



SEEKING
peace
together

Our Worship of God

August 25, 2024

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Welcome

Caleb Cooke, *Pastoral Resident*

Prelude

Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing arr. Barbara Harbach
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

† Call to Worship (responsive)

Let the hearts of those who seek God rejoice.

Again we say, rejoice!

Rejoice in God's continual presence.

Again we say, rejoice!

Rejoice in the Creator's wonderful works.

Again we say, rejoice!

Rejoice in God's peace that surpasses all understanding.

Again we say, rejoice!

Let us sing praises to God as we center ourselves in God's love.

Again we say, rejoice!

†Opening Hymn

Come and Find the Quiet Center
sung to Beach Spring

*Come and find the quiet center
in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter,
be at peace, and simply be.*

*Silence is a friend who claims us,
cools the heat and slows the pace;
God it is who speaks and names us,
knows our being, face to face,
making space within our thinking,
lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking,
finding scope for faith begun.*

*In the Spirit let us travel,
open to each other's pain,
let our loves and fears unravel,
celebrate the space we gain:
there's a place for deepest dreaming,
there's a time for heart to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming
there is always room to spare!*

†Passing the Peace of Christ

New to the Pew Blessing

†Hymn of Belonging

All Are Welcome v. 1-3,5



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and
 2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and
 3. Let us build a house where love is found in
 4. Let us build a house where hands will reach be -
 5. Let us build a house where all are named, their



all can safe - ly live. A place where saints and
 words are strong and true. Where all God s chil - dren
 wa - ter, wine and wheat; A ban - quet hall on
 yond the wood and stone, To heal and strength - en,
 songs and vi - sions heard And loved and treas - ured,



chil - dren tell how hearts learn to for -
 dare to seek to dream God s reign a -
 ho - ly ground, where peace and jus - tice
 serve and teach, and live the Word they ve
 taught and claimed as words with - in the



give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions, rock of
 new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness and as
 meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus, is re -
 known. Here the out - cast and the stran - ger bears the
 Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter, prayers of



faith and vault of grace, Here the love of Christ shall
 sym - bol of God s grace; Here as one we claim the
 vealed in time and space, As we share in Christ the
 im - age of God s face, Let us bring an end to
 faith and songs of grace. Let this house pro - claim from



end di - vi - sions:
 faith of Je - sus;
 feast that frees us; } All are wel - come, all are wel - come,
 fear and dan - ger:
 floor to raft - er:



all are wel - come in this place.

Scripture Reading

Roger McKinney

Philippians 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer (responsive)

Caleb Cooke

Holy God,
you tell us to rejoice,
though there is much pain and grief in the world.

**You tell us to be gentle,
though we are surrounded by harshness.**

You tell us you are near,
though you often feel far away.

**You tell us not to be anxious about anything,
though we are tempted to worry about everything.**

You tell us to think about what is
true, honorable, just, pure, pleasing, and commendable,
though our minds keep returning
to petty grievances and painful realities.

**And so, God, we offer our worship and our prayers
with thanksgiving as best as we can.**

Through your peace that surpasses all understanding,
guard our hearts and guard our minds. Amen.

Sharing of our Gifts

Anthem

Be Joyful and Sing to the Lord
Chancel Choir

by Jay Althouse

*Be joyful and sing to the Lord.
In song we proudly proclaim:
Lord, God, we praise Your name.
Be joyful and sing to the Lord.*

*Be joyful and sing to the Lord.
Let all creation cry.
Give thanks to God on high.
Be joyful and sing to the Lord.*

*Now, with one heart and one voice,
Sing praise to God and rejoice.
Sing alleluia, alleluia.*

*Praise the Lord of salvation.
Raise your voice to the sky.
Shout for joy, all ye people, sing on high.*

Message

Pastor Greg Hunt

†Hymn of Response 530

Be Still, My Soul

Life of the Church

Pastor Greg Hunt

† Benediction

Postlude

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

arr. D. Johnson

Worship Notes

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Week at a Glance

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
- 3:30 pm Bells for All Ages in the Sanctuary

Monday, August 26

- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, August 27

- 1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

Wednesday, August 28

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

Thursday, August 29

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

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Monday, September 2 – Offices Closed for Labor Day

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.



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!

The Calling, Wednesday Night Youth Group Resumes August 28

Wednesday night Youth Group for 6th-12th grade students resumes August 28th! We will meet each Wednesday evening from 6:00-7:15 in the Youth Suite on the third floor. The elevator lobby doors to the building (at the bottom of the ramp) will be unlocked from 5:50-6:15p.m. If your student arrives after the door relocks on Wednesday night, please text Lillian or Brittany to let you in. We can't wait to see you for some fun, fellowship, and spiritual formation!!

*****Please note that we are not doing dinner before Youth this semester*****

Farewell Sendoff for Caleb and Rianna - September 15

Please join us to say goodbye to FBC Pastoral Resident Caleb Cooke and his wife Rianna as they leave First Baptist to pursue Caleb's call to be Senior Pastor at the Village Baptist Church in Bowie, Maryland. We will gather between services (10:15-11:10 am) in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, September 15 to say goodbye. Refreshments and snacks will be provided. In their year at FBC they have touched our hearts with their love and friendship and brightened our congregation and community through their sincere desire to learn, serve, preach, and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Please join us to show your gratitude and support as they go forward to build God's Kingdom in Maryland!

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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