a special called business meeting and luncheon. Throughout the weekend, the candidate will meet with different teams and committees, and Saturday evening, December 7th, the pastor search committee will host a reception and dinner for the entire congregation from 4-7 PM in the fellowship hall. This event will include a receiving line for each person to meet the candidate and her family and following dinner, the candidate will share her spiritual journey and participate in a Q&A session.

To protect the confidentiality of the candidate at this time we will not be sharing the candidate's name today. The Sunday before the call visit, December 1, the search committee will present the candidate's name and a resume will be provided, and additional details will be shared in a letter to the congregation and through the Spire. To protect the confidentiality of the candidate we ask that you keep communication about the candidate within our church family.

Overall, the pastor search committee wants to express its deep appreciation to the congregation for its prayers, support and patience during this process. We believe the Holy Spirit has been guiding and leading our church, staff, pastor search committee, and the candidate to bring us to this point.

## Crafter Hours – Thursdays beginning November 7

We know there are a lot of crafters here at First Baptist, and many are not able to meet during the day and miss out on Crafty Critters. Therefore, we are starting a second craft group in the evenings. Like Crafty Critters, Crafter Hours is open to people of all ages and crafting abilities. Bring your own craft and join in us in the College Room from 6:00-8:00 pm! For more information, contact Pastor Brittany at [bnull@fbc-columbia.org](mailto:bnull@fbc-columbia.org)



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*Jonathan Ray, Music Director-Traditional Worship*  
*Shelby Myers, Awakening Worship Praise Band Director*  
*Colleen Ostercamp, Pianist and Organist*  
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