



THE NAME THAT
SHAPES US

Our Worship of God

February 2, 2025

9:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Welcome

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

†Opening Prayer

God of Healing and Transformation,
we hunger and thirst for your abundant life.
We bring you our sorrow and ask for the bread of joy;
we bring you our despair and ask for the bread of hope;
we bring you our weariness and ask for the bread of inspiration.

Meet us here.
We need the bread of heaven to sustain us
as we journey to find our way,
that we may be one with you.
In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

†Opening Song

To the One

†Passing the Peace of Christ

†Song of Praise

My Heart Wants You

Scripture Reading

John 6:35-40

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away, for I have come down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sharing Our Gifts

†Song of Hope

Fragile Frame

Message

I Am the Bread of Life

Pastor Kristin McAtee

Communion

†Song of Response

All Belong Here

Life of the Church

Pastor Kristin McAtee

†Benediction (unison)

**We believe in God,
the giver of grain and bread,
and in Jesus Christ,
the bread of life broken for us,
and in the Holy Spirit,
God's nourishing power in every grain and loaf.**

**We believe that Christ is to be leaven in us,
so that we may offer the bread of life
to the hungers of every human heart.**

Worship Notes

Opening Prayer, from *Spiritual Hunger and Thirst for God*, written by the Rev. Bonnie Tarwater. Posted on the **United Church of Christ** website. <http://www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways/>

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, February 2

- 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

Monday, February 3

- 3:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, February 4

- 1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

Wednesday, February 5

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

Thursday, February 6

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

Sunday, February 9

- 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

Announcements

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



Winter Sermon Series: *The Name That Shapes Us*

Join us for our 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/>

Announcement From the Pastor Search Committee

As we mention last Sunday, Pastor Kristin continues to settle in and get up to speed on things here at First Baptist. We committed to sharing with you all opportunities for you to spend time with Pastor Kristin, to get to know her, and to let her get to know you. Pastor Kristin has identified some blocks of time each week that she is open for visits, invitations to tea or coffee, or to share a meal. **Please reach out to the church office at either churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org or 573-442-1149 to get on Pastor Kristin's calendar.** Additionally, if you would like to visit with Pastor Kristin, but are unavailable during these times, please reach out to the church office; Susan can assist in finding an opportunity for you to connect with Pastor Kristin.

Mondays: 11am-1pm Tuesdays: 4-6 pm
Wednesdays: 2-4 pm Thursdays: 3-5 pm

Pastor Kristin and Brian are also open to invitations for lunch after services on Sundays or Sunday dinner as well as invitations for dinner during the week. Please reach out to the church office to extend these invitations as well. First Baptist is famed for its hospitality and we deeply appreciate your commitment to making Pastor Kristin and Brian feel welcome!

-Noah Hartsfield & Kimberly Moeller
Co-Chairs, Pastor Search Committee



We Need Your Beautiful Voice!

Hey, friends. Jonathan here. I've often said, "I have the best seat in the house" when I get to lead our amazing congregation in hymns every Sunday morning. To say it's a highlight of my week would be a major understatement. I hear that beautiful voice of yours in the pews and I also want to hear it in the Chancel Choir! You don't have to be a music reader, you don't need any experience in choral singing, and there are ZERO restrictions for age or anything. The only requirement is that you love to sing! (And even if you only sort of *like* to sing, still give it a try and I bet we'll make a lover out of you yet!) We meet at 9:10 am each Sunday and rehearse until spiritual formation hour. Perfect attendance is not mandatory. Even if you can only sing every once in a while, that's okay! And hey, if you're concerned about being tied to the choir loft for the whole service, you are even welcome to dismiss yourself quietly after the anthem. Whatever it takes to get that wonderful voice of yours singing with us! If you have any questions at all, never hesitate to reach out to me at gray@fbc-columbia.org. We'll see you in the loft!

-Jonathan Ray, *Music Director of Traditional Worship*



Pancake Party - March 4 at 6:00 pm

The Pancake Party is back for another year of celebrating Shrove Tuesday! Kids and their families are invited to the Fellowship Hall on March 4th for a Pancake Party at 6 pm. During our Pancake Party, kids will hear a little bit about what Lent is and prepare and learn some faith activities your family can use all season long. The Youth will be making the pancakes and serving all the goods. RSVP is requested by February 26 to ensure we have all the necessary supplies. For more information or to register, email Pastor Brittany at bnull@fbc-columbia.org





Lenten Worship Series: *Everything In Between*

This year, we're letting the Gospel of Luke guide us through Lent. Beginning with Jesus setting his face toward Jerusalem (Luke 9:51), this worship series designed by A Sanctified Art, flows through several familiar stories—the Good Samaritan, Mary and Martha, the fruitless fig tree, the Lost Sheep, Zacchaeus, and more. Many of these stories are well-known in both sacred and secular imagination and hold significance in pop culture, church history, politics, and everything in between.

The theme, “Everything In Between,” invites us to navigate the polarities in our lives with more faith, intention, and openness to be transformed. Each weekly sub-theme explores two supposed binaries, like “faith & works” or “rest & growth,” or “grief & hope.” We often consider these ideas to be opposing. However, as we explore these concepts within the scriptures, we find nuance and complexity. We find that these dichotomies are false. We might begin to see a full spectrum instead of black and white. We might find that God is present in between. Our Lenten Journey will begin on March 5 with Ash Wednesday at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall.



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