



First Baptist Church

Our Worship of God

July 26, 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

O When Shall I See Jesus?

arr. D. Hustad

Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

Welcome

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

†Call to Worship (responsive)

We gather to worship our loving God.

Nothing can separate us from God's love.

No matter if you sing in tune or miss every note,

Nothing can separate us from God's love.

Whether you have come with gratitude,

are here seeking hope, or hold a mix of both,

Nothing can separate us from God's love.

Let us worship God, whose love knows no bounds.

Nothing can separate us from God's love.

†Opening Hymn 62

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Embodied Scripture

- *Parable of the Mustard Seed*

Matthew 13:31-32

He told another parable to them: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and planted in his field. It’s the smallest of all seeds. But when it’s grown, it’s the largest of all vegetable plants. It becomes a tree so that the birds in the sky come and nest in its branches.”

- *Parable of the Yeast*

Matthew 13:33

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast, which a woman took and hid in a bushel of wheat flour until the yeast had worked its way through all the dough.”

†Hymn 60

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Prayer of Confession (responsive)

Pastor Kristin McAtee

God of mustard seeds and yeast,
You teach us that growth can start small,
that new life can form roots underground,
that treasure can be discovered over time.

Yet we confess that we struggle with your timing.

We want quick change instead of slow discipleship.

We get frustrated when growth takes time.

We forget that even the smallest seed can form shelter.

Forgive us O God, when we forget that your work
often happens quietly and purposefully.

Shape us as we follow your call and grow in your love. Amen.

Words of Assurance

†Hymn 115

Fairest Lord Jesus

Embodied Scripture

- *Parable of the Treasure*

Matthew 13:44

“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure that somebody hid in a field, which someone else found and covered up. Full of joy, the finder sold everything and bought that field.”

- *Parable of the Pearl*

Matthew 13:45-46

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls. When he found one very precious pearl, he went and sold all that he owned and bought it.”

Special Music

Great is God's Faithfulness

Julie Walker & Ken Ostercamp

*Creator, provider of all that is good and true
Here with me always, even when I don't see
Always providing whatever is needed
Your faithful compassion is given to me.*

*Summer and winter, springtime and harvest
Sun, moon and stars shine your light from above
They join with all nature displaying your glory
Reminding us of your great mercy and love*

*Great is Your faithfulness! Great is Your faithfulness!
In each day's unfolding new wonders I see!
You have provided whatever is needed
Compassion and guidance are your gifts to me.*

*Love that transcends my doubt
Grows deep within me
Each step I take with You helps me to find
A pathway to true life, reflecting your care
Blessings I hold inside, blessings to share.*

Sharing Our Gifts

Anthem

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace by Sebastian Temple
Chancel Choir

*Make me a channel of your peace:
Where there is hatred let me bring your love,
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.*

*O Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved as to love with all my soul.*

*Make me a channel of your peace:
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope,
Where there is darkness, only light,
And where there's sadness, ever joy.*

*Make me a channel of your peace:
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving of ourselves that we receive,
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.*

Scripture Reading

Andrew

Matthew 13:51-52

“Have you understood all these things?” Jesus asked.

They said to him, “Yes.”

Then he said to them, “Therefore, every legal expert who has been trained as a disciple for the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings old and new things out of their treasure chest.”

The Gospel of Our Lord.

Praise be to Christ.

Message

Pastor Kristin McAtee

Prayers of the People

Refrain: Nurturing God,
Grow us in your love.

†Hymn 718

Stir Your Church, O God, Our Father

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.

†Postlude

Sing to God's Name
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

by Gilbert M. Martin

Worship Notes

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, July 26

- 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 27

- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, July 28

- 1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

Wednesday, July 29

- 6:30 pm Intergenerational Handbell Ringing

Thursday, July 30

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

Friday, July 31

- 6:00 pm Game Night in the Parlor

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

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.

Looking to End Your Summer with a Bang (or Clang)?

Ring Bells!

Are you looking for some summer enrichment? Maybe you need a fun activity to do with a friend, family member, or loved one? Did you make a New Year's resolution to learn a new skill and you haven't started yet? Whether it's any of these or one of a hundred more reasons, come join Noah Hartsfield, Handbell Director for an easy-going and low-commitment summer opportunity! He 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.

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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