



## *Our Worship of God*

*January 19, 2025*

*9:15 am*

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

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**Welcome**

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

### **†Call to Worship (responsive)**

We gather to worship God,

**Who creates us and loves us;**

Who gifts us with diversity and makes us for community;

**Who gives Jesus to show us how to live;**

Who inspires children, youth, young adults, and people of all ages,

**To seek justice, share power,**

**and live together in love and equality;**

Who invites us to join the struggle for wholeness and wellbeing for all,

**and whose presence, grace, and love**

**sustain us in our living.**

We gather to worship God.

**To God be all glory, honor, and praise!**

### **†Opening Songs**

Good Morning Mercy  
Let It Roll

## †Passing the Peace of Christ

### Prayer for Illumination

### Hebrew Bible Reading

Andrew

#### **Isaiah 62:1-5 (NIRV)**

The Lord says, “For the good of Zion I will not keep silent.

For Jerusalem’s benefit I will not remain quiet.

I will not keep silent until what I will do for them  
shines like the sunrise.

I will not remain quiet until they are saved  
and shine like a blazing torch.

Jerusalem, the nations will see  
that I have made everything right for you.

All their kings will see your glory.

You will be called by a new name.

I myself will give it to you.

You will be like a glorious crown in my strong hand.

You will be like a royal crown in my powerful hand.

People will not call you Deserted anymore.

They will no longer name your land Empty.

Instead, you will be called One the Lord Delights In.

Your land will be named Married One.

That’s because the Lord will take delight in you.

And your land will be married.

As a young man marries a young woman,  
so your Builder will marry you.

As a groom is happy with his bride,  
so your God will be full of joy over you.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## †Song of Praise

King of My Heart

### **Matthew 23:27-38**

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which on the outside look beautiful but inside are full of the bones of the dead and of all kinds of uncleanness. So you also on the outside look righteous to others, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you build the tombs of the prophets and decorate the graves of the righteous, and you say, ‘If we had lived in the days of our ancestors, we would not have taken part with them in shedding the blood of the prophets.’ Thus you testify against yourselves that you are descendants of those who murdered the prophets. Fill up, then, the measure of your ancestors. You snakes, you brood of vipers! How can you escape the judgment of hell? For this reason I send you prophets, sages, and scribes, some of whom you will kill and crucify, and some you will flog in your synagogues and pursue from town to town, so that upon you may come all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah son of Barachiah, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar. Truly I tell you, all this will come upon this generation.

“Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you, desolate.

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise be to Christ.**

## Prayer for Welcoming Prophets

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Prophetic God, Jesus told us:

**Whoever welcomes us, welcomes Christ.**

Whoever welcomes Christ, welcomes God.

**In this, we embrace our Oneness with Christ, and with you.**

We seek to extend the welcome of God that we receive

**To all those in need,**

To all those vulnerable,

**To all those oppressed,**

To all those traumatized,

**To all those longing for liberation.**

We know that it is often those on a society's margins

**Who are most acquainted with its faults,**

So we gather to attend to their stories,

**To let them prophecy -**

Even when their message is uncomfortable

**Or disruptive**

Or startling

**Or convicting.**

Even when our egos rise up in defense,

**And our emotions resist their truth.**

For the times we ignore marginalized voices

**We confess.**

For when we prioritize our comfort over justice

**We confess.**

For the times we tokenize or ostracize

**We confess.**

For we know that when we give even a cup of water to one of these siblings

**You approve.**

We know that when we demonstrate compassion and care

**You approve.**

We know that when we listen carefully and non-judgementally

**You approve.**

We know that when we challenge our established narratives

**You approve.**

May the words and life of Christ,

**And the words and lives of the prophets among us,**

Guide us into truth and wisdom,

**And our society into righteousness.**

**Amen.**

**Sharing Our Gifts**

Shelby Myers

**†Song of Welcome**

Bigger Table

**Message**

Brian Kaylor

**†Song of Response**

Common Ground

**Life of the Church**

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

**†Benediction**

Brian Kaylor

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# Worship Notes

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## Week at a Glance

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### Sunday, January 19 – Guest Preacher - Brian Kaylor

9:10 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

9:15 am Awakening Service in the Fellowship Hall

10:15 am Youth & First Kids Sunday School

**10:15 am Annual Business Meeting in the Fellowship Hall**

11:15 am Traditional Service in the Sanctuary

### Monday, January 20

OFFICES CLOSED for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

### Tuesday, January 21

1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

### Wednesday, January 22

6:00 pm Youth Group

6:30 pm Chancel Bells

### Thursday, January 23

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

### Sunday, January 26

9:10 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

9:15 am Awakening Service in the Fellowship Hall

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

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)



## Annual Business Meeting - Sunday, January 19

*10:15 am in the Fellowship Hall*

Join us today at 10:15 am in the Fellowship Hall for our Annual Business Meeting. We will vote on the Nominating Committee report and elect our leadership for 2025. Then, we will hear a report from the finance committee and vote on the 2025 budget.

## Welcome Rev. Kristin McAtee!

Pastor Kristin's first day in the office will be January 21, 2025 and her first Sunday in the pulpit will be January 26. Please join us as we celebrate the arrival of our new Senior Pastor! We encourage you to send cards of warm welcome to the church that she can open on her first day.

## The Name That Shapes Us: A New Sermon Series

Starting this Sunday, January 26, join us for our new sermon series, *The Name That Shapes Us*. Together, we will explore the powerful "I Am" statements of Jesus and discover how our identity flows from who God is. Each week, we will dive into one of these profound declarations, uncovering how our relationship with the Divine shapes who we are and the calling we live out in the world. This series is an invitation to reflect, grow, and be transformed by the truth of God's presence in our lives. Invite a friend, and join us, as we, along with Pastor Kristin, journey together into the name that shapes us all.

## One Great Hour of Sharing:

### Support for Southern California Wildfire Relief

For the month of February, we will collect funds to support relief efforts for those affected by the devastating wildfires in Southern California. These fires have claimed lives, destroyed homes and businesses, and displaced countless families.

Through ABCUSA's disaster relief fund, *One Great Hour of Sharing* (OGHS), we can offer much-needed assistance to those in crisis. Every dollar given will go directly to relief efforts, helping provide shelter, care, and long-term support to communities in need.

Please prayerfully consider how you can contribute. Donations can be made through our church. Checks should include "One Great Hour" in the memo line. Let us join together in compassion and generosity, reflecting the love of Christ in this time of need.

For more information on the work of ABCUSA and OGHS, visit <http://abc-oghs.org/>





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

*Jonathan Ray, Music Director-Traditional Worship*

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*Colleen Ostercamp, Pianist and Organist*

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