

everything
[in] between

faith & works

Our Worship of God

March 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 as you are.

**If you have deep faith
or your faith has run dry,**

if you know every scripture
or none at all,

**if you have calloused hands
and live your faith through good works,**

or if you kneel at God's feet,
with a million hungry questions,

come as you are.

This is God's house.

None are turned away.

All are welcome here.

†Opening Song

Rest On Us

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Prayer for Illumination

Pastor Kristin McAtee

†Songs

Peace Be Still
My Heart Wants You

Luke 10:38-42

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise be to Christ.

Call to Confession

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

Questions for Reflection

What would it look like for you to lean more into faith?

What would it look like for you to lean more into works?

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of Grace,

We long to do the “right” thing.

We long to make the “right” choice.

We long to stand on the “right” side of the dividing line.

In our earnestness, we sometimes miss the sacred right in front of us.

In our earnestness, we sometimes miss opportunities to show love.

Show us how to hold our heart’s desire for perfection loosely.

Show us how to lead with grace and love, over anything else.

For even more than our desire to be right, we desire to be close to you.

Show us the way.

Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Sharing Our Gifts

Song

Not in a Hurry

Message

*Everything in Between:
Faith & Works*

Pastor Kristin McAtee

Affirmation of Faith (unison)

Pastor Kristin McAtee

**We believe in a Christ who
teaches, sees, affirms, and celebrates all of who we are.
We believe in a Christ who
invites us to use our gifts for good
and celebrates every step we take in that direction.
We believe in a Christ who
understands our anxieties
and is gentle with our concerns.
And we believe in a Christ who
looks at us with undiluted love.
The world will try to rank, rate, and declare winners,
but we know love has no limit.
So with God's help,
may we nurture our faith
and do good work.
Amen.**

†Song

Come As You Are

Life of the Church

Pastor Kristin McAtee

†Benediction

Worship Notes

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, March 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, March 17

- 3:00 pm Staff Meeting
- 6:00 pm Fellowship Adventures Dinner at Olive Garden

Tuesday, March 18

- 1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room
- 6:00 pm Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 19

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

Thursday, March 20

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

Sunday, March 23

- 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



Register Now For University Camp

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

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.



Lenten Devotional Book

Books of art, reflections, and poetry for the season of Lent are available in our worship spaces this Sunday. These beautiful books will guide us into further reflections on our theme, “Everything [in] Between.” Please pick one up on March 2, 5, or 9 during our services, or stop by the church office.

Italian St. Patrick's Dinner – March 17

You are welcome to join the Fellowship Ministry Team at our Italian St. Patrick's dinner on March 17 at Olive Garden, a celebration we have been doing for 15 years! The dinner is at 6pm. Please RSVP to Paula (paulalou52@gmail.com) by Sunday March 16 if you plan to come. If you don't respond but decide to come on that day just come!

ForColumbia Workday - Saturday, April 26

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



Racial Justice & Inclusion Team Book Discussion

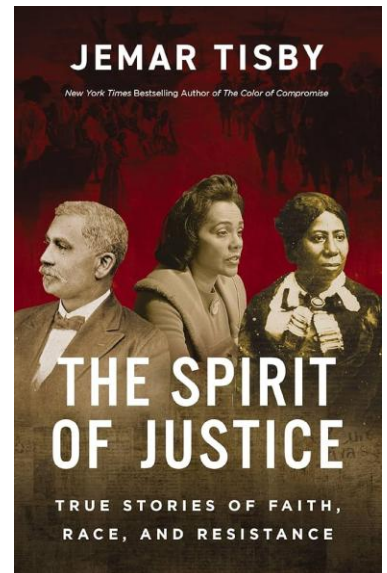
The Spirit of Justice: True Stories of Faith, Race and Resistance

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 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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