



## *Our Worship of God*

*August 11, 2024*

*11:15 am*

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

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**Welcome**

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

**Prelude**

**In Heavenly Love Abiding**  
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

arr. Pethel

**† Call to Worship (responsive)**

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

We gather now in awe

**of the One who has searched us and known us,  
the Alpha and the Omega.**

We come together in praise

**of the One for whom night is as bright as day,  
who was and who is and who is to come.**

We open ourselves to the presence

**of the One who has formed our inward parts, the almighty God.**

So let us lift our hearts and our voices to worship our God,

**who holds us and leads us,  
who is still with us—  
now and always.**

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Scripture Reading

Christina Ray

**Psalms 139:1-18**

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.  
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
    you discern my thoughts from far away.  
You search out my path and my lying down  
    and are acquainted with all my ways.  
Even before a word is on my tongue,  
    O Lord, you know it completely.  
You hem me in, behind and before,  
    and lay your hand upon me.  
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
    it is so high that I cannot attain it.  
Where can I go from your spirit?  
    Or where can I flee from your presence?  
If I ascend to heaven, you are there;  
    if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.  
If I take the wings of the morning  
    and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,  
even there your hand shall lead me,  
    and your right hand shall hold me fast.  
If I say, “Surely the darkness shall cover me,  
    and night wraps itself around me,”  
even the darkness is not dark to you;  
    the night is as bright as the day,  
    for darkness is as light to you.  
For it was you who formed my inward parts;  
    you knit me together in my mother’s womb.  
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
    Wonderful are your works;  
that I know very well.

My frame was not hidden from you,  
when I was being made in secret,  
    intricately woven in the depths of the earth.  
Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.  
In your book were written  
    all the days that were formed for me,  
    when none of them as yet existed.  
How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!  
    How vast is the sum of them!  
I try to count them—they are more than the sand;  
    I come to the end—I am still with you.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Prayer (responsive)**

Pastor Greg Hunt

Holy God, where can we go from your spirit?  
    **Where can we flee from your presence?**  
If we ascend to success, happiness, esteem, confidence, pleasure,  
you are there.  
    **If we descend to failure, depression, humiliation, fear, pain,**  
    **you are there.**  
Even when we try to get away from you,  
    **when we desperately want to hide ourselves from you,**  
    **you do not stop loving us.**  
You do not stop leading us into fullness of life.  
    **Your creative energy is part of our deepest selves—**  
selves that you have loved, and do love, and will love until the end.  
    **Thank you, God, for being around us and within us,**  
    **with us and for us, now and always. Amen.**

†Hymn of Assurance 635

He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought

**Sharing Our Gifts**

Pastor Greg Hunt

**Special Music**

**How Beautiful**

by Twila Paris

Becki Forsee and Maribeth Jones, *vocal duet*  
Colleen Ostercamp, *piano*

**Message**

Pastor Greg Hunt

**†Hymn of Response 107**

Christ Be My Leader

**Life of the Church**

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

**† Benediction**

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

**Postlude**

**Praise to the Lord**

arr. Leupold

Olivia Chang, *organ*

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## Worship Notes

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*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*, Words: Isaac Watts, 1715. Music: Gesangbuch der H. W. K Hofkapelle, 1794.

*He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought*, Words: Joseph H. Gilmore, 1862. Music: William B. Bradbury, 1864.

*Christ Be My Leader*, Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith, 1961. Music: Traditional Irish melody.

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## Week at a Glance

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### Sunday, August 11

- 9:10 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 9:15 am Awakening Service in the Fellowship Hall
- 10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour –Adult, Youth & First Kids Sunday School
- 11:15 am Traditional Service in the Sanctuary

### Monday, August 12

- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting

### Tuesday, August 13

- 1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

### Thursday, August 15

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

### Sunday, August 18 – Promotion Sunday

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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).



## Church Workday – Saturday, August 17

On Saturday, August 17, we'll be having a church workday! The main job will be a restoration of the church playground, which includes cleaning and weeding the playground, removing the wooden mulch, and spreading new rubber mulch. There are other items to be completed that day, some of which are located inside the church. If you're interested in helping out, even if it's only for part of the day, please reach out to Caleb Cooke at [ccooke@fbc-columbia.org](mailto:ccooke@fbc-columbia.org). We will send out additional information regarding jobs, start and end times, and items to bring as we approach August 17.

## Blessing of the Backpacks - August 18

Join us on August 18 during both worship services for our annual blessing of the backpacks and the new school year. Participants will have the opportunity to share about their feelings for returning to school, receive a backpack tag, and be reminded that God is with us all the time.

## Promotion Sunday - August 18

On August 18, First Kids and First Students will be celebrating Promotion Sunday! This Sunday marks the transition to new classes. During the Fall, our classes will be Age 4-Kindergarten, 1st-2nd, and 3rd-5th. Our new 6<sup>th</sup> graders will also transition into Youth Group on this day! Adults of First Kids are invited to meet the teachers before kids transition to some fun activities with their new classes.

## Fall Kick-Off - August 25 -Front Lawn at 12:15 pm

As we look toward the end of summer, we are gearing up for our annual Fall Kick-Off! This event is a great opportunity to get to know others in our community, eat good food, and play lawn games! The church will provide meat, beverages, and tableware. You can bring a side dish or dessert to share. We look forward to welcoming the new season with you!

## New to the Pew Blessing - August 25

With the beginning of the new school year, we are excited to welcome our newest worshippers to the pews. On Sunday, August 25 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 family, we want to celebrate this milestone and commit to walking alongside our kids in their faith.

## SAVE THE DATE: Fall Book Study

In the lead-up to this November's General Elections, we'll be doing a book study of *Baptizing America: How Mainline Protestants Helped Build Christian Nationalism*, by Brian Kaylor and Beau Underwood. This book encourages a historical reckoning with the complicity of mainline Christian churches in the spread of Christian Nationalism and what we can do to chart a better way. Interim pastor Greg will facilitate our discussions on Thursday evenings, October 3, 10, 17, and 24. You'll be getting more information about the book and the study in the weeks ahead, but for now, save these dates and purchase your own copy of the book through your favorite vendor.



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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*  
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