



First Baptist Church

Our Worship of God

August 2, 2026

9:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Welcome

Pastor Kristin McAtee

†Call to Worship (responsive)

We come to worship today,
hungry for God's word.

We come to worship today,
thirsty for God's love.

We come to worship today,
ready to be filled with God's Spirit.
Come, friends, let's worship God together!

†Opening Songs

Waiting Here for You
Hunger

Prayers of the People

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

Lord, in your love...
Hear our prayers.

Matthew 14:13-21

When Jesus heard about John, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. When the crowds learned this, they followed him on foot from the cities. When Jesus arrived and saw a large crowd, he had compassion for them and healed those who were sick. That evening his disciples came and said to him, “This is an isolated place and it’s getting late. Send the crowds away so they can go into the villages and buy food for themselves.”

But Jesus said to them, “There’s no need to send them away. You give them something to eat.” They replied, “We have nothing here except five loaves of bread and two fish.” He said, “Bring them here to me.” He ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. He took the five loaves of bread and the two fish, looked up to heaven, blessed them and broke the loaves apart and gave them to his disciples. Then the disciples gave them to the crowds. Everyone ate until they were full, and they filled twelve baskets with the leftovers. About five thousand men plus women and children had eaten.

The Gospel of Our Lord.
Praise be to Christ.

†Song

You Satisfy My Soul

Message

Pastor Kristin McAtee

†Song

Bigger Table

Communion**†Song**

Move

Sharing Our Gifts & Life of the Church

Pastor Hayden Dennis

†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.

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, August 2

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

Tuesday, August 4

- 1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

Wednesday, August 5

- 6:30 pm Intergenerational Handbell Ringing

Thursday, August 6

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

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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



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. Through August 16, 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.

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.

Intergenerational Handbells

Noah Hartsfield invites you to join in an intergenerational handbell ringing opportunity. The group will meet on Wednesday evenings for five weeks, from July 22nd to August 19th, to learn how to ring handbells, make music, and have fun. Whether or not you have any experience with bells or music, all are invited to give it a try. You are only responsible for two notes and we can mark music! All friends who are rising 2nd graders or older are invited to participate (friends that are 2nd through 5th grade need an adult to participate with them). The group will meet from 6:30pm to 7:30pm and nursery care is available if needed. You do not need to be available all Wednesdays to participate. The goal will be to ring in Traditional worship on Sunday, August 23rd. If you are interested or want more information, please contact Noah at nhartsfield2010@gmail.com.

Faith Formation Leader Training – August 16

All children, youth, and adult faith formation leaders are asked to attend our **required Leader Training on Sunday, August 16, from 12:30–2:00 p.m.** Lunch will be provided.

This training will lay the foundation for the year ahead as we:

- Review the essentials of our Child Protection Policy
- Share practical tips for leading engaging and meaningful small groups
- Build connections across our children's, youth, and adult ministry teams
- Preview what each age group will be exploring this semester

We hope everyone can be there as we prepare to learn, grow, and serve together. If you are unable to attend, you will need to schedule a one-on-one meeting with one of the pastors to complete the required training before serving as a teacher or leader this semester. For any questions, or to reserve childcare, please contact Pastor Brittany.

Join Pastor Kristin for a Spiritual Retreat – September 18-19

“To share our stories is not only a worthwhile endeavor for the storyteller, but for those who hear our stories and feel less alone because of it.” — Joyce Maynard

I had the joy of meeting Sandra Dorsainvil a few years ago. Together, we led a retreat for CBF student summer interns. Through the summer, we continued to mentor them. Sandra's spirit of peace and renewal was a gift to me. We have remained in contact, and I often join her monthly retreats online.

I've invited Sandra to come lead us for a short retreat at the Lay Center in Louisiana, MO. Together we chose a topic that leads us all into deeper self-awareness of how God creates us as beloved. It also gives opportunity for building community, welcoming one another's true selves. You will experience multiple contemplative practices as we do the sacred work of sharing and receiving our stories. The retreat begins at 4pm on September 18th and concludes at 4pm on September 19th. This beautiful location is peaceful and contemplative. The cost is \$45 per person which covers your room and meals.

-Pastor Kristin

Register for the retreat by August 30th by contacting Pastor Kristin or the church office.

Preschool Playdate: You Belong Here! – August 19

Families with preschoolers are invited to a special Preschool Playdate on Wednesday, August 19, from 5:30–6:30 PM in the Children's Ministry Suite (3rd Floor).

Come play, connect, and discover that **you belong here!** We'll enjoy storytime, hands-on play stations, and a fun adventure through the Children's Ministry Suite as children collect stamps in their Adventure Passport. Along the way, they'll meet friends, explore their Sunday School space, and experience the joy of being part of our First Kids community. While children play, parents and caregivers will have the opportunity to connect with one another and build community, too.

This playdate is especially helpful for children who will be promoting to our preschool Sunday School class this fall (children who turn 4 by December 31 and are potty trained). It's a fun way to become familiar with their new classroom before Promotion Sunday on August 23.

Whether this is your first time visiting or your family has been here for years, you are welcome here. Invite a friend and join us for an evening of fun, friendship, and belonging!

Promotion Sunday - August 23

On August 23, First Kids and Youth will be celebrating Promotion Sunday! This Sunday marks the transition to new classes. Children turning 4 by December 31 and are potty-trained are invited to move upstairs to First Kids, and our new 6th graders will join the youth group for the first time. Adults of First Kids are encouraged to join for donuts, meet the teachers, and complete the 2026-2027 registration.

Blessing of the Backpacks - August 23

As we gear up for a new school year, we want to send our students, teachers, and school staff back with more than just sharpened pencils and packed lunches, we want to send them with *kindness* and *courage*. On August 23, during worship, we'll offer a special **Blessing of the Backpacks**, reminding our students and educators that they go into the school year surrounded by a community that is cheering for them and praying with them. So, bring your backpack, your lunchbox, your briefcase or just yourself, as we welcome the new school year with a blessing.

Fall Kick Off – August 30– Front Lawn at 12:30 pm

As summer winds down, we're getting ready for our annual Fall Kick-Off! This fun event is a great opportunity to connect with others, enjoy good food, and play lawn games together. The church will provide the main dish, beverages, and tableware. You're invited to bring a side dish or dessert to share. In addition to great conversation and food, we will have our favorite games like 9-square, gaga ball, cornhole, and a bounce house. We can't wait to welcome a new season with you!

New to the Pew Blessing - August 30

With the beginning of the new school year, we are excited to welcome our newest worshippers to the pews and seats. On Sunday, August 30, during both worship services, we will be presenting a Bible to our first graders and offering a blessing to them and their families. As a church community, we want to celebrate this milestone and commit to accompanying our kids in their faith.



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