

THE NAME THAT
SHAPES US

Our Worship of God

February 16, 2025

9:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Welcome

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

†Call to Worship (responsive)

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

Come, all who seek shelter and rest.

In Jesus, we find peace.

Come, all who long for purpose.

In Jesus, we are invited in and sent out to serve.

Come, all who seek belonging, all who long for welcome.

**Jesus is the Door that is flung open before us—
inviting, embracing, making room.**

In a world that builds barriers,

Jesus opens the way.

In a world that shuts people out,

Jesus calls us in.

Let us worship the one who opens the door wide.

Let us worship the God of welcome.

†Opening Songs

Come as You Are
Abundantly More

†Passing the Peace of Christ

John 10:1-10

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise be to Christ.

†Song of Praise

Build My Life

Litany of Diversity (responsive)

Pastor Kristin McAtee

God, you have made people of every imaginable kind

Colors and shapes,

Privileged and marginalized,

Rich and poor.

We have differences of every imaginable kind

Perspectives and worldviews,

Countries and cultures,

Philosophies and theologies.

We acknowledge that we tend to fear what we don't understand,

And that love is more powerful than fear.

We acknowledge that we must work to understand each other

And that this work is Kin-dom work.

We acknowledge that each perspective brings your nature into clearer picture

And that we need each other's points of view.

Help us to love one another

Even though we are different.

Help us to celebrate one another

Even though we may not agree.

Help us to be kind to one another

Even when we have been hurt.

Help us to open the doors to our churches

Homes

Organizations

Governing bodies

Dinner tables

Even though it may feel awkward and impractical.

We know that the diversity of the people of the world is a good gift

For our growth and edification;

To help us see your vision for the world

Where there are neither slave nor free,

Male nor female,

One race nor the other;

But we are all free, beloved, and united

In the peace of Christ Jesus.

Amen.

Sharing Our Gifts

Pastor Kristin McAtee

†Song of Faith

Love is Greater than Fear

Message

I am the Door

Pastor Kristin McAtee

†Song of Response

No Outsiders

Life of the Church

†Benediction

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Worship Notes

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, February 16

- 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 17

- 3:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, February 18

- 1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

Wednesday, February 19

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

Thursday, February 20

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

Sunday, February 23 – Combined Worship

- 10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour –Adult, Youth & First Kids Sunday School
- 11:15 am Combined 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



One Great Hour of Sharing: 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/>

A graphic with a textured, warm-toned background (orange, yellow, and red). The word "COMMINED" is written in large, bold, capital letters. Each letter is filled with a different photograph of church activities: 'C' shows a person at a desk; 'O' shows a person at a podium; 'M' shows a person with a plant; 'I' shows a person at a podium; 'N' shows a person at a podium; 'E' shows a person at a podium; 'D' shows a person at a podium. Below the word "COMMINED" is the word "worship" written in a large, blue, cursive script. At the bottom of the graphic, the text "FEBRUARY 23 • 11:15 AM IN THE SANCTUARY" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

Register Now For University Camp

We are excited to rejoin our camp friends at Maryville College in the foothills of the Smoky Mountains. Unidiversity offers the opportunity for our students to meet, worship, and grow with other students from churches around the country.

Unidiversity offers a good mix of fun, worship, and community that our students and leaders look forward to.

This year's theme is *Vibrant! Finding Color in the Gray*.

The cost for camp this year is \$350.00 per student. A \$100 deposit for camp is due by March 2nd. The remaining balance is due by May 4th. We want all who are interested in going to camp to be able to attend. Scholarships for camp are available. Please contact Pastor Brittany at bnull@fbc-columbia.org for more information regarding scholarships. As always, friends are welcome and encouraged to join us for camp.



Scan the QR Code to register!

First Baptist Game Night - Friday, February 28 at 6:00 pm

Calling all board game enthusiasts! Join us each month at 6:00 pm in the parlor for our Board Games Night. Whether you're a strategic mastermind or a casual player, this event is for you! Come and indulge in an evening filled with laughter, friendly competition, and memorable moments. Grab your favorite board game and challenge your friends to a thrilling match. From classic favorites to modern gems, there will be a wide variety of games available for all tastes and skill levels.



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



ForColumbia Workday Saturday, April 26

Save the date for the 2025 ForColumbia workday! Stay tuned for more information coming soon!





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.**

Racial Justice & Inclusion Team Book Discussion

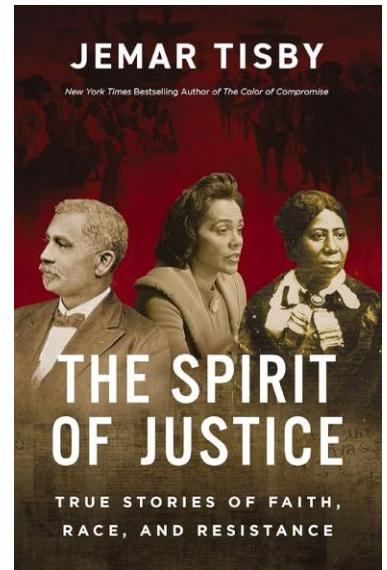
The Spirit of Justice: True Stories of Faith, Race and Resistance

March 31 at 6pm in the Parlor

First Baptist Church's Racial Justice & Inclusion Team invites you to participate in an intergenerational discussion of Jemar Tisby's newest book, *The Spirit of Justice* and its companion books *I am the Spirit of Justice* (youth version) and *Stories of the Spirit of Justice* (picture book). In these books, Dr. Tisby uncovers unsung heroes who have struggled for racial justice and whose stories have inspired him in his work to enlighten and embolden people of faith to work for racial justice. It is his hope to inspire and embolden readers to step out in similar ways as we learn about these historic heroes.

The book discussion will take place in one evening but in two parts. The first hour of discussion will be for families/intergenerational with a snack break following. The second hour of discussion will be for those who wish to dive more deeply and to consider individual and collective response.

The church has ordered a limited number of complimentary copies of all three books from Black Tea Bookshop, a local minority-owned book store. Please let the church office know if you would like to have a copy. If you prefer to order a book, we encourage you to order through [Bookshop.org](https://www.bookshop.org) and crediting Black Tea Bookshop (local minority-owned book store). This book is also available to read and listen to electronically,



About Jemar Tisby: *In 2023, Dr. Tisby was FBC's guest author and speaker. He is a nationally recognized advocate for racial justice, hosts an Apple podcast called Footnotes and writes on Substack. He is a renowned historian, professor, writer and theologian who also collaborates with Diana Butler Bass, Robert Jones and Kristin Du Mez in a weekly online discussion called The Convocation.*



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