



everything  
[in] between

righteousness & mercy

# *Our Worship of God*

*April 6, 2025*

*9:15 am*

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

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**Welcome**

Pastor Kristin McAtee

**†Call to Worship (responsive)**

We come to worship because we long for mercy.

**We long for community.**

**We long for God.**

We come to worship because we need a good word.

**We need connection.**

**We need moral reminders.**

We come to worship because we are in between:

**hope and grief,**

**faith and doubt,**

**joy and longing,**

**curiosity and conviction.**

So we come to worship and God meets us here.

**Surely, we are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God for meeting us in the middle! Amen.**

**†Opening Song**

Good Morning Mercy

**†Passing the Peace of Christ**

**Call to Confession**

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

## **Questions for Reflection**

*Have you ever witnessed someone receiving mercy that you didn't feel deserve it?*

*Have you ever received mercy that felt undeserving?*

*Can we find balance between righteousness and mercy? Do we need to?*

## **Prayer of Confession (unison)**

**Merciful God,  
When we fail to be righteous,  
show us mercy.  
When we fail to be merciful,  
show us what is right.  
Again and again,  
bring us closer to you.  
Again and again,  
show us the way.  
Amen.**

## **Words of Forgiveness**

**†Song**

Breakthrough

## Scripture Reading

Russ Scott

### **Luke 18:35-43**

As he approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard a crowd going by, he asked what was happening. They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.” Then he shouted, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” Those who were in front sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he shouted even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” Jesus stood still and ordered the man to be brought to him, and when he came near, he asked him, “What do you want me to do for you?” He said, “Lord, let me see again.” Jesus said to him, “Receive your sight; your faith has saved you.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him, glorifying God, and all the people, when they saw it, praised God.

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise be to Christ.**

## †Song

Psalm 23 (Surely Goodness, Surely Mercy)

## Scripture Reading

Russ Scott

### **Luke 19:1-10**

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today.” So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, “He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.” Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, “Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.” Then Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.”

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise be to Christ.**

**Message**

Pastor Kristin McAtee

*Everything in Between: Righteousness & Mercy*

**Communion**

**Song of Reflection**

Communion

**†Affirmation of Faith (unison)**

**In a world that loves to cast blame  
and point fingers,  
Jesus loved by different rules.  
He offered mercy.  
He invited people to dinner.  
He told stories of love.  
He chose to see the best in others.  
We believe that small acts of mercy  
and compassion have ripple effects in our lives.  
We believe that small acts of righteousness  
and justice are integral to a life of faith.  
So like Christ, we believe in  
offering mercy,  
inviting people to dinner,  
telling stories of love,  
and choosing to see the best in others.  
With God's help, may it be so. Amen.**

**†Song of Response**

One Heart at a Time

**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, 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

## Monday, April 7

- 3:00 pm Staff Meeting

## Tuesday, April 8

- 1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

## Wednesday, April 9

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

## Thursday, April 10

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

## Sunday, April 13 – Palm Sunday

- 9:15 am Downtown Palm Sunday Worship on the Front Lawn
- 10:00 am Brunch Worship in the Fellowship Hall
- 11:30 am Easter Egg Hunt

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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)



## 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.



## 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. **Spiritual Formation Hour, Adult, Youth & First Kids Sunday School, will not be held.** 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.



## 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!



## 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!



Holy Week @

**FIRST BAPTIST**

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**13**

## 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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