



First Baptist Church

Our Worship of God

August 17, 2025

9:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Welcome

Pastor Kristin McAtee

†Litany (responsive)

The Lord calls us to grow in faithfulness.

Help us grow in our service and witness to your mercy and peace.

The Lord challenges us to serve others in loving ways!

Take away our greed and selfishness, O Lord!

Come, let us worship the Lord who delights in our witness.

Let us praise God who is always with us. AMEN.

†Opening Songs

This Place
Awestruck

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Blessing of the Backpacks

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

†Song of Joy

Living Water

Isaiah 5:1–7 & Psalm 80 CEB – adapted

God (Isaiah 5:1-2)

Let me sing for my beloved — a love song for my vineyard.
I planted you on a fertile hillside,
cleared the stones, set the choicest vines,
built a watchtower, dug a wine vat.
I expected sweet grapes — but I found only rot.

Israel (Psalm 80:8-11)

You brought a vine out of Egypt,
drove out nations and planted us.
You cleared the ground, and we filled the land.
The mountains were covered by our shade,
the mighty cedars sheltered by our branches.
Our shoots reached the sea,
our tendrils touched the great river.

God (Isaiah 5:4)

What more could I have done for my vineyard?
When I looked for justice, I found bloodshed.
When I sought righteousness, I heard only the cries of the oppressed.
You spread across the land, but you built walls to keep others out.
You stored the harvest for yourselves, while the poor went hungry.

Israel (Psalm 80:12-15)

Why have you torn down our walls so all who pass by pluck our fruit?
The wild boar ravages us, the creatures of the field feed on us.
Look down from heaven, God of heavenly forces;
see and tend this vine, the one your right hand planted.

God (Isaiah 5:5-6)

I will remove its hedge — it will be devoured.

I will break down its wall — it will be trampled.

I will make it a wasteland, overgrown with thorns and briars.

I gave you abundance to share, but you turned it into a fortress of greed.

Israel (Psalm 80:16-19)

We are burned and cut down; we perish at the rebuke of your face.

Let your hand rest on the one at your right hand,
the one you made strong for yourself.

Give us life again, and we will call on your name.

Restore us, Lord God of heavenly forces;
make your face shine, and we shall be saved.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Kristin McAtee

†Song of Preparation

Move

Message

Pastor Kristin McAtee

†Song of Response

Abundantly More

Life of the Church & Sharing Our Gifts

Pastor Kristin McAtee

†Benediction & Blessing the New Year

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, August 17

Promotion Sunday & Blessing of the Backpacks

- 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 18

- 3:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, August 19

- 1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

Wednesday, August 20

- 5:30 pm Youth & Parent Fall Meeting in the Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 pm Chancel Bells in the Sanctuary

Thursday, August 21

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

Friday, August 22

- 6:00 pm Youth & Parent Introduction to Youth & Community Pastor Candidate

Sunday, August 24

- 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
- 12:15 pm Fall Kickoff on the Front Lawn

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



Youth Parent Meeting to Start the Year – August 20, 5:30 pm

This Wednesday, August 20th, we will meet in the Fellowship Hall for our annual Youth Parent meeting. We will discuss the upcoming year, fill out forms for participating in youth events, and discuss our safety procedures with youth. We also have an opportunity to hear more about Joey, the candidate for Pastor for Youth and Community Ministry. Pizza will be provided.

Third Pastor Search Update

The Search Team is pleased to announce that we have invited a candidate to visit. **We will host an opportunity for youth and parents to meet Joey on Friday, August 22nd, at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.** This is a chance for us to introduce ourselves to Joey. The Committee will continue to discern how Joey fits with us during the weekend. This will also be an opportunity for him to see how his gifts align with our church. He will meet with ministers and staff, youth leaders, and members of the Serving Team before leaving on Saturday, August 22. In order to maintain his privacy, we will not publish his full name at this time. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Kristin.

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!

Awakening Worship Band Update

Easton Kerns is taking a leave of absence after 6 years of service as our scholarship player for the Awakening Worship Band. Easton has faithfully played drums in the band during his tenure, only missing a few Sundays during the time he has served. His talent, creativity, and investment in the band has become a centering force for the whole worship team. He will be missed during his leave, and we look forward to welcoming him back with us in October.

First Baptist Game Night - Friday, August 29 at 6:00 pm

Calling all board game enthusiasts! Join us each month at 6:00 pm in the parlor for our Board Games Night. Whether you're a strategic mastermind or a casual player, this event is for you! Come and indulge in an evening filled with laughter, friendly competition, and memorable moments. Grab your favorite board game and challenge your friends to a thrilling match. From classic favorites to modern gems, there will be a wide variety of games available for all tastes and skill levels.

The Bible: Mining Many Messy Meanings (Bible, MMMM.)

Join Henry Imler for six weeks of (hopefully) honest wrestling with questions many Baptists wonder about but might not always discuss openly. What makes a text "sacred"? Who decided what went in the Bible and what is the difference between translations anyway? Can it be sacred without being perfect? What all is in there? We'll explore how our shared sacred text pushes back against empire, deals with translation problems, and what it might mean to stay in a tense relationship with a text that sometimes troubles us. The first session will be held Sunday, September 7th, in the Conference Room on the second floor.



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