



Our Worship of God

March 10, 2024

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

~ Fourth Sunday of Lent ~

Welcome

Pastor Greg Hunt

Prelude

How Beautiful

by Twila Paris

Chancel Bells

Noah Hartsfield, *director*

†Call to Worship (responsive)

Caleb Cooke, *Pastoral Resident*

On our worst days,

God is good.

On our best days,

God is good.

When life is consistent,

God is good.

And when life turns on its head,

God is good.

Day and night, Monday through Sunday,

God is good.

Hold tight to that good news. Let us worship God because:

God is good!

†Opening Hymn 62

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Prayer for Illumination

Caleb Cooke

Gospel Reading

Ken Hammann

Matthew 16:21-23

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise be to Christ.

†Hymn 21

How Great Thou Art

Call to Confession

Pastor Greg Hunt

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Holy God,

**We often find ourselves moving through a world
that does not make sense.**

Like Peter, we want to yell out, "*This should not happen!*"

We want to control scenarios beyond our reach.

We want to hold your world in our hands.

**Forgive us for the moments when we lead with declarations
instead of curiosity.**

Forgive us for arguing when we could listen.

**Forgive us for fixating on one truth,
when we could open ourselves up to many.**

Soften our hard edges and teach us how to listen.

With hope in our hearts we pray, amen.

†Hymn 584

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

Assurance of Forgiveness

Sharing Our Gifts

Caleb Cooke, *Pastoral Resident*

Anthem

Lonesome Valley
Chancel Choir

arr. Gilbert

*Jesus walked his lonesome valley,
He had to walk it for himself;
Nobody else could walk it for him,
He had to walk it for himself.*

*Jesus went to stand his trial.
He had to stand it for himself;
Nobody else could stand it for him,
He had to stand it for himself.*

*I must walk my lonesome valley,
I have to walk it for myself;
Nobody else can walk it for me.
I have to walk it for myself.*

Message

Pastor Greg Hunt

†Hymn of Response 532

Be Thou My Vision

Life of the Church

Caleb Cooke

†Benediction

†Postlude

Sheep May Safely Graze
Carmen Ramirez & Carter Thiemann, *piano duet*

J. S. Bach

Worship Notes

ABOUT THE BULLETIN COVER:

Beseeching

by Hannah Garrity Inspired by Matthew 16:21-23 *Ink on paper*

“God forbid it!” says Peter to Jesus (Matthew 16:22). In this image, Peter beseeches Jesus to avoid the cross, to not let the prophecies become reality. With every brush stroke in this ink painting, the humanity of Peter’s face deepens, his expression clarifies. He cannot let his beloved friend be murdered. He worries about human things. How weighty and legitimate those things feel. Jesus seems free of those human worries. He focuses with confidence on the path ahead, though Peter’s concern causes him to falter.

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, March 10

- 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 & First Kids Sunday School
- 11:15 am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
- 6:00 pm The Gathering in the College Ministry Room

Monday, March 11

- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, March 12

- 1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

Wednesday, March 13

- 5:30 pm The Calling Dinner
- 6:00 pm The Calling Meeting
- 6:30-7:30 pm Chancel Bells

Thursday, March 14

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

Sunday, March 17

- 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 & First Kids Sunday School
- 11:15 am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
- 6:00 pm The Gathering in the College Ministry Room

Announcements

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 at the welcome table, scan the QR code in the bulletin, or visit our website at fbc-columbia.org/connect.



First Baptist Fellowship Table

Fellowship is at the heart of knowing and caring for ourselves and others. As a way to connect across both services, we are bringing back our “Fellowship Table.” If you are able, please see the sign-up sheet at the table to volunteer to serve (the table can be as simple as coffee and donuts or...as elaborate as you would like it to be). If you would like to contribute funds for the Fellowship Table, the “Dollars for Donuts” jar is on the Fellowship Table or note checks in the memo line for “Fellowship Table”. Contact Sherry Wyatt for questions: (573) 819-2380 or sherrywyattrn@gmail.com.

First Baptist Search Committee Update

Following a church-wide business meeting on March 3, the following seven people were voted as the 7 at-large members of the Pastor Search Committee: Lexie Arnold, Jen Boeckman, David Chang, Donna Ostercamp, Jason Tratchel, Mark Thomas, and Julie Walker. They join the 7 team representatives: Dolores Shearon (Congregational Care Team), Beth Marchbanks (Teaching Team), Jon Ludwig (Missions Team), Noah Hartsfield (Telling Team), Mychel Varner (Racial Justice and Inclusion Team), and Charles Hunter (Administration Team). We ask for you to pray for this committee as they follow the Spirit’s guidance in the search for our next Senior Pastor.

Fellowship Lunch – March 17

The Fellowship Ministry Action Group is excited to announce the return of the St. Patrick's Day Italian celebration. Join us on March 17 following Traditional Worship for lunch at Arris' Pizza (1020 E Green Meadows). Italian on St. Patrick's Day was an idea that Paula Thomas produced about 15 years ago to switch things up and the tradition has been going strong ever since! Plus, there is a special prize for anyone who can name all the Italian restaurants visited for the St. Patrick's Day Italian celebration throughout the years! RSVP to Paula and submit those guesses by March 15 at paulalou52@gmail.com

Good Friday - Friday, March 29 in the Fellowship Hall

On this Holy day, we are paying close attention to how Peter acts in Jesus' final hours. So much happens in a short amount of time: Jesus predicts Peter's denial, soldiers come and Peter draws his sword, Jesus is arrested and Peter denies him, Peter denies Jesus again and again and the cock crows, then Jesus is crucified and dies. Peter is prone to messing up, fighting, denying, leaving, and seeking safety for himself. But aren't we all? On Friday, March 29, you are invited to join us for our Good Friday Service, where we will reflect on Jesus' final days and lament all the ways we are prone to leave the God we love. This service will be more experiential and therefore will only be available in person. For those who are unable to attend, but would like to observe Good Friday, a take-home liturgy will be made available.

First Kids Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday, March 30

Join us Saturday, March 30 at 10 am for our annual Easter Egg Hunt! Kids are invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall for Easter snacks and crafts before our egg hunt takes place at 10:30 am. Kids will be divided into groups for age-specific hunts. Following the egg hunts, families are invited to participate in lawn games and 9 square.

Easter Sunday - March 31

Although we are still in the throes of Lent, Easter is coming! Join us, on Sunday, March 31 at 9:15 am Awakening Worship and 11:15 am Traditional worship as we celebrate the risen Christ. During the Spiritual Formation Hour, we will have pastries and coffee to share, and if the weather is nice, we will even have some tables out on the front lawn. Small groups will still gather, and you are welcome to bring your treats there! We look forward to singing many Alleluias as we celebrate the resurrection!

Ordination of Caleb Cooke
Sunday, March 24

5:00 pm

It is with great excitement that we announce the Ordination of Caleb Cooke. All are invited to the ordination service on Sunday, March 24, at 5 pm. Reception to follow. We encourage those who are unable to attend to send cards to the church with words of affirmation for Caleb.

First Baptist Book Club

After a short hiatus, First Baptist Book Club will be returning soon! Led by Pastoral Resident Caleb Cooke, the First Baptist Book Club will seek to gain insight into the Christian experience from a variety of powerful voices. The first book on the docket is *God Is a Black Woman* by Dr. Christena Cleveland. This book recounts Dr. Cleveland's

journey to liberate her identity and faith from the "whitemalegod" and to uncover what she calls the "Sacred Black Feminine," i.e., the Black Female God who embodies liberation, healing, and hope. If you are interested, please email Caleb at ccooke@fbc-columbia.org. First Baptist Book Club participants are asked to purchase the book independently.



ForColumbia 2024 – Register Today!

First Baptist is excited to announce that we will be partnering with ForColumbia again this year! ForColumbia was founded in 2015 to bring Christians together to freely share the love of God by serving our community, side-by-side. They do this by organizing volunteers from churches throughout mid-Missouri to serve individuals, non-profit organizations, and other public venues in an annual city-wide day of service. ForColumbia will be April 27 from 9am to 2pm. If this is not your first time serving with us, note, there are a couple of changes to this year's ForColumbia. Rather than having two work slots, the day of service will go from 9am to 2pm. Childcare will be provided the entire time. More information will be coming soon on the projects in which First Baptist will be directly involved. Registration opens March 10!





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Rev. Dr. Greg Hunt, Interim Senior Pastor
Rev. Brittany McDonald Null, Pastor of Families and Spiritual Formation
Caleb Cooke, Pastoral Resident
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