



WHAT GOD WANTS TO KNOW

Our Worship of God

May 5, 2024

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Welcome

Pastor Greg Hunt

Prelude

Crown Him with Many Crowns

arr. Smith

Casey Brooks and Johnny Brownell-Hecke, *flute duet*

†Call to Worship (responsive)

Pastor Greg Hunt

Because of God's everlasting goodness,
we offer God our thanks and praise.

God's faithful love endures for ever and ever.

Because of God's care and concern for humanity,
we offer God our thanks and praise.

God's faithful love endures for ever and ever.

Because of God's transforming powers and actions,
we gather as a community of faith and trust in God—
and we offer God our thanks and praise.

God's faithful love endures for ever and ever.

†Opening Hymn 70

God is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Graduate Recognition

River K Stone

Ella Pritchett

Alexis Simmerman

Gospel Reading

John 15:9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

The Gospel of Our Lord.
Praise Be to Christ.

†Hymn 436

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Prayers of Intercession

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

Holy God, you call us to live in love
and to be a sign of your great love for the world.

Hear our prayers.

Give us love for your church...

Keep us faithful in proclaiming the word,
celebrating the sacraments,
and serving all who are in need.

Give us love for the earth...

Teach us to care for and protect
the good world you have created
and all the creatures who share our home.

Give us love for all people...

Lead us to work for justice and peace,
liberating those who are oppressed
and putting an end to violence.

Give us love for our neighbors...

Fill us with compassion and concern
for the people in our communities
who are vulnerable or in distress.

Give us love for one another...

Use us as instruments of healing,
tending to the sick and suffering
and comforting those who mourn.

Give us love for your holy realm...

Make us ready and eager for the day
when Christ will come again
in the glory of your new creation.

Abide in us, loving God,

and help us to abide in you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Sharing of Our Gifts

Anthem

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

arr. Mack Wilburg

Chancel Choir

Becki Forsee, *piano*

Carter Thiemann, *vocal solo*

Casey Brooks and Johnny Brownell-Hecke, *flute*

The King of love my shepherd is,

Whose goodness faileth never;

I nothing lack if I am his

And he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow,

My ransomed soul he leadeth

And, where the verdant pastures grow,

With food celestial feedeth.

Message

Building Out

Rev. Caleb Cooke

Invitation to the Table

Communion

†Song of Response

They'll Know We Are Christians

Unison Em

1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord,
 2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,
 3. We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,
 4. All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

Am Em

we are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord,
 we will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,
 we will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,
 and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

Am Em

and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
 and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
 and we'll guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save each one's pride:
 and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain C G C G Em Am

And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our love,

Em Am Bm Em

yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.

Life of the Church

Rev. Caleb Cooke

†Benediction

Rev. Caleb Cooke

†Postlude

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship
Becki Forsee, *piano*

arr. Berry

Worship Notes

God is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him, Words: Timothy Rees, 1922, alt. Music: Cyril V. Taylor, 1941.

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love, Words: Tom Colvin, 1963. Music: Ghana folk song, adapt. Tom Colvin, 1963; arr. Charles H. Webb, 1988.

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, May 5 – Graduation 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
- 6:00 pm The Gathering

Monday, May 6

- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, May 7

- 1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

Wednesday, May 8

- 5:30 pm The Calling Dinner
- 5:30 pm First Baptist Musicians Pizza Party
- 6:00 pm The Calling Meeting

Thursday, May 9

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

Sunday, May 12

- 9:10 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 9:15 am Awakening Worship in the Fellowship Hall
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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.



Combined Class during Spiritual Formation Hour

Join us in the parlor during the Spiritual Formation hour for our combined class, “Reclaiming Paul: Embracing a Progressive Understanding.” Led by Pastoral Resident Caleb Cooke, this class redefines and reclaims important concepts in Paul’s letters such as mission, justice, grace, love, participation in Christ, and more. 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 is discussion-based and a great opportunity to connect with folx you may not see very often.

First Baptist Fellowship Table

Fellowship is at the heart of knowing and caring for ourselves and others. The Sunday morning “Fellowship Table” is a way to fill our tummies and hearts on Sundays and mix and mingle with each other. The table is located in the connector building and all are invited to stop by before making their way to small groups. Here are two things you can do to support this ministry:

SIGN-UP to host a future Fellowship Table. Sign up dates through June are posted on the bulletin board across from the table.

DONATE funds to help provide supplies for the Fellowship Table.

Contact Sherry Wyatt for questions: (573) 819-2380 or sherrywyattrn@gmail.com.

One Great Hour of Sharing: ABCUSA World Relief Month

In May, on behalf of the American Baptist World Relief Office, First Baptist will be collecting contributions for One Great Hour of Sharing. Based on Matthew 5:14, this year's theme is "Sharing the Light." Throughout May, you will see promotional materials in and around our bulletins, as well as hear about One Great Hour of Sharing during worship. We are excited to partner with you in sending God's light into the world.

First Baptist Musicians Pizza Party - May 8 @ 5:30 pm

First Baptist is throwing a Pizza Party for our musicians in the Fellowship Hall! All members of the chancel choir, chancel handbells, praise team, and scholarship musicians (and anyone who has ever offered their musical gifts at FBC) are welcome and are invited to bring their spouse/partner along! If you are interested in attending, please let Jonathan Ray know by sending him an email at jray@fbc-columbia.org. We hope to see you for a fun evening of free pizza as FBC thanks you for a wonderful year of worshipful music making!



COMBINED

worship

PENTECOST
May 19
9:15 am in the Sanctuary



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