



Our Worship of God

June 1, 2025

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Gathering Bell

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

Welcome

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

†Call to Worship for Ascension Day (responsive)

Inspired by Acts 1:9-11

A new day has begun.

Hope wins!

A fresh start is granted.

Faith wins!

Today you have the opportunity to do something new.

Hope wins!

Christ is entering your life in a new way.

Faith wins!

Come, let us worship God, who is inviting us into life in a new way,
a way that transcends death, a way of hope and faith.

Love wins!

Let us worship Christ, who overcame death to give us new life!

†Opening Song

The River

Baptism of Matthew Sigmon

Children are invited forward for the baptism.

Baptism Response (unison)

**We rejoice with you.
We will pray for you.
And we will accompany you
in the way of Jesus.**

†Passing the Peace of Christ

†Hymn 712

The Kingdom of God is Justice and Joy

Scripture Reading

Acts 1:6-11

As a result, those who had gathered together asked Jesus, “Lord, are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel now?”

Jesus replied, “It isn’t for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has set by his own authority. Rather, you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

After Jesus said these things, as they were watching, he was lifted up and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going away and as they were staring toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood next to them. They said, “Galileans, why are you standing here, looking toward heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way that you saw him go into heaven.”

Revelation 22:12-13

“Look! I’m coming soon. My reward is with me, to repay all people as their actions deserve. I am the alpha and the omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

†Song

Show Me Your Glory

Prayer

Pastor Kristin McAtee

Sharing Our Gifts

Offertory

Let Us Break Bread Together on Our Knees

Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

Message

Jay Kieve

†Hymn of Response 259

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

Communion

Prayer (responsive)

Pastor Kristin McAtee

**Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,
a new world has broken into ours—**
a world in which justice does come for the poor,
freedom comes for the prisoners,
and healing for the sick.

**Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,
a new community has been formed—**
a community that loves and cares for all members,
a family that welcomes all who are abandoned and rejected,
a place where all find a place of belonging.

**Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,
a new creation has begun—**
all that was distorted is being restored,
all that is corrupted is being renewed,
all that was broken is being made whole.

**Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,
God's new world has begun.**

Life of the Church

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

†Benediction

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

†Postlude

From Beginning to End
Awakening Praise Band

Worship Notes

Call to Worship for Ascension Day, ~ written by Rev. Mindi and posted on Rev-o-lution. <http://rev-o-lution.org/>

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A Hymn of Glory Let us Sing, Words: The Venerable Bede, 8th C; tr. Lutheran Book of Worship, 1978. Music: Geistliche Kirchengesäng , Cologne, 1623.

Responsive Prayer, ~ written by Christine Sine, and posted on Godspace. <http://godspace-msa.com/2014/05/13/ascension-day-what-is-it-all-about/>

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, June 1

10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour –Adult, Youth & First Kids Sunday School

11:15 am Combined Worship in the Sanctuary

5:00 pm Church Picnic at Cosmo Park

Monday, June 2

3:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, June 3

1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

Wednesday, June 4

6:30 pm Chancel Bells

Thursday, June 5

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

6:00 pm Crafter Hours

Sunday, June 8 - Pentecost

10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour –Adult, Youth & First Kids Sunday School

11:15 am Combined Worship in the Sanctuary

4:00 pm Journey Together Ice Cream Social and Decorating Party

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



Church Picnic – Today at 5:00 pm - Cosmo Park, Lamb Shelter

This evening at 5 pm, First Baptist will gather for our annual church picnic at Cosmo Park in the Lamb Shelter. All are invited for an afternoon of games, walking, and food. Lee's fried chicken, drinks, and place settings will be provided. We invite you to bring a vegetable, appetizer, or dessert to share!

First Baptist Scholarship Program

The First Baptist Church Columbia Scholarship Program has launched! Find out more about available scholarships and information for submission on our website: <https://fbc-columbia.org/get-involved/fbc-scholarship-programs-2025/>

Creation Care

Our church has a commitment to creation care. We have worked hard to develop best practices, including recycling. Due to the tornado on Easter Sunday, recycling will not be available in Columbia for several years. It is more important than ever that we strengthen our commitment to reducing waste. One way we will reduce waste is by printing less worship guides for the Awakening Service. Worshipers will have access to the worship guide on screen, or on their phones via the emailed worship guide. Another way we are reducing waste is by limiting our use of paper goods. At our Fellowship table and meal events, food and drink will only be served in reusable dishes and cups. Tubs will be conveniently located for dirty dishes. Dishes will be taken by church staff to the dishwasher. Thank you for your care for the good world God has given to us.

Ice Cream Social & Journey Together Decoration Party- June 8

Join us in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, June 8 at 4 pm for an Ice Cream Social! We will provide the ice cream, and invite you to bring your favorite toppings (please no peanuts) to share as we enjoy some good treats and fellowship. After enjoying some ice cream, stay a while and help us prepare for Journey Together, our Family Vacation Bible School happening the following weekend. There will be options for the least and most skilled decorators among us. For those who stick around a little longer, we will be ordering pizza around 6 pm. Thank you in advance for helping us make Journey Together an immersive experience!

Journey Together – June 13-15

Journey Together is a weekend event for families with kids hosted by First Baptist Kids Ministry. Journey Together is designed to help you and your family connect with God, one another, and other families with kids in our community. This year's theme is *Waves of Wonder*. Adults and children alike will come together to let waves of wonder wash over them as they are inspired by the beauty and majesty of what God has made. We are looking forward to the ways your family and our church family will make memories, grow in faith, and connect with other families during this special event!



PARTICIPANTS: Activities are geared toward kids aged 4 through 5th grade and their families, however, all are welcome! Youth can participate with their families or volunteer to help. Email Pastor Brittany at bnull@fbc-columbia.org to volunteer!

WAYFINDERS: This year there is a new opportunity for 5th and 6th graders (completed) for a deeper dive into spiritual formation with Pastor Kristin. Wayfinders is a special track within Journey Together just for 5th and 6th graders. This group is asking big questions, and Wayfinders will give space for students to listen to God's voice and grow as leaders in their faith. Together we'll explore how God guides us, how we can care for the world around us, and how to follow Jesus every day. Through deeper conversations, hands-on learning, and opportunities to lead, Wayfinders will help students take the next step on their journey with God. We'll wonder, listen, lead, and practice — all while taking a deeper dive into God's love. When you register, simply select the Wayfinders option for your 5th or 6th grader!

CBF General Assembly in St. Louis – June 24-26

CBF's annual gathering, the General Assembly, is being held for the first time in St. Louis. This is a special opportunity for you to come and experience the Fellowship for yourself. Registration is free online at <https://cbf.swoogo.com/assembly> or in person. Come for worship, breakout sessions, and fellowship. There are several events hosted by partner organizations such as Baptist Women in Ministry and the McAll Racial Justice Initiative that are paid events. First Baptist Church has already purchased tables for these events. If you are interested in signing up for one of them, please contact Pastor Brittany. **In exciting news**, Shelby Pride and our Awakening Worship Team are providing the music! It would be great for FBC to join the crowd as friends and supporters.

Come and join us in St. Louis! Preschool, children's and youth assemblies are also available. For more details, visit <https://cbf.swoogo.com/assembly>

Fellowship Table on Break

We will not have a hosted Fellowship Table during June and July. Our volunteers do an amazing job providing for us, and we want to honor them with a break. Thank you to each person who has participated. We are so grateful!

Serving Team Update

The Serving Team welcomes Mary Van Rheenen to worship on July 6th. Our church has partnered with Mary as a CBF Encourager church for several years. Mary is retiring from CBF. We look forward to hearing her plans moving ahead. In the meantime, our team is considering who we might serve as an Encourager Church. We are considering two different teams. We would like your feedback.

An Encourager Church commits to prayer support and relationship, financial support, short-term engagement (mission trips), and support to CBF. Consider whom our church could engage with in relationships and even short-term projects and trips. You can let us know at the church office or by emailing Pastor Kristin at kmcatee@fbc-columbia.org.

- Lita and Rick serve in the San Francisco Bay Area, commissioned in 2002. Lita and Rick have always felt a sense of compassion for internationals and see God's call on their lives to forge a welcoming presence among the immigrants, refugees, and other internationals in their sphere of ministry. Their ministry among internationals strives to cultivate beloved community, bear witness to Jesus Christ and seek transformational development. Read more at <https://www.classy.org/campaign/lita-and-rick-sample-2/c577759>

- Jana serves in Larnaca, Cyprus amongst refugees and asylum seekers. In Larnaca, she partners with All4Aid, a non-profit, faith-based, international organization to work with refugees and asylum seekers coming to and through Cyprus. Their mission is to work with the displaced peoples to enhance their quality of life by facilitating humanitarian assistance, cultivating social inclusion, and fostering educational development.

Notes

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