

An aerial photograph of the ocean showing swirling currents in shades of blue and green. A person is swimming in the water on the right side of the frame. Sunlight rays penetrate the water from the top right.

SACRED CURRENTS

current's call

Our Worship of God

September 14, 2025

9:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Welcome

Pastor Kristin McAtee

Prayer of Gathering

Pastor Kristin McAtee

†Song of Welcome

No One Else (Tear Down the Idols)

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Jeremiah 18:1-11

Jeremiah received the Lord's word: Go down to the potter's house, and I'll give you instructions about what to do there. So I went down to the potter's house; he was working on the potter's wheel. But the piece he was making was flawed while still in his hands, so the potter started on another, as seemed best to him. Then the Lord's word came to me: House of Israel, can't I deal with you like this potter, declares the Lord? Like clay in the potter's hand, so are you in mine, house of Israel! At any time I may announce that I will dig up, pull down, and destroy a nation or kingdom; but if that nation I warned turns from its evil, then I'll relent and not carry out the harm I intended for it. At the same time, I may announce that I will build and plant a nation or kingdom; but if that nation displeases and disobeys me, then I'll relent and not carry out the good I intended for it. Now say to the people of Judah and those living in Jerusalem: This is what the Lord says: I am a potter preparing a disaster for you; I'm working out a plan against you. So each one of you, turn from your evil ways; reform your ways and your actions.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

†Song of Remembrance

Canvas and Clay

The Clay of Our Lives

Pastor Kristin McAtee

Moment of Silence**Song of Worship**

Artist

Litany of Response (responsive)

Gracious God, I know that you are my potter.

You made me.

You redeemed me.

You re-created me in Christ to be your masterpiece.

How I thank you, for not giving up on me when I'm less than you intend.

Thank you for your patience and mercy.

**Thank you for continuing to shape me
even when I resist you and your work.**

Help me to live each moment of each day for you and your purposes.

**May I acknowledge you as my potter,
not only through my words, but also through my works.**

By your Spirit, help me to do the good things
you have planned for me so long ago.

All praise be to you, O God, my potter. Amen.

†Song

In the Hands of the Potter

Message

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†Song of Response

Make Room

Sharing Our Gifts and Life of the Church

Pastor Kristin McAtee

Benediction (unison)

Pastor Kristin McAtee

**Take the clay of our lives and shape it to love.
Take the clay of the church and shape it to grace.
Take the clay of the world and shape it to peace.
Take the clay of today and shape it to hope.
And then breathe your spirit into all again,
For ever and ever. Amen.**

Worship Notes

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, September 14

- 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
- 2:00 pm [Racial Justice and Inclusion Team Meeting - online](#)

Monday, September 15

- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, September 16

- 1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

Wednesday, September 17

- 6:00 pm Youth Group
- 6:30 pm Chancel Bells in the Sanctuary

Thursday, September 18

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

Sunday, September 21

- 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

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



25 Years of PrideFest MidMo!

Get ready to celebrate a quarter century of love, community, and pride! Mark Your Calendars! PrideFest is October 4th and 5th, 2025. This year marks the 25th Anniversary of MidMo PrideFest. FBC is joining MidMo in pulling out all the stops. We are honored to join PrideFest at our booth and by participating in Sunday's Parade.

Want to be a part of representing the fully inclusive love of God at PrideFest? We need your help! Please use the QR code to sign up to serve at FBC's booth on Saturday, October 4th. We will need help with set up, greeting and helping with tattoos during the day, and tear down at the end of the day!



On Sunday, October 5, we will join MidMo PrideFest's parade. We will have combined worship on the front lawn at 9:15 am. After the Bible study hour, we will gather and join the parade in celebration of love, community, and the values that FBC holds dear. Come ready to represent in your best Pride gear!

Book Discussion & Disability Justice Panel

Tuesday, September 30, 6-8 pm

Join the Racial Justice and Inclusion Team in the parlor for a two-part event from 6:00-8:00 PM on disability justice in the Church. The first part will begin at **6:00 pm** and will include a discussion of *Accompanying Disability* by local author Topher Endress. The second part of the event will begin at **7:00 pm** and include a disability justice panel comprised of disabled folx in and around our church. Please note that **the disability justice panel is for the entire community, including those who did not read *Accompanying Disability***. We're looking forward to continuing the discussion of ways our church can become more accessible to all who enter our place of worship!

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 next session will be held Sunday at 10:15 am in the Conference Room on the second floor.

Diaper Drive

During the month of September, the Serving Team at FBC is participating in First Chance for Children's Annual Diaper Drive. One in two families struggle to afford enough diapers for their young children. Diapers are not covered by WIC or SNAP, and diaper deprivation or re-use of disposable diapers is a significant health hazard. First Chance for Children collaborates with many service organizations in Columbia to get fresh new diapers to families who need them. Please respond to this need by bringing a package of new diapers to church this month. All sizes, 1-6, are welcome, and sizes 3-6 are especially needed. Thank you very much.

Nominating Committee Update

As we look ahead to next year and pursue our vision of co-creating a restorative community of fully inclusive followers of Jesus, we are inviting individuals to serve on our Ministry Teams. The Nominating Committee will soon begin reaching out to current team members to confirm their interest in continuing to serve. We'll also be contacting potential new members to join the teams. If you have someone in mind who would be a great addition to a Ministry Team, please share your recommendation with Pastor Kristin.

Third Pastor Update

The Third Pastor Search Committee has decided not to proceed with the vote on Sunday, September 14, to call Joey Fuson to the church. The committee conducted significant reference and background checks to evaluate Joey's set of skills and experiences for the position which showed he had many positive attributes. Upon review of additional information, we have decided, given the role and scope of the position and the needs of our church, Joey is not a good fit at this time. We have communicated our decision to Joey. The committee will continue to work to identify a candidate for the church. Please continue to support our youth, youth parents and youth leaders and pray for this important search process.

Third Pastor Search Committee

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