

everything  
[in] between

lost & found

# *Our Worship of God*

*March 30, 2025*

*9:15 am*

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

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## **Welcome**

### **†Call to Worship (responsive)**

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

Our God is a shepherding God.

**Our God knows us by name.**

Our God is with us always.

So if you feel lost,

**then know that God is seeking you.**

If you feel found,

**then know that God will never leave.**

This is the promise of scripture.

**This is the promise of God's love.**

Let us worship our with-us God.

### **†Opening Song**

Never Leave

### **†Passing the Peace of Christ**

### **Children's Message**

Pastor Kristin McAtee

### **†Song**

Welcome Home

### **Prayer for Illumination**

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

**Luke 15:1-10**

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

So he told them this parable: “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.’ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. “Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

The Gospel of our Lord.  
**Praise be to Christ.**

**†Song**

True Colors

## Call to Confession

### Question for Reflection or Conversation

Pastor Kristin McAtee

*In this season, are you feeling lost, or found, or a bit of both?*

### Prayer of Confession (responsive)

If God is a painter,

**let us be the brush.**

If God is a musician,

**let us be the song.**

If God is an architect,

**let us be the tools.**

**Let us be the hands.**

**Let us be the builders.**

But if God is a shepherd,

who never stops seeking,

**let us be willing to be found,**

**no matter how lost we feel.**

Our God is never far away.

**Forgive us for forgetting this good news. Amen.**

## **Words of Forgiveness (responsive)**

Family of faith, we are all a little bit lost and a little bit found.  
We grumble. We push back. We doubt God. We doubt ourselves.  
We leave the flock and lose our way.  
But fortunately for us, our God is a shepherding God  
who is always by our side.  
So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

**No matter how far we wander,  
we can never wander from the bounds of God's grace.  
We are loved. We are forgiven. We are not alone.  
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**Sharing Our Gifts**

Pastor Kristin McAtee

**†Song**

God Is

**Message**

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

*Everything in Between: Lost & Found*

**†Affirmation of Faith (unison)**

**We believe in a seeking God,  
a with-us and before-us God,  
a chasing-after-us God.**

**We believe that no matter where we wander  
or what mountains we climb, this God—  
the God who walked the streets of Jerusalem,  
shook hands with lepers,  
patted children on the head,  
and told stories of love—  
is always close at hand.**

**So on the good days and the hard days,  
on the mountains and in the valleys,  
we believe that we are always being found.  
Thanks be to God for a love like that.  
Amen.**

**†Song of Response**

Sparrows

**Life of the Church**

Pastor Kristin McAtee

**†Benediction**

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# Worship Notes

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# Week at a Glance

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## Sunday, March 30

- 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 31

- 3:00 pm Staff Meeting
- 6:00 pm Racial Justice & Inclusion Team Book Discussion in the Parlor

## Tuesday, April 1

- 1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

## Wednesday, April 2

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

## Thursday, April 3

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

## Sunday, April 6

- 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)

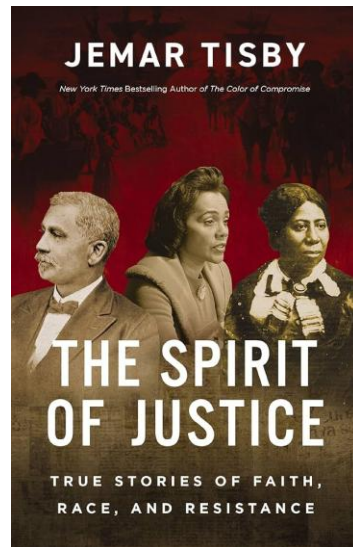


## Racial Justice & Inclusion Team Book Discussion

### 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.



**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.*

## 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.

## Search Begins for Pastor for Youth and Community Ministries

The church has initiated a search for a new Pastor to join our ministerial team. The senior pastor has led a process to obtain input from Youth representatives, the Mission Team and Administrative Team to create a job description. This person will primarily minister to 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. Representatives from youth, missions, administration, and personnel committee will select the candidate. 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.

## ForColumbia Workday - April 26

Sign up for the 2025 ForColumbia workday! You can use the QR code on this card! Here are the projects that First Baptist will be working on:

-Shelby Myers will be leading a team to prep and install flooring in the basement fellowship hall of 5th Street Christian Church. The team will also be building some shelves in a pantry storage closet in the kitchen.

-Ross Kasmann will be back on the Mt. Celestial Baptist Church historic site to help put in a new roadway. There will also be a lot of mulching work that will be done on a path up to the gravesites.

-Brittany McDonald Null will be leading the sewing, knitting, and crochet group hosted at First Baptist this year!

-Pete Walter and Caitlin Vandell will be leading a team to help clean up Bear Creek Park. This will be a family-friendly site, where families can help clear up and clean out the park.

-Rebekah Robertson is leading a team to help a local homeowner. The team will be building and installing a handrail to make their home more accessible.

You are welcome to select one of the sites led by our First Baptist members, or choose a different one that best fits you!

## Journey Together – Save the Date!

Save the date for this year's Journey Together, a spiritual formation weekend for kids and their families. This year's theme is *Waves of Wonder*. Stay tuned for more information and how to register!



Holy Week @

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## Palm Sunday

- 9:15 am Community Service - front lawn
- 10:00 am Brunch Worship
- 11:30 am Easter Egg Hunt

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## Good Friday

- 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

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## Easter Sunday

- 9:15 am in the Fellowship Hall
- 11:15 am in the Sanctuary



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*Shelby Myers, Awakening Worship Praise Band Director*  
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