



CHURCH IN THE CHAOS

Our Worship of God

February 15, 2026

9:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Welcome

Pastor Kristin McAtee

†Call to Worship

In this place,
with all that we carry,

God is here.

In wonder and in questioning,
in calm and in chaos,

God is here.

Come, let us worship together.

God is here.

†Opening Song

This Place

†Passing the Peace of Christ

†Songs

Psalm 46 (Lord of Hosts)
Raise a Hallelujah

Scripture Reading

Jack

Acts 7:54–60

Once the council members heard these words, they were enraged and began to grind their teeth at Stephen. But Stephen, enabled by the Holy Spirit, stared into heaven and saw God’s majesty and Jesus standing at God’s right side. He exclaimed, “Look! I can see heaven on display and the Human One standing at God’s right side!” At this, they shrieked and covered their ears. Together, they charged at him, threw him out of the city, and began to stone him. The witnesses placed their coats in the care of a young man named Saul. As they battered him with stones, Stephen prayed, “Lord Jesus, accept my life!” Falling to his knees, he shouted, “Lord, don’t hold this sin against them!” Then he died.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

†Song

Breathe

Message

Pastor Kristin McAtee

Litany of Unexpected Places (responsive)

You meet us in unexpected places,
not only in comfort,
but in truth that asks something of us.

You meet us in unexpected places.

You meet us in wisdom that unsettles,
in questions that refuse easy answers,
in voices we are tempted to dismiss.

You meet us in unexpected places.

You meet us when courage costs more than we planned,
when faith stretches beyond safety,
when love refuses silence.

You meet us in unexpected places.

You meet us in suffering we would rather avoid,
in mercy we do not know how to offer,
in forgiveness that feels impossible.

You meet us in unexpected places.

Here and now,
in this gathering,
in this world still aching for justice and peace,
you meet us.

You meet us in unexpected places.

Life of the Church & Sharing Our Gifts

†Benediction

The world now is too dangerous
and too beautiful for anything but love.
May your eyes be so blessed you see God in everyone.
Your ears, so you hear the cry of the poor.
May your hands be so blessed
that everything you touch is a sacrament.
Your lips, so you speak nothing but the truth with love.
May your feet be so blessed you run
to those who need you.
And may your heart be so opened,
so set on fire, that your love,
your love, changes everything.

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, February 15

- 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, February 16

- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, February 17

- 1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room
- 6:00 pm [First Kids Pancake Party](#)

Wednesday, February 18

- 6:00 pm [Ash Wednesday Service in the Fellowship Hall](#)

Thursday, February 19

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

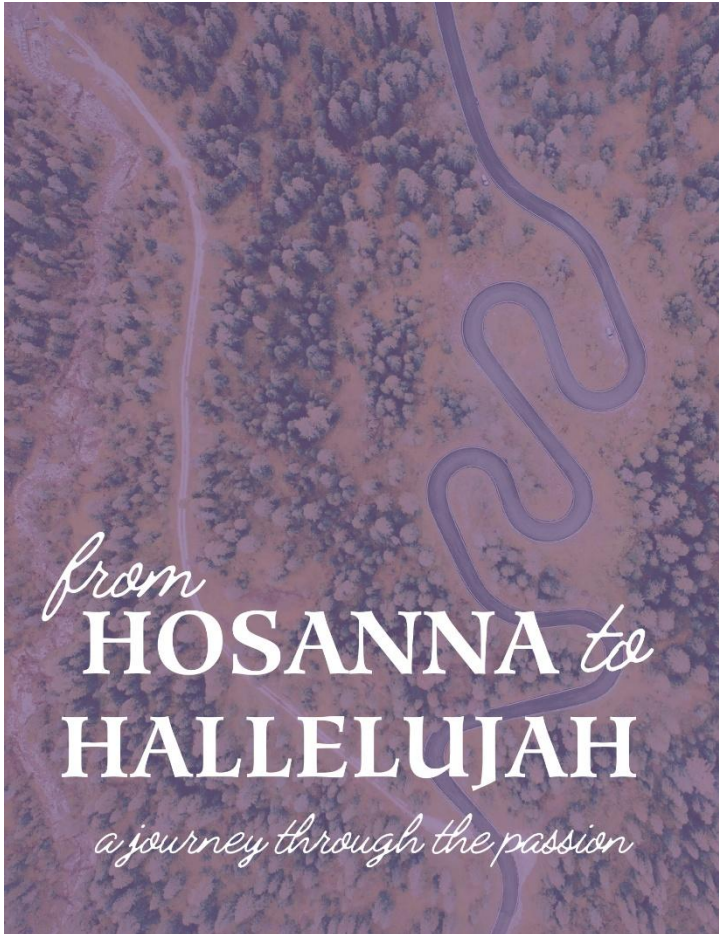
Sunday, February 22

- 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



Lenten Worship Series: *From Hosanna* *to Hallelujah*

Lent invites us to slow down, to pay attention, and to walk honestly with Jesus through the final days of his life. This year, our Lenten worship series is titled ***From Hosanna to Hallelujah***. Following the path of Passion Week, we will trace the road Jesus walks from the shouts of welcome on Palm Sunday through disruption, intimacy, service, grief, and witness, all the way to Easter morning. This is not a journey that rushes to resurrection. It is an invitation to stay, to notice, and to walk together through love that costs something and love that endures.

We will begin the season on **February 18** with **Ash Wednesday**, a service of stillness, prayer, and embodied honesty. At 6:00 pm, we will gather in the Awakening space to remember that we are dust, held by grace, and to begin this road with intention.

On **March 1**, we will gather for **Brunch Worship**, a more relaxed and intergenerational service centered on table fellowship, storytelling, and shared worship as we continue the journey together.

On **April 3, Good Friday** is a service that invites us to linger with the suffering of Jesus and the suffering of the world, resisting the urge to look away and trusting that God is present even in the hardest places.

Throughout Lent, we invite people of all ages to walk this road together. Resources for families and children will echo the same themes in simple, embodied ways, so that our whole community can share a common journey.

Wherever you find yourself on the road, you are welcome to walk with us. From Hosanna to Hallelujah, we journey together.

First Kids Pancake Party

February 17 at 6:00 pm

The Pancake Party is back for another year of celebrating Shrove Tuesday! Kids and their families are invited to the Fellowship Hall on February 17 for a Pancake Party at 6 pm. During our Pancake Party, kids will hear a little bit about what Lent is and prepare and learn some faith activities your family can use all season long. The Youth will be making the pancakes and serving all the goods. RSVP is requested to ensure we have all the necessary supplies. Email Brittany at bnull@fbc-columbia.org for questions or to register.



Small Group Opportunities in Lent

Making Space

Everything seems so big in the world right now: too much, too heavy, too fast and too draining. It's difficult to find space and have that space held for everything we are experiencing in our shared lives. Using the book *For Such a Time as This: An Emergency Devotional* by Hanna Reichell, I/we will be reading a chapter aloud and discussing it as we hear it and process it together. Copies of the book will be available if you are interested and want to take a look through it or feel free to just come listen. We won't be going in order from front to back but will be spending time in discussion and reflection about things like holding space for yourself, your feelings and thoughts when everything is absolutely everything all at once. Please come share space with me in the small conference room (E2) on Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. during Lent (Feb 25-April 1), while the Youth meet. During this hour we will experience being together and holding space for one another in real time, like we experience everything daily. Let's practice taking back our space and growing instead of shrinking. It is my belief that God is not small, nor do they wish us to be.

-Angel Kenison-Scott

Entering the Passion of Jesus

In support of our church-wide Lenten study, "Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week", the Discussion Class invites all to join us in a six-week study designed to provide additional insight as we discuss the book in more depth than it would be possible to do during a sermon. We welcome you to bring your curiosity, your questions, and the uniqueness that only you can add to our group. We meet Sunday mornings between services (10:15-11:00) in the Parlor, which is on the second floor of the education building. We will start this class on February 22nd.

Entering the Passion of Jesus option Please let Pastor Kristin know if you are interested in discussing the book at another time during the week. If there is enough interest, we can start an additional group.

Books for Small Groups

Copies of *Entering the Passion of Jesus* and *For Such a Time as This: An Emergency Devotional* will be available for purchase in the church office.

- *Entering the Passion of Jesus*: \$10
- *For Such a Time as This: An Emergency Devotional*: \$20

If cost is a concern, please feel free to contribute \$5 instead—your participation matters more than the price.

Justice Walk – February 22 at 12:30 pm

Our first Sunday of Lent invites us to consider what it looks like to join Jesus' entry into Jerusalem instead of watching from the sidelines. That invitation comes with risk as we pursue truth, justice, and freedom for the marginalized. As an embodiment practice, the RJI team invites us to participate in a Columbia Justice walk. We will meet at 12:30 pm in the courtyard for a planned route focused on revealing and celebrating contributions of African Americans to Columbia's history. We hope to offer a starting point for acknowledgment and discussion the rich contributions people of color have made and continue to make in this community and beyond.

Congregational Meeting - March 1 after Brunch Worship

We will hold a brief meeting after the Brunch Worship on March 1st. During this meeting, we will accept the year-end financial reports and any other necessary business.



Exploring Jordan: *Images of History*

March 15 at 4:00 pm in the Parlor

On March 15, Mark Thomas will present a pictorial narrative of his recent trip to the country of Jordan. Jordan is a treasure-trove of ancient Biblical and archaeological sites that are often overlooked by modern scholars and travelers. Janie Rees-Miller will join Mark to add her perspectives gleaned from 30 years of archaeological and linguistic work in the region.

The presentation will highlight visits to Bethany across the Jordan, the World Heritage Site of Jesus' Baptism, Mount Nebo, where Moses and the Israelites first viewed the Promised Land, Petra, the ancient Nabatean capital and site of hundreds of spectacular rock carvings, the well-preserved Greco-Roman Decapolis City of Gerash, the region bordering Lake Tiberias, the Golan Heights and Syria, and more as time permits. Refreshments and snacks will be provided. Please join us for this fun and educational presentation!

SNAP Benefits Assistance from First Baptist

Recently we took up money to help families who were impacted by the reduction in SNAP benefits. We worked through Locust Street Elementary School to be sure that our gifts went to those most directly impacted. They recently wrote to us:

Dear First Baptist Church,

Locust Street Expressive Arts Elementary School would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for the generous gift card donations provided for our families. Your kindness and support are much appreciated. Each family expressed great gratitude upon receiving. Our school is grateful for your compassion in thinking of us.

Sincerely,

Locust Elementary Office Team

Thank you, First Baptist, for being a church that sees a need and meets it. Your sacrificial giving is true ministry.



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