



everything
[in] between

rest & growth

Our Worship of God

March 23, 2025

9:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Welcome

Pastor Kristin McAtee

†Call to Worship (responsive)

Pastor Kristin McAtee

Worship is a place to rest.

We breathe deeply here.

We still our aching bones.

We sit in the quiet.

We surround ourselves with music.

Worship is a place to rest.

Worship is a place to grow.

We listen for God's word.

We invite it to challenge us.

We lean in with curiosity.

We ask questions.

Worship is a place to grow.

So come into this space.

Come rest and grow here.

For where two or more are gathered,

God is always there.

Let us worship our gracious God.

†Opening Songs

Take Me There
Surrounded by Holy

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Prayer for Illumination

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

Scripture Reading

Julie Walker

Luke 13:6-9

Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the man working the vineyard, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good, but if not, you can cut it down.’ ”

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise be to Christ.

†Song

Springtime

Prayer of Confession (responsive)

Pastor Kristin McAtee

Holy God,

There are seasons when we fail to rest.

We stretch ourselves too thin. We say “yes” to every invitation.

We run a million miles a minute. We ignore your command to rest.

What practices help you find rest?

There are also seasons when we stifle our growth.

We wait for someone else. We take the easy road.

We find excuses and justify our inaction.

What things do you need to feel nourished and ready for growth?

God, forgive our imbalance.

Remind us that birds rest, and they also fly.

Show us how to do the same. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness (responsive)

Family of faith, I have good news! Our God does not keep score.
Our God does not hold grudges. Our God does not assume the worst about us.
No, our God offers grace, and endless second chances, and boundless love.
So join me in proclaiming the good news of the gospel:

God's grace is deeper than the ocean.

God's love is wider than the sky.

We are seen. We are claimed. We are forgiven.

May this realization change and inspire us.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Sharing Our Gifts

Pastor Kristin McAtee

†Song

Tend

Message

*Everything in Between:
Rest & Growth*

Pastor Kristin McAtee

†Affirmation of Faith (unison)

We believe in a God who loves and tends to us like a gardener.

We believe that like the trees,

some seasons are for growth, and some seasons are for rest.

Some days require pruning, and some require planting.

**Fortunately, we believe that our green-thumbed God
sees us and cultivates the sweetest fruit.**

So may we plant roots, reach for the sky,

grow where we can, and rest when we need,

**for we believe there is holiness in the pruning
and in the planting.**

And we do not grow alone.

Thanks be to God, amen.

†Song

Dream Small

Life of the Church

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

†Benediction

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

Worship Notes

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Week at a Glance

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

Monday, March 24

- 3:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, March 25

- 1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

Thursday, March 27

- 10:30 am First Baptist Women's Zoom Book Study
- 11:00 am Faith & Climate Forum – St. Andrew's Lutheran
- 6:00 pm Crafter Hours

Friday, March 28

- 6:00 pm [First Baptist Game Night](#)

Sunday, March 30

- 9:10 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
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- 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.

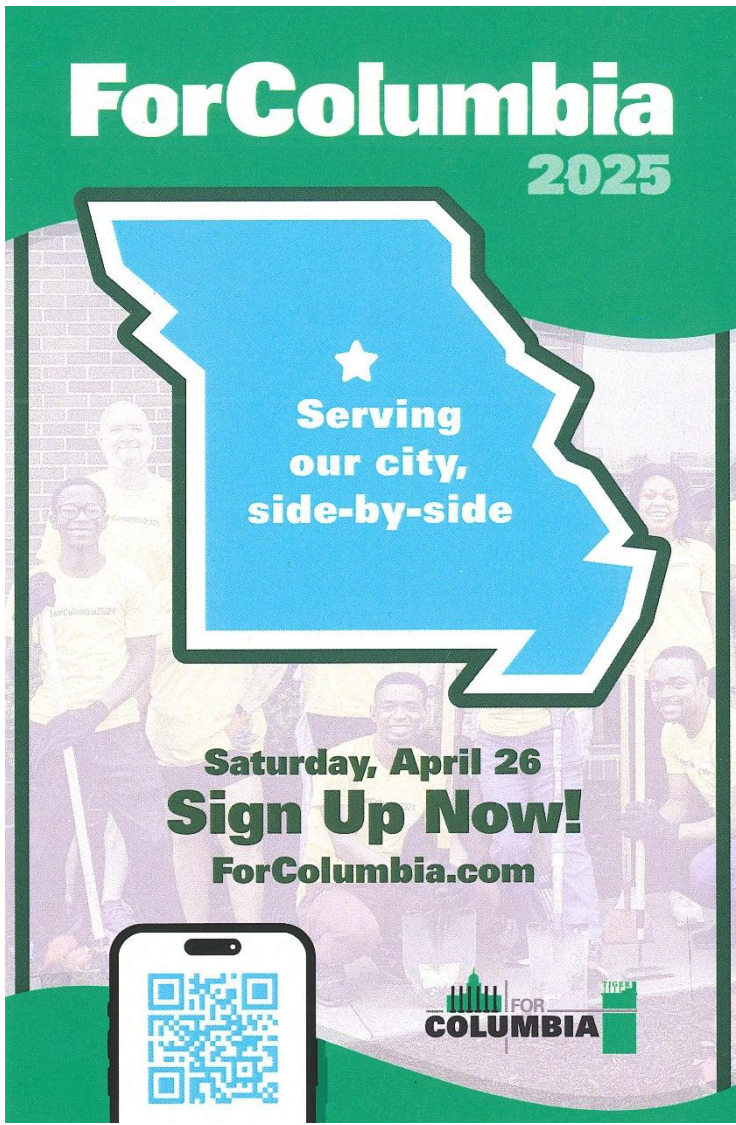
The theme, “Everything In Between,” invites us to navigate the polarities in our lives with more faith, intention, and openness to be transformed. Each weekly sub-theme explores two supposed binaries, like “faith & works” or “rest & growth,” or “grief & hope.” We often consider these ideas to be opposing. 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.

First Baptist Game Night - Friday, March 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.

ForColumbia Workday - Saturday, April 26



Sign up for the 2025 ForColumbia workday! You can use the QR code on this card!
For more information or help signing up, speak with Shelby Myers.



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Saturday, April 26
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The graphic features a green background with a white outline of the state of Missouri. Inside the outline is a white star and the text "Serving our city, side-by-side". Below the outline is a photograph of several people in yellow "ForColumbia 2025" t-shirts. At the bottom left is a QR code on a smartphone screen, and at the bottom right is the ForColumbia logo, which includes a stylized city skyline and the text "FOR COLUMBIA".

Racial Justice & Inclusion Team Book Discussion

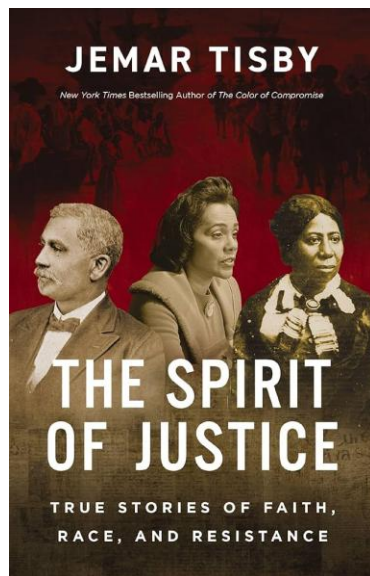
The Spirit of Justice: True Stories of Faith, Race and Resistance

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.*

Search Begins for Pastor for Youth and Community Ministries

The Personnel Team has initiated a search for a new Pastor to join our ministerial team. This person will minister to our Youth. As we continue to partner with our community in missions and building use, this pastor will work to discover creative opportunities to expand our work. Join us in praying for the right person to fill this position. If you would like to view a copy of the job description, please contact the church office.

Palm Sunday – April 13

The Downtown Palm Sunday worship is returning this year! Due to scheduling issues, we will not parade to another location this year. Worship will be held on our front lawn at 9:15 am. Please plan to join us and our downtown church partners. We will follow this worship service with brunch worship in the Fellowship Hall. There will be an Easter egg hunt for the kids after brunch worship. This will be a unique day that you don't want to miss.

Experience the Prayer Room for Lent

The Gathering Room has been transformed into a sacred space for prayer and reflection this Lent. Designed for all ages and experiences, this self-guided space invites you to explore our Lenten theme, *Everything in Between*, through interactive elements that foster contemplation and connection.

The Prayer Room is open:

- **Monday–Friday:** 8 AM – 5 PM

- **Wednesdays:** 5:30 – 7:30 PM

- **By Appointment:** Contact Pastor Brittany to arrange a time that works for you.

Come as you are, linger as long as you need, and let this space be a companion on your Lenten journey.



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