



from
HOSANNA *to*
HALLELUJAH

a journey through the passion

Our Worship of God

March 15, 2026

9:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

~Fourth Sunday of Lent ~

Welcome

Pastor Kristin McAtee

†Call to Worship

God, your love is not distant.
You meet us in bodies and breath,
in touch and presence.

Help us love like you love.

You see the hungry and you feed them.
You see the hurting and you draw near.
You care for the well-being of your people.

Help us love like you love.

Your love shows up in hands that serve,
in voices that comfort,
in presence that refuses to turn away.

Help us love like you love.

So come, let us worship our loving God
with our whole selves—
heart, body, and spirit.

Help us love like you love.

†Opening Song

Reckless Love

†Passing the Peace of Christ

†Songs

Midst
Centering Prayer

Scripture Reading

Sarah Banks

Mark 14:3-9

Jesus was at Bethany visiting the house of Simon, who had a skin disease. During dinner, a woman came in with a vase made of alabaster and containing very expensive perfume of pure nard. She broke open the vase and poured the perfume on his head. Some grew angry. They said to each other, “Why waste the perfume? This perfume could have been sold for almost a year’s pay and the money given to the poor.” And they scolded her.

Jesus said, “Leave her alone. Why do you make trouble for her? She has done a good thing for me. You always have the poor with you; and whenever you want, you can do something good for them. But you won’t always have me. She has done what she could. She has anointed my body ahead of time for burial. I tell you the truth that, wherever in the whole world the good news is announced, what she’s done will also be told in memory of her.”

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise be to Christ.

Prayer of Confession

God of generous love,
we confess that we do not always see the full picture.

**Like those gathered around the table,
we are quick to question what we do not understand.**

We measure devotion.

We calculate generosity.

We judge the gifts of others.

We confess that we often hold back what is precious.

Instead of pouring out love,
we keep careful track of what it might cost.

Forgive us, O God.

Help us notice the ways you are at work around us.

Free us from fear that keeps us guarded.

Teach us the courage of love that gives freely.

**Shape us into a people who recognize the sacred in one another
and who trust that nothing offered in love is wasted.**

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

†Song

Pour My Love on You

Message

Pastor Kristin McAtee

†Song of Response

Build My Life

Sharing Our Gifts & Life of the Church

†Benediction

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, March 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
- 10:15 am *Entering the Passion of Jesus* Lenten Small Group in the Parlor
- 10:15 am *Rest & Reflect* Lenten Small Group in the Green Room
- 11:15 am Traditional Service in the Sanctuary
- 4:00 pm *Exploring Jordan: Images of History* in the Parlor

Monday, March 16

- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, March 17

- 1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room
- 6:00 pm Church Council Meeting in the Conference Room

Wednesday, March 18

- 6:00 pm Youth Group
- 6:00 pm *Making Space* Lenten Small Group in the small Conference Room (E2)
- 6:30 pm Chancel Bells in the Sanctuary

Thursday, March 19

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

Sunday, March 22

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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



Stonebridge House Workday Opportunity – March 28

Stonebridge House is accredited as a 4-bed recovery house in downtown Columbia that provides shelter and guidance to women coming out of prison for 12 months. They are one of our partners in ministry, allowing us to be a part of this beautiful work. They are getting the house ready to welcome the next woman to come out of incarceration and into a new story where she is a main character. If you would like to be part of this story, you are invited to participate in a work day. Join us for some light cleaning, organizing and decorating on March 28, 8am-1pm. If you have a vision for how the space could look, talk with Rebekah Robertson. Rebekah@stonebridgehouse.org. Let Rebekah know if you can come because lunch will be provided.

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2026

Serving our city, side-by-side

Save The Date!
Saturday, April 25

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The graphic features a green header with the text 'For Columbia 2026'. Below this is a photograph of three young men in blue t-shirts, one of whom is wearing a white baseball cap. A blue speech bubble with a white star and the text 'Serving our city, side-by-side' is overlaid on the photo. At the bottom, the text 'Save The Date! Saturday, April 25' is displayed in a bold, dark green font. In the bottom right corner, there is a logo for 'FOR COLUMBIA' featuring a stylized green building.



Holy Week @ FIRST BAPTIST

Maundy Thursday – April 2

The Liturgical Arts Team invites you to a self-directed experience from 6 pm to 7pm on Maundy Thursday. This intergenerational event invites you to multiple interactive experiences that invite participation in the Lent experience and a personal experience with the story. Foot or hand washing will be available. This will be held in the Sanctuary.

Ecumenical Good Friday Observance – April 3

Downtown churches are invited to gather at noon on April 3rd, Good Friday. We honor the importance of worshiping together during challenging times. This solemn service will be held on the lawn of First Baptist Church, 1112 E Broadway. Together in the noise and movement of a busy city we will seek to center ourselves and reflect on Jesus' sacrifice for us. **Our annual observance of Good Friday will be at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall.**

Easter Vigil – Saturday, April 4

Join us Holy Saturday at 6pm for a special Easter Vigil service in the sanctuary in which we will observe mindfulness of Jesus' death through candle lighting, thoughtful meditation, and chanting. This brief service is intended to help us find an attitude of solemnity before celebration during the hours between the sunset of Holy Saturday and the sunrise of Easter morning.

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, we will be reading a chapter aloud and discussing it as we hear it and process it together.

Rest & Reflect: Gather Sunday mornings at 10:15 am in the Green Room to practice guided meditation and reflection on the Scripture. Through silence, journaling, and calm we will center ourselves on what God is saying to us. Make space and time for this practice in your Lent.

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.

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.



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