

August 10, 2025

9:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Welcome

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

†Call to Worship (responsive)

Beloveds of God, we have gathered in worship,

Yet our praise is hollow if it serves only ourselves.

Let our worship lead us into peace and justice.

May words of hope become actions of compassion.

May our time together challenge us and change us.

May our ministry reflect God's love and justice. Amen.

†Opening Songs

Psalm 90 (Satisfy Us with Your Love) Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Kindly

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Isaiah 1:10-20

Hear the LORD's word, you leaders of Sodom.

Listen to our God's teaching,

people of Gomorrah!

What should I think about all your sacrifices? says the LORD.

I'm fed up with entirely burned offerings of rams and the fat of well-fed beasts.

I don't want the blood of bulls, lambs, and goats.

When you come to appear before me,

who asked this from you,

this trampling of my temple's courts?

Stop bringing worthless offerings.

Your incense repulses me.

New moon, sabbath, and the calling of an assembly—

I can't stand wickedness with celebration!

I hate your new moons and your festivals.

They've become a burden that I'm tired of bearing.

When you extend your hands,

I'll hide my eyes from you.

Even when you pray for a long time,

I won't listen.

Your hands are stained with blood.

Wash! Be clean!

Remove your ugly deeds from my sight.

Put an end to such evil;

learn to do good.

Seek justice:

help the oppressed;

defend the orphan;

plead for the widow.

Come now, and let's settle this, says the LORD.

Though your sins are like scarlet, they may be white as snow.

If they are red as crimson, they may become like wool.

If you agree and obey, you will eat the best food of the land.

But if you refuse and rebel, you will be devoured by the sword.

The LORD has said this.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

†Song

Find Our Way to Love

Prayer of Confession

O God, your call for justice is so clear

that we are amazed at how easily we forget it.

You ask us to defend the oppressed,

but too often, we stay silent when our voices are needed.

You plead with us to make worship and daily living one seamless offering, yet we separate our songs from our actions.

O God, we know it doesn't have to be this way.

We know it can't be this way.

We want to cease doing evil.

We want to learn to do good.

Help our worship shape our daily living.

And when it doesn't, God, forgive us.

As you have sought us out,

So we seek your pardon.

Grant us courage, we pray, as individuals and as a community, to bring about the justice you desire. Amen.

†Song Plowshare Prayer

Message Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

†Song of Response Something Has to Break

Life of the Church & Sharing Our Gifts Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

†Benediction

Worship Notes

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, August 10

- 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, August 11

3:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, August 12

1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

Wednesday, August 13

6:30 pm Chancel Bells in the Sanctuary

Thursday, August 14

10:30 am First Baptist Women's Zoom Book Study

6:00 pm Crafter Hours

Sunday, August 17

Promotion Sunday & Blessing of the Backpacks

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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



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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