



First Baptist Church

Our Worship of God

August 3, 2025

9:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Welcome

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

†Call to Worship (responsive)

Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.

**For once were lost and felt so far away;
now we have been found and welcomed home.**

Know that God's love is lavished upon you forever.

We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!

Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love.

AMEN!

†Opening Song

Reckless Love

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Hosea 11:1-11

When Israel was a child, I loved him,
and out of Egypt I called my son.

The more I called them,
the further they went from me;
they kept sacrificing to the Baals,
and they burned incense to idols.

Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk;
I took them up in my arms,
but they did not know that I healed them.

I led them
with bands of human kindness, with cords of love.

I treated them like those
who lift infants to their cheeks;
I bent down to them and fed them.

They will return to the land of Egypt,
and Assyria will be their king,
because they have refused to return to me.

The sword will strike wildly in their cities;
it will consume the bars of their gates
and will take everything because of their schemes.

My people are bent on turning away from me;
and though they cry out to the Most High,
he will not raise them up.

How can I give you up, Ephraim?
How can I hand you over, Israel?
How can I make you like Admah?
How can I treat you like Zeboiim?

My heart winces within me;
my compassion grows warm and tender.

I won't act on the heat of my anger;
I won't return to destroy Ephraim;
for I am God and not a human being,
the holy one in your midst;
I won't come in harsh judgment.

They will walk after the LORD,
who roars like a lion.
When he roars, his children will come trembling from the west.
They will come trembling like a bird,
and like a dove from the land of Assyria;
and I will return them to their homes, says the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

†Song

I am Loved

Litany for God our Mother

Pastor Kristin McAtee

Great Mother God

Parent us now:

Into your peace and comfort,

Into your nurturing love,

Into the kindness of your presence,

Into the shadow of your wings.

We know that love is risky:

There's always the possibility of pain,

The risk of disappointment or loss.

Give us the courage of your mothering heart.

We bring to you the cares of the brokenhearted.

We bring to you the pain of the disappointed.

We bring to you the hardship of the overwhelmed.

We bring to you the ache of the separated.

Teach us the worth of our own souls,

And the value of our existence.

Give us your Parental-love:

To heal us,

To nourish us,

To guide us,

To welcome us in,

To share freely with the world. Amen.

†Song	Lean Back
Message	Pastor Kristin McAtee
†Song of Preparation	No Outsiders
Communion	
†Song of Response	My Heart Wants You
Life of the Church & Sharing Our Gifts	Pastor Kristin McAtee
Benediction	

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, August 3

- 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
- 5:30 pm Churchwide Pool Party at Oakland Pool

Monday, August 4

- 3:00 pm Staff Meeting
- 5:30 pm 5th Grade Party at Witches & Wizards Arcade

Tuesday, August 5

- 1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

Wednesday, August 6

- 6:30 pm Chancel Bells in the Sanctuary

Thursday, August 7

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

Sunday, August 10

- 9:10 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 9:15 am Awakening Service in the Fellowship Hall
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- 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



Churchwide Pool Party – Tonight, August 3 at Oakland Pool

You asked for it, and it's back! Join us tonight for our Churchwide Pool Party at Oakland Pool, hosted by our Kids and Youth Ministries! We've reserved the entire pool from 5:30 to 7:30 pm, so bring your swimsuit, towel, and church friends of all ages for an evening of splashing, laughter, and summer fun. The event is free, and we'll have freeze pops to help you cool down. Feel free to bring your own food and drinks, just remember, no glass containers. Let's make some waves together!

Fellowship Table Resumes August 17

The Fellowship Table will resume Sunday, August 17. You can sign up to host on the bulletin board. If you have any questions, email Sherry Wyatt at sherrywyattrn@gmail.com.

Promotion Sunday - August 17

On August 17, First Kids and Youth will be celebrating Promotion Sunday! This Sunday marks the transition to new classes. Children turning 4 by December 31 and are potty-trained are invited to move upstairs to First Kids, and our new 6th graders will join the youth group for the first time. Adults of First Kids are encouraged to join for donuts, meet the teachers, and complete the 2025-2026 registration.

Blessing of the Backpacks - August 17

As we gear up for a new school year, we want to send our students, teachers, and school staff back with more than just sharpened pencils and packed lunches—we want to send them with *kindness* and *courage*. On August 17, during worship, we'll offer a special **Blessing of the Backpacks**, reminding our students and educators that they go into the school year surrounded by a community that is cheering for them and praying with them. So bring your backpack, your lunchbox, your briefcase—or just bring yourself—and let's start the school year covered in blessing and rooted in kindness.

Youth and Parent Fall Meeting – August 20

It's time to gather and talk about youth ministry! Youth parents and children are invited to a meeting on Wednesday, August 20th, at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will discuss upcoming plans, classes and curriculum, and safety. Pizza will be provided.

New to the Pew Blessing - August 24

With the beginning of the new school year, we are excited to welcome our newest worshippers to the pews. On Sunday, August 24, during both worship services, we will be presenting a Bible to our first graders and offering a blessing to them and their families. As a church community, we want to celebrate this milestone and commit to accompanying our kids in their faith.

Fall Kick Off – August 24 – Front Lawn at 12:15 pm

As summer winds down, we're getting ready for our annual Fall Kick Off! This fun event is a great opportunity to connect with others, enjoy good food, and play lawn games together.

The church will provide the main dish, beverages, and tableware. You're invited to bring a side dish or dessert to share. In addition to favorites like 9-square and other lawn games, we'll enjoy music on the front lawn from both our Chancel Choir and the Awakening Worship Band. We can't wait to welcome a new season with you!



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