



CHURCH IN THE CHAOS

Our Worship of God

January 11, 2026

9:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Welcome

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

†Call to Worship

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We come carrying many things.
Some of them are chaotic.
Some of them are unfinished.

God is with us here.

We arrive with questions we cannot answer,
and with hope we do not fully understand.

God is with us here.

We bring the dust of our lives,
the places where things feel unsettled or undone.

God is with us here.

This is not a space for having it all together.
This is a space for showing up as we are.

God is with us here.

The work God is doing is not neat or rushed.
It is slow, Spirit-breathed, and still unfolding.

God is with us here.

So we gather, not to escape the chaos,
but to trust that God meets us within it.

God is with us here.

Come, let us worship together.

God is with us here.

†Opening Songs

Holy Spirit
Artist

†Passing the Peace of Christ

†Song

Cathedral

Scripture Reading

Russ Scott

Acts 1:1-11

Theophilus, the first scroll I wrote concerned everything Jesus did and taught from the beginning, right up to the day when he was taken up into heaven. Before he was taken up, working in the power of the Holy Spirit, Jesus instructed the apostles he had chosen. After his suffering, he showed them that he was alive with many convincing proofs. He appeared to them over a period of forty days, speaking to them about God's kin-dom. While they were eating together, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait for what the Father had promised. He said, "This is what you heard from me: John baptized with water, but in only a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." As a result, those who had gathered together asked Jesus, "Lord, are you going to restore the kin-dom to Israel now?"

Jesus replied, "It isn't for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has set by his own authority. Rather, you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

After Jesus said these things, as they were watching, he was lifted up and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going away and as they were staring toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood next to them. They said, "Galileans, why are you standing here, looking toward heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way that you saw him go into heaven."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer (responsive)

Pastor Kristin McAtee

O God, who always listens to us,
who breathes new life into us,
shape us as your church in the chaos.

We are surrounded by a world in between,
a world of waiting and wondering,
a world where things have ended but what comes next is still unclear.
We know what it is to be with the disciples,
grieving what has been lost,
confused by what has been promised,
staring into the sky, unsure where to place our hope.
We pray for this world in need of your Spirit and your power:
for all the people in it,
for those who are waiting for clarity,
for those who feel stuck between what was and what will be.

Silence

O God, who always listens to us,
who breathes new life into us,
shape us as your church in the chaos.

We are surrounded by people who are weary and worn,
people who struggle to trust your promises
through tears, exhaustion, and waiting.
We pray for this world in need of your steady presence:
for those who are imprisoned or alone,
for those who are ill or grieving,

Silence

O God, who always listens to us,
who breathes new life into us,
shape us as your church in the chaos.

We confess that we often stare at the sky,
caught between what has been lost
and what we cannot yet imagine.
We feel overwhelmed by the mess,
unsure how to move forward in your name.
We pray for your people, your Church.
Give us courage not just to wait for your Spirit,
but to trust that you are already at work among us.

Silence

O God, who always listens to us,
who breathes new life into us,
gather us as your church in the chaos.
Turn our waiting into witness.
Turn our uncertainty into trust.
Root us in this moment,
and send us where your Spirit leads.
We follow in the way of Jesus Christ,
who promised not to leave us alone,
and who taught us, when we pray, to say:

**Our Father who is in heaven,
uphold the holiness of your name.
Bring in your kin-dom
so that your will is done on earth as it's done in heaven.
Give us the bread we need for today.
Forgive us for the ways we have wronged you,
just as we also forgive those who have wronged us.
And don't lead us into temptation,
but rescue us from the evil one.**

†Song

Peace Be Still

Message

The Gift of Chaos

Pastor Kristin McAtee

†Song

We Are

Sharing Our Gifts & Life of the Church

Pastor Kristin McAtee

†Benediction

Pastor Kristin McAtee

Worship Notes

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, January 11

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
12:30 pm Racial Justice & Inclusion Team Meeting

Monday, January 12

1:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, January 13

1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

Wednesday, January 14

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

Thursday, January 15

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

Friday, January 16

6:00 pm Game Night in the Parlor

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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



New Sermon Series: *Church in the Chaos*

Church in the Chaos explores the first seven chapters of Acts, where the early church stumbles, argues, improvises, and discovers the Spirit's leading in real time. Far from a polished blueprint, Acts shows a community as messy and uncertain as the church is today — facing opposition, wrestling with identity, and figuring out what faithfulness looks like in the middle of disruption. Through all the chaos, God keeps guiding, redirecting, and holding them. This series invites us to find hope not in perfection, but in the truth that the same Spirit who sustained them is still at work in us.

First Baptist Game Night - Friday, January 16 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.



Flamy Grant in Concert at First Baptist – January 31 at 6:00 pm

We are thrilled to welcome Flamy Grant to First Baptist in concert on January 31st. In 2023, Flamy made drag history when her debut album *Bible Belt Baby* reached #1 on the iTunes Christian music charts. Since then, she has earned national recognition across music and media while continuing to push beyond genre boundaries with her sophomore album *CHURCH*. Rooted in Appalachian folk and infused with drag excellence, her work reminds us that faith is not fragile, God is not small, and beauty often shows up exactly where some have been told it cannot.

This is why we are excited to bring Flamy Grant to First Baptist.

As a church committed to inclusion, creative expression, intellectual honesty, and a faith that makes room for questions and full humanity, Flamy's work resonates deeply with who we are and who we are becoming. Her music embodies a theology we recognize: holiness emerges when love, truth, and courage are present. Shame belongs in the closet. Grace belongs everywhere.

Flamy Grant offers more than a performance. She offers a communal experience that is fearless, flamboyant, tender, and transformative. We cannot wait to gather, listen, laugh, and witness together.

You are invited. Bring your curiosity, your questions, and your whole self. Entrance is free and the concert begins at 6pm.



Notes



Rev. Kristin McAtee, Senior Pastor
Rev. Brittany McDonald Null, Pastor of Families and Spiritual Formation
 Jonathan Ray, Director of Music
Shelby Pride, Director of Music and Worship Technology
 Colleen Ostercamp, Pianist and Organist
 Noah Hartsfield, Handbell Director
 Susan Goudie, Office Coordinator
Brenda Rice, Fine Arts & Community Liaison
 Mike Ide, Custodian
Nellene Martin, Childcare Director