



Our Worship of God

May 25, 2025

9:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Welcome

Pastor Kristin McAtee

†Call to Worship (responsive)

We are called to bring a new understanding of God:
that God so loves the world.

We are the salt of the earth.

We are called to bring a new hope in God:
that God gives us new life.

We are the light of the world.

We are called to follow the commandments and the law.

The Law of God is to love God and to love one another.

Come, let us be the salt of the earth, the light of the world.

Come, let us love one another with the love of God.

Let us join together in our love of God to worship and follow Jesus.

†Opening Song

House of the Lord

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Scripture Reading**Jeremiah 29:4-14**

The Lord of heavenly forces, the God of Israel, proclaims to all the exiles I have carried off from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and settle down; cultivate gardens and eat what they produce. Get married and have children; then help your sons find wives and your daughters find husbands in order that they too may have children. Increase in number there so that you don't dwindle away. Promote the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because your future depends on its welfare. The Lord of heavenly forces, the God of Israel, proclaims: Don't let the prophets and diviners in your midst mislead you. Don't pay attention to your dreams. They are prophesying lies to you in my name. I didn't send them, declares the Lord.

The Lord proclaims: When Babylon's seventy years are up, I will come and fulfill my gracious promise to bring you back to this place. I know the plans I have in mind for you, declares the Lord; they are plans for peace, not disaster, to give you a future filled with hope. When you call me and come and pray to me, I will listen to you. When you search for me, yes, search for me with all your heart, you will find me. I will be present for you, declares the Lord, and I will end your captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have scattered you, and I will bring you home after your long exile, declares the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sharing Our Gifts

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

†Song

The Plans

A Moment of Silence

Pastor Kristin McAtee

Prayer (unison)

Pastor Kristin McAtee

**In you, oh God, we have life and community.
In the city and in us, may your voice be heard.**

**Unconditional, is the love that you place in our hearts.
Everlasting, is the promise of hope you made.**

**We gather as the church.
We gather as the disconnected.
We gather as the restless.**

**We gather to offer an urban mass:
to acknowledge our restlessness,
to pray for rest, to remember your sacrifice
and to celebrate a reconnection.**

**God, you see all time and space spread out before you
while we see only in part.
You know the paths set out for us while
we see only our journey to this present moment.**

**Thank you that we are here together now.
Reconnect us to our environment,
to the community we serve and to each other,
so that while our paths disperse again, we may move as one.**

**We ask in the name of the Creator,
of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

†Song

Multiplied

Message

Pastor Kristin McAtee

†Song of Response

Build Your Kingdom Here

Life of the Church

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

†Benediction

Worship Notes

Call to Worship, (inspired by Matthew 5:13-20, Mark 12:30-31, Matthew 22:36-40, Luke 10:27), ~ written by Rev Mindi, and posted on **Rev-o-lution**. <http://rev-o-lution.org/>

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, May 25

- 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, May 26

OFFICES CLOSED for Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 27

- 1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

Wednesday, May 28

- 6:30 pm Chancel Bells

Thursday, May 29

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

Friday, May 30

- 6:00 pm Bingo & Bites – Fellowship Hall

Saturday, May 31

- 8:30 am - 12:30 pm Churchwide GRACE Safeguarding Training

Sunday, June 1

- 10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour –Adult, Youth & First Kids Sunday School
- 11:15 am Combined Worship in the Sanctuary
- 5:00 pm Church Picnic at Cosmo Park

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



Bingo And Bites – May 30

Join us Friday, May 30 at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall for an evening of fun, food, and friendly competition at our Intergenerational Bingo Night! Bring your whole crew—kids, teens, adults, and everyone in between—for a night of laughter, prizes, and tasty bites. Whether you're a bingo pro or just in it for the snacks, there's a seat for you at the table.

Churchwide GRACE Safeguarding Training - May 31

As part of our commitment to creating a safe and welcoming environment for all, we are continuing with the **GRACE Safeguarding Initiative**. The GRACE Safeguarding Initiative seeks to provide churches with comprehensive training and other resources to prevent abusive behavior toward children and vulnerable adults. Our church-wide training is Saturday, May 31 from 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Whether you're a parent, grandparent, volunteer, or someone who cares about our church family, this training will equip you with knowledge and tools to help keep children and vulnerable adults safe—not just at church, but everywhere.

Led by a GRACE-certified facilitator through the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, this initiative is part of a broader effort to update our protection policies and strengthen our culture of care.

We would love for our entire congregation to attend. Your presence matters. Let's grow in wisdom and care—together.

Church Picnic – June 1 at 5:00 pm - Cosmo Park, Lamb Shelter

On Sunday, June 1, First Baptist will gather for our annual church picnic at Cosmo Park in the Lamb Shelter. All are invited for an afternoon of games, walking, and food. Lee's fried chicken, drinks, and place settings will be provided. We invite you to bring a vegetable, appetizer, or dessert to share!

Chancel Choir Update

After a wonderful year of worshipful music, the Chancel Choir will take the month of June to rest. We will reconvene on Sunday, July 6 for some low impact rehearsals at our usual 9:10 meeting time. If you've ever considered joining, this would be a great opportunity to come and see how you like it!

First Baptist Scholarship Program

The First Baptist Church Columbia Scholarship Program has launched! Find out more about available scholarships and information for submission on our website:

<https://fbc-columbia.org/get-involved/fbc-scholarship-programs-2025/>

Creation Care

Our church has a commitment to creation care. We have worked hard to develop best practices, including recycling. Due to the tornado on Easter Sunday, recycling will not be available in Columbia for several years. It is more important than ever that we strengthen our commitment to reducing waste. One way we will reduce waste is by printing less worship guides for the Awakening Service. Worshippers will have access to the worship guide on screen, or on their phones via the emailed worship guide. Another way we are reducing waste is by limiting our use of paper goods. At our Fellowship table and meal events, food and drink will only be served in reusable dishes and cups. Tubs will be conveniently located for dirty dishes. Dishes will be taken by church staff to the dishwasher. Thank you for your care for the good world God has given to us.

Fellowship Table on Break

We will not have a hosted Fellowship Table during June and July. Our volunteers do an amazing job providing for us, and we want to honor them with a break. Thank you to each person who has participated. We are so grateful!

Journey Together – Register Today!

Journey Together is a weekend event for families with kids hosted by First Baptist Kids Ministry. Journey Together is designed to help you and your family connect with God, one another, and other families with kids in our community. This year's theme is *Waves of Wonder*. Adults and children alike will come together to let waves of wonder wash over them as they are inspired by the beauty and majesty of what God has made. We are looking forward to the ways your family and our church family will make memories, grow in faith, and connect with other families during this special event!



PARTICIPANTS: Activities are geared toward kids aged 4 through 5th grade and their families, however, all are welcome! Youth can participate with their families or volunteer to help. Email Pastor Brittany at bnull@fbc-columbia.org to volunteer!

WAYFINDERS: This year there is a new opportunity for 5th and 6th graders (completed) for a deeper dive into spiritual formation with Pastor Kristin. Wayfinders is a special track within Journey Together just for 5th and 6th graders. This group is asking big questions, and Wayfinders will give space for students to listen to God's voice and grow as leaders in their faith. Together we'll explore how God guides us, how we can care for the world around us, and how to follow Jesus every day. Through deeper conversations, hands-on learning, and opportunities to lead, Wayfinders will help students take the next step on their journey with God. We'll wonder, listen, lead, and practice — all while taking a deeper dive into God's love. When you register, simply select the Wayfinders option for your 5th or 6th grader!

CBF General Assembly in St. Louis – June 24-26

CBF's annual gathering, the General Assembly, is being held for the first time in St. Louis. This is a special opportunity for you to come and experience the Fellowship for yourself. Registration is free online at <https://cbf.swoogo.com/assembly> or in person. Come for worship, breakout sessions, and fellowship. There are several events hosted by partner organizations such as Baptist Women in Ministry and the McAll Racial Justice Initiative that are paid events. First Baptist Church has already purchased tables for these events. If you are interested in signing up for one of them, please contact Pastor Brittany. **In exciting news**, Shelby Pride and our Awakening Worship Team are providing the music! It would be great for FBC to join the crowd as friends and supporters.

Come and join us in St. Louis! Preschool, children's and youth assemblies are also available. For more details, visit <https://cbf.swoogo.com/assembly>

Serving Team Update

The Serving Team welcomes Mary Van Rheenen to worship on July 6th. Our church has partnered with Mary as a CBF Encourager church for several years. Mary is retiring from CBF. We look forward to hearing her plans moving ahead. In the meantime, our team is considering who we might serve as an Encourager Church. We are considering two different teams. We would like your feedback.

An Encourager Church commits to prayer support and relationship, financial support, short-term engagement (mission trips), and support to CBF. Consider whom our church could engage with in relationships and even short-term projects and trips. You can let us know at the church office or by emailing Pastor Kristin at kmcatee@fbc-columbia.org.

- Lita and Rick serve in the San Francisco Bay Area, commissioned in 2002. Lita and Rick have always felt a sense of compassion for internationals and see God's call on their lives to forge a welcoming presence among the immigrants, refugees, and other internationals in their sphere of ministry. Their ministry among internationals strives to cultivate beloved community, bear witness to Jesus Christ and seek transformational development. Read more at <https://www.classy.org/campaign/lita-and-rick-sample-2/c577759>

- Jana serves in Larnaca, Cyprus amongst refugees and asylum seekers. In Larnaca, she partners with All4Aid, a non-profit, faith-based, international organization to work with refugees and asylum seekers coming to and through Cyprus. Their mission is to work with the displaced peoples to enhance their quality of life by facilitating humanitarian assistance, cultivating social inclusion, and fostering educational development.

Notes

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