

# Our Worship of God

March 31, 2024

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

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## ~ Easter Sunday ~

Welcome

Pastor Greg Hunt

Prelude

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

arr. Jason Krug

*Chancel Bells*

Ken Ostercamp, *percussion*

†Call to Worship (responsive)

Caleb Cooke, Pastoral Resident

Yesterday we thought death had won.

Yesterday we thought all was lost.

Yesterday we thought Christ was gone.

**But not today.**

**Today we know that love has won.**

**Today we know that hope is real.**

**Today we know that Christ is here.**

We have a reason to hope.

**We have a reason to sing!**

Alleluia!

**Alleluia!**

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed!**

†Opening Hymn 234

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

*Chancel Bells*

Kylie Wells and Evan Coats, *trumpet*

## **†Passing the Peace of Christ**

**Children's Message**

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

**†Hymn 244**

Easter Song

**Prayer for Illumination**

Caleb Cooke

**Gospel Reading**

### **Luke 24:1-12**

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to the hands of sinners and be crucified and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise be to Christ.**

**Sharing of Our Gifts**

Pastor Greg Hunt

**Anthem**

**The Strife Is O'er**

arr. John Ferguson

*Chancel Choir & Chancel Bells*

*The strife is o'er, the battle done,  
the victory of life is won;  
The song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!*

*The powers of death have done their worst,  
Christ their legions hath dispersed:  
Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!*

*The three sad days are quickly sped,  
Christ rises glorious from the dead.  
All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!*

*Lord, by your wounds on Calvary,  
from death's dread sting your servants free,  
that we may live eternally. Alleluia!*

**Message**

Pastor Greg Hunt

## **Affirmation of Faith (unison)**

**We may weep through the longest nights.**

**We may stare at the empty tomb with more questions than answers.**

**We may run our fingers over the burial cloths and still long for more.**

**But today, we are a people of hope.**

**We believe in new beginnings.**

**We believe that the God who created the world is stronger than death.**

**We believe that Jesus abides among us,**

**healing, teaching, and leaving fingerprints throughout this world.**

**We believe that a tomb could not hold him.**

**We believe that the sun does rise.**

**We believe that Peter was there**

**with questions, awe, and faith the size of a mustard seed.**

**We believe that the story is not over yet,**

**for God is among us.**

**Today we are a people of hope.**

**Alleluia, Christ is risen.**

**†Hymn of Response 254**

Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

**Life of the Church**

Pastor Greg Hunt

**†Benediction**

**†Postlude**

**Joy in the Morning**  
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

arr. Joel Raney

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# Worship Notes

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ABOUT THE BULLETIN COVER:

## Where?

by Hannah Garrity ink on paper

Painted in ink on paper, Peter's expression here is inquisitive with a touch of concern. He's tired, but hopeful. He has just gotten amazing news. Joanna, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James relayed the message and Peter dared to believe it. The prophecy is coming true.

So many of the things that Jesus foretold have happened over the last few days. The most heavy on Peter's heart are his repeated denials. Fear took over. In contrast, now hope and joy begin to bubble up inside. He will see Jesus again! Jesus has overcome death! The prophecies have been fulfilled! Truly, God is in this place.

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# Week at a Glance

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## Sunday, March 31 – Easter Sunday

- 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

## Monday, April 1

OFFICES CLOSED for Easter Monday

## Tuesday, April 2

1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

## Wednesday, April 3

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

## Thursday, April 4

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

## Sunday, April 7

- 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

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# Announcements

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## 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](http://fbc-columbia.org/connect).

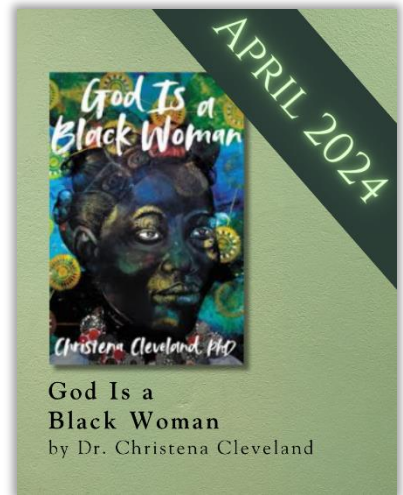


## Offices Closed – April 1

On Monday, April 1, the offices will be closed for Easter Monday.

## First Baptist Book Club - April 11

The First Baptist Book Club will be meeting on Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00 pm in the large conference room upstairs. At this meeting, we will discuss Christena Cleveland's *God Is a Black Woman*. Light refreshments will be served, and the discussion will be lively! Join us to see how we can make our faith more empowering and inclusive—there's still plenty of time to buy and read the book. First Baptist Book Club participants are asked to purchase the book independently.



God Is a  
Black Woman  
by Dr. Christena Cleveland

## New Combined Class during Spiritual Formation Hour

Beginning April 14, there will be a combined class offered in the parlor during the Spiritual Formation hour called “Reclaiming Paul: Embracing a Progressive Understanding.” Led by Pastoral Resident Caleb Cooke, this class will redefine and reclaim important concepts in Paul’s letters such as mission, justice, grace, love, participation in Christ, and more. In this class, we will see that, above all, Paul seeks to transform the body of Christ into a justice-oriented, Spirit-filled people whose unity in Christ transcends earthly divisions through inclusion, not omission; in other words, Paul preaches *unity without uniformity*. The class will be discussion-based and a great opportunity to connect with folx you may not see very often.



## 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. Registration is open!

### Volunteer Small Groups:

- For Mount Celestial put “Kasmann” in the small group prompt
- For Crafting for a Cause, put “Crafty Critters”
- For the Stone Bridge House, put “Robertson”
- For the project led by Shelby Myers, put “Myers”

A detailed description of projects will be sent in an email next week. If you have difficulty registering or for any questions, contact Pastor Brittany or Caleb Cooke.





**First Baptist Church**  
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*Rev. Dr. Greg Hunt, Interim Senior Pastor*  
*Rev. Brittany McDonald Null, Pastor of Families and Spiritual Formation*  
*Rev. Caleb Cooke, Pastoral Resident*  
*Jonathan Ray, Music Director-Traditional Worship*  
*Shelby Myers, Awakening Worship Praise Band Director*  
*Colleen Ostercamp, Pianist and Organist*  
*Noah Hartsfield, Handbell Director*  
*Susan Goudie, Administrative Assistant*  
*Brenda Rice, Administrative Assistant for Web, Facilities, and Arts*  
*Mike Ide, Custodian*  
*Nellene Martin, Childcare Director*