



First Baptist Church

Our Worship of God

July 12, 2026

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Gathering Chime

*As the bell is chimed, we invite you to pause, center yourself,
and prepare your heart and mind for worship.*

Prelude

Jubilation

by Franklin D. Ashdown

Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

Welcome

Pastor Kristin McAtee

†Call to Worship (responsive)

God spoke the world into being
and speaks to us today.

We want to hear from you.

God called prophets and poets
and calls us today.

We want to hear from you.

God's word scatters freely
and we are invited to listen.

We want to hear from you.

Come, let us worship our God, who meets us here.

We want to hear from you.

†Opening Hymn 353

For the Beauty of the Earth

†Passing the Peace of Christ

†Hymn 367

Day by Day and with Each Passing Moment

Scripture Reading

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

That day Jesus went out of the house and sat down beside the lake. Such large crowds gathered around him that he climbed into a boat and sat down. The whole crowd was standing on the shore. He said many things to them in parables: “A farmer went out to scatter seed. As he was scattering seed, some fell on the path, and birds came and ate it. Other seed fell on rocky ground where the soil was shallow. They sprouted immediately because the soil wasn’t deep. But when the sun came up, it scorched the plants, and they dried up because they had no roots. Other seed fell among thorny plants. The thorny plants grew and choked them. Other seed fell on good soil and bore fruit, in one case a yield of one hundred to one, in another case a yield of sixty to one, and in another case a yield of thirty to one. Everyone who has ears should pay attention.”

“Consider then the parable of the farmer. Whenever people hear the word about the kingdom and don’t understand it, the evil one comes and carries off what was planted in their hearts. This is the seed that was sown on the path. As for the seed that was spread on rocky ground, this refers to people who hear the word and immediately receive it joyfully. Because they have no roots, they last for only a little while. When they experience distress or abuse because of the word, they immediately fall away. As for the seed that was spread among thorny plants, this refers to those who hear the word, but the worries of this life and the false appeal of wealth choke the word, and it bears no fruit. As for what was planted on good soil, this refers to those who hear and understand, and bear fruit and produce—in one case a yield of one hundred to one, in another case a yield of sixty to one, and in another case a yield of thirty to one.”

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise be to Christ.

Prayer of Confession (responsive)

Pastor Hayden Dennis

God, you are always speaking,
But we confess that we often miss it.
You visit the earth and make it abundant;
yet in our distractions, we do not notice.
We scurry by the singing mountains and the clapping trees.
We let the seed you scattered
be choked by untended gardens, thinking
“I’ll do it later.”

So many things demand our attention.

With our worry, fear, hunger, and desires,

You too often get lost in the noise.

We confess that the voices around us
are often much louder,
But we know that your voice
is the one that leads us to life.

Yet, even in the noise,

You keep speaking.

You keep calling us near.

Help us to listen.

Help us to quiet our hearts.

Help us to tune our lives to your word.

Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Pastor Hayden Dennis

†Hymn 540

Take Time to be Holy

Sharing Our Gifts

Anthem

Just As I Am
Chancel Choir
Christina Ray, *soloist*

arr. Arnold B. Sherman

Message

Pastor Kristin McAtee

†Hymn of Response 578

Come, All Christians, Be Committed

Life of the Church

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

†Benediction

Beloveds of God,
as you leave this place,
go knowing that you are called by God.
Go loving God with all that you are,
and go loving your neighbor as yourself.

†Postlude

Psalm 19
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

by Marcello

Worship Notes

Liturgy: © 2026 Karis Worship. Written by Brittany McDonald Null.

For the Beauty of the Earth, Words: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1864, alt. Music: Conrad Kocher, 1838; harm. William H. Monk, 1861.

Day by Day and with Each Passing Moment, Words: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1865; tr. Andrew L. Skoog, 1931. Music: Oscar Ahnfelt, 1872.

Take Time to Be Holy, Words: William D. Longstaff, 1882. Music: George C. Stebbins, 1890.

Come, All Christians, Be Committed, Words: Eva B. Lloyd, 1966. Music: Traditional American melody; The Sacred Harp, 1844; arr. James H. Wood, 1958

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, July 12

- 9:10 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour –Adult & Youth
- 10:15 am *Together on the Way: A Family Sunday School Experience*
- 11:15 am All-Church Worship, Traditional Music in the Sanctuary

Monday, July 13

- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting
- 6:00 Serving Team Meeting

Tuesday, July 14

- 1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

Thursday, July 16

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

Sunday, July 19

- 9:10 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour –Adult & Youth
- 10:15 am *Together on the Way: A Family Sunday School Experience*
- 11:15 am All-Church Worship, Traditional Music 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



Together on the Way: *A Family Sunday School Experience*

Children and their adults are invited to join us in the Children's Suite for *Together on the Way*, a Family Sunday School experience focused on learning and growing in faith side by side. Throughout the summer, we will explore themes of the Spirit, discipleship, the church, and prayer through hands-on activities, conversation, storytelling, and shared practices designed for all ages. Along the way, we will collect mementos on carabiners as reminders of what we are discovering together. While designed with First Kids families in mind, adults of all ages are welcome to join us as we learn and grow together in community. *Together on the Way* will continue through August 16.

Save the Date – “Who Do I Say That I Am” Retreat

On September 18 and 19, we will host a retreat at the Lay Center in Louisiana, MO. The retreat will be led by Rev. Sandra Dorsainvil and is entitled, "Who Do I Say That I Am?" Sandra is an experienced counselor, minister, and retreat facilitator. We have spaces for 25 people to attend. The cost is \$45 per person for lodging and food. If you are interested in signing up, contact Pastor Kristin. You can read more about Sandra at connect-sd.com.

Churchwide Pool Party – August 11

Join us for our churchwide pool party at Albert-Oakland Aquatic Center on August 11 from 5:30-8:00 pm.

Summer Worship Calendar

July 12 11:15am All-Church Worship, Traditional Music in the Sanctuary

July 19 11:15am All-Church Worship, Traditional Music in the Sanctuary

July 26 11:15am All-Church Worship, Traditional Music in the Sanctuary



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