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# *Our Worship of God*

*August 18, 2024*

*11:15 am*

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

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**Welcome**

Caleb Cooke, *Pastoral Resident*

**Prelude**

**Seek Ye First**  
Becki Forsee, *piano*

arr. Karen Lafferty

**†Call to Worship (responsive)**

The world outside worries us.

**The worlds inside our homes, and our heads,  
and our hearts spin with anxiety.**

Christ call us to the quiet center.

**We come to worship and receive God's peace.**

We come to remember how to trust our Creator.

**Let us worship our God who is caring for us right now.**

**†Opening Hymn 353**

For the Beauty of the Earth

**†Passing the Peace of Christ**

**Matthew 6:25-34**

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life?

And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.”

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise be to Christ.**

**†Hymn of Peace 540**

Take Time to Be Holy

**Blessing of the Backpacks**

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

## Prayer for the New School Year

Creator God,  
you gave us incredible bodies and brains that grow and develop with time.  
Because of your vibrant imagination,  
we all grow and develop differently and diversely.  
You made us so that, whether in or out of the classroom,  
we are always learning.

Today, we celebrate a return to the classroom.  
We pray each person in every school will be  
appreciated for the ways they learn.  
In your eyes, every kind of learning is acceptable and good.  
Bless everyone as they learn at their own pace;  
bless visual learners, auditory learners,  
kinesthetic learners, and social learners;  
bless people who learn with accommodations for a disability,  
and bless people who learn best with medication.  
Every learner is precious to you and precious to this community.

Bless our teachers, administrators, school counselors,  
social workers, and nurses.  
May they show support and feel support,  
show care and receive care, teach and be taught.

Encourage, comfort, and inspire our scholars  
as they embark on this year's learning adventure.

**Amen.**

**Special Music**

**Make Me a Channel of Your Peace** by Sebastian Temple

*Chancel Choir*

Becki Forsee, *piano*

*Make me a channel of your peace:  
Where there is hatred let me bring your love,  
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,  
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.*

*O Master, grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled as to console,  
To be understood as to understand,  
To be loved as to love with all my soul.*

*Make me a channel of your peace:  
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope,  
Where there is darkness, only light,  
And where there's sadness, ever joy.*

*Make me a channel of your peace:  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
In giving of ourselves that we receive,  
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.*

Message

Pastor Greg Hunt

† Hymn of Response 60

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Life of the Church

Pastor Greg Hunt

† Benediction

Postlude

**They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love** arr. Mark Hayes  
Becki Forsee, *piano*

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# Worship Notes

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*Call to Worship*: written by Rev. Corey Turnpenny | [getlitworship.wordpress.com](http://getlitworship.wordpress.com)

*For the Beauty of the Earth*, Words: Foliott S. Pierpont, 1864. Music: Coonrad Kocher, 1838.

*Take Time to Be Holy*, Words: William D. Longstaff, 1882. Music: George C. Stebbins, 1890.

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*, Words: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923. Music: William M. Runyan, 1923

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## Week at a Glance

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### Sunday, August 18 – Promotion Sunday

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 19

1:00 pm Staff Meeting

### Tuesday, August 20

1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

### Thursday, August 22

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

### Sunday, August 25 - New to the Pew Blessing

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

12:15 pm Fall Kick-Off on the front lawn



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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).



## 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. Brittany McDonald Null, Pastor of Families and Spiritual Formation*  
*Rev. Caleb Cooke, Pastoral Resident*  
*Jonathan Ray, Music Director-Traditional Worship*  
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