



First Baptist Church

Our Worship of God

November 23, 2025

9:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

"Then they abandoned their nets and followed Him."

- Mark 1:18

Welcome

Pastor Kristin McAtee

†Call to Worship (responsive)

Rejoice, children of God, for we are here together,
to worship as a community, to participate in a shared ministry.

**We worship with hope, we worship with courage,
we worship with hearts wide open.**

We gather to praise God and celebrate this community,
the love we share, the support we offer, and the journey we travel,
united by God's grace.

**We worship with hope, we worship with courage,
we worship with hearts wide open.**

Today we bring our gifts, our time, our resources, our commitments.
We give for the future and for the path ahead.

**We worship with hope, we worship with courage,
we worship with hearts wide open.**

With hearts and spirits joined, we offer ourselves in worship.
We are present, faithful, and ready to honor the God
who celebrates generosity and grace.

**We worship with hope, we worship with courage,
we worship with hearts wide open.**

†Opening Songs

House of the Lord
Counting Every Blessing

†Passing the Peace of Christ

†Song

Gratitude

Scripture Reading

Bryce Null

Philippians 4:10-20

I was very glad in the Lord because now at last you have shown concern for me again. (Of course you were always concerned but had no way to show it.) I'm not saying this because I need anything, for I have learned how to be content in any circumstance. I know the experience of being in need and of having more than enough; I have learned the secret to being content in any and every circumstance, whether full or hungry or whether having plenty or being poor. I can endure all these things through the power of the one who gives me strength. Still, you have done well to share my distress.

You Philippians know from the time of my first mission work in Macedonia how no church shared in supporting my ministry except you. You sent contributions repeatedly to take care of my needs even while I was in Thessalonica. I'm not hoping for a gift, but I am hoping for a profit that accumulates in your account. I now have plenty and it is more than enough. I am full to overflowing because I received the gifts that you sent from Epaphroditus. Those gifts give off a fragrant aroma, an acceptable sacrifice that pleases God. My God will meet your every need out of his riches in the glory that is found in Christ Jesus. Let glory be given to God our Father forever and always. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Litany of Mutuality (responsive)

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

Holy God, you call us into relationships that strengthen and sustain us.

Challenge us to view one another as partners in your good work.

May our time together be a sign of our shared life in Christ.

**Help us offer our whole lives with the same spirit
of mutual generosity.**

In your kin-dom, we belong to you and to each other.

In your community, we give and receive in equal measure.

When we give, may it be an act of gratitude and trust.

When we receive, may it be with humility and joy.

Let us notice your abundance in every act of giving
and every moment of receiving.

Shape our life together so we become a generous people.

Teach us to tend generosity as a sacred rhythm of our lives.

May our mutuality bear witness to your love.

And our generosity be an offering that brings glory to God.

May it be so. Amen.

†Song

Common Ground

Message

Pastor Kristin McAtee

†Renewal of our Church Covenant (unison)

**Because we have responded to Christ's call
to follow him as disciples
and because we find this calling
too difficult and too important to fulfill alone,
we covenant together to support and to
pray for one another without ceasing;
to be candid in our speech, kind in our attitudes,
and caring in all our dealings with one another;
to seek the mind and vision of Christ for ourselves
and our life together,
mindful that our unity does not require uniformity.**

**Moreover, we covenant to give first priority
to our times of public worship and learning;
to sustain our common mission by proportionate giving,
faithful service and personal witness;
to live our lives in a manner worthy
of the gospel we profess and of this family of faith;
and to seek others' forgiveness
and God's when we fail to honor this covenant,
trusting God's Spirit to renew us
in stronger faith, brighter hope and broader love.**

†Song of Response

A Thousand Hallelujahs

Sharing Our Gifts

Pastor Kristin McAtee

†Life of the Church

†Benediction

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, November 23

- 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, November 24

- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, November 25

- 1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

Thursday & Friday November 27-28

OFFICES CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

Sunday, November 30 – [Hanging of the Green](#)

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- 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



FBC Scholarship Applications

The Teaching Team will be accepting scholarship applications through November 30th. The Scholarship Program aims to support those continuing their education and training beyond secondary school. Visit <https://fbc-columbia.org/get-involved/fbc-scholarship-programs-2025/> to learn more.

The Season of Giving

Thanks to the generous giving of our congregation, First Baptist Church has been a dedicated supporter of Love Columbia, sponsoring an Extra Mile House and now transitioning to support their new program, Love Forward Homes. Additionally, FBC supports The Wardrobe at Love Columbia, where community members in need can receive clothing and shoes free of charge.

In 2021, Christine Chang & Donna Ostercamp began leading FBC's partnership to sponsor a transitional home for families experiencing housing instability or homelessness. To date, nine families have lived in our "little yellow house," including nine moms and 34 total children. Our church's financial support covers the utilities for the home, and countless members have helped clean, maintain, and furnish the home each time a new family moves in. Loving, personal touches for the families have also been a hallmark, with Norma Baker making a quilt and Sandy Taylor making stockings for each child that has lived in the house.

As we transition to the Love Forward Homes program, with additional support from our church, both through financial gifts and volunteering, we'll have the opportunity to make even more personal connections with the families living in our little yellow house.

Voluntary Action Center's Holiday Giving Program

FBC will once again sponsor two families (11 people total) as part of VAC's Holiday Giving Program. Select one or more of the color gift cards from the bulletin boards in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall corridors. Leave the black and white cards for our reference. **Please bring unwrapped gifts, with color tag attached, to FBC no later than Sunday, December 7.**



Intergenerational Advent - Begins Sunday, November 30 at 4 pm **Sharing shapes our faith.**

We grow alongside one another when we listen deeply, share our stories, and make space for the experiences of others. This Advent, we are practicing that together through an intergenerational small group using the *Will to Dream* curriculum. This resource works best when upper elementary students, youth, and adults participate together in shared conversation. Even so, we welcome all ages to take part in ways that are meaningful for them. Childcare will be available for those who need it.

Our time together will focus on building relationships and learning about God from one another. Each gathering will include a sharing circle inspired by Indigenous practices often called a Talking Circle, where every person has an equal and honored voice. We will also share in hands-on activities, prayer, reflection, and songs. The season itself calls us into shared life. Elizabeth and Mary shared their experiences of pregnancy, animals shared their space, shepherds shared good news, and magi shared their gifts.

We will meet Sundays November 30 through December 28 at 4:00 pm. Please RSVP to Pastor Brittany at bnull@fbc-columbia.org so we can plan well and choose the best space for our group. We hope you will join us as we learn, listen, and dream together this season.

New Bible Class: *Reading Responsibly in Translation*

Sundays at 10:15 in the Conference Room

Consider joining us this November and early December to explore gender trouble in Scripture—what happens when we translate texts about bodies, authority, and identity. We'll start by examining translation choices, then work through biblical passages together using Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza's *Wisdom Ways* as our guide. (It's an older text, but it checks out). She'll have us wrestle with seven interconnected questions: How does your social location shape what you see? Whose interests does your reading serve? What does this interpretation do to us if we submit to it? What other readings are possible, and how might they transform us? I'm painfully aware my perspective is limited and shaped by privilege. The more diverse voices in the room, the richer our conversation. Bring yours.

-Henry Imler

Support the Offering for Global Missions

Spending time with friends, family, and neighbors is key to building strong relationships. When you give to the Offering for Global Missions, you help CBF field personnel around the world do the same, sharing the transforming love of Jesus Christ with their communities.

Long-term presence allows field personnel, like Rick and Lita Sample to help others transform their lives, even as they themselves are transformed. With your support, they:

- Encourage, work, and minister with the global Church and those living in poverty
- Offer language acquisition opportunities
- Cultivate safe spaces for community building, stability, and friendships
- Address prejudices and racism
- Provide scholarships for higher education
- Equip pastors and church leaders with tools and resources
- Offer space for believers to come together for music and worship
- Share the good news of Jesus Christ in culturally relevant ways

Your generosity makes all this possible—and so much more. Give to First Baptist and note “Global Missions” in your memo. We will send one check on behalf of the congregation to support these vital ministries.

Advent and Hanging of the Green - December 3

Advent, the four Sundays leading up to Christmas, begins on November 30. During both Awakening Contemporary Worship at 9:15 am and Traditional Worship at 11:15 am, we will take some time to Hang the Green. We will spend some time decorating the Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary for Advent during worship. This is always a special time in the life of our church. The Advent devotionals will be available beginning November 30 in both worship services.

Combined Worship & Church Business Meeting – December 7

On December 7, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for worship at 11:15 am, followed by a vote on our 2026 Budget and Nominating Committee Report. Bible Study will be held at its regular time of 10:15am.

Notes

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