



SEEKING
peace
together

Our Worship of God

September 8, 2024

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Welcome

Pastor Greg Hunt

Prelude

May the Mind of Christ
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

arr. J. Schrader

†Call to Worship (responsive)

God makes room for us here, in this broad space of worship.

Room for our questions and room for our confidence.

Room for our joy and room for our grief.

Room for our fear and room for our generosity.

Room for ourselves and room for each other.

Let us receive God's blessing of this spacious place.

Let us worship together in faith.

†Opening Hymn 95

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Scripture Reading

Genesis 26:12-22

Isaac sowed seed in that land and in the same year reaped a hundredfold. The Lord blessed him, and the man became rich; he prospered more and more until he became very wealthy. He had possessions of flocks and herds and a great household, so that the Philistines envied him. (Now the Philistines had stopped up and filled with earth all the wells that his father's servants had dug in the days of his father Abraham.) And Abimelech said to Isaac, "Go away from us; you have become too powerful for us."

So Isaac departed from there and camped in the Wadi Gerar and settled there. Isaac dug again the wells of water that had been dug in the days of his father Abraham, for the Philistines had stopped them up after the death of Abraham, and he gave them the names that his father had given them. But when Isaac's servants dug in the valley and found there a well of spring water, the herders of Gerar quarreled with Isaac's herders, saying, "The water is ours." So he called the well Esek, because they contended with him. Then they dug another well, and they quarreled over that one also, so he called it Sitnah. He moved from there and dug another well, and they did not quarrel over it, so he called it Rehoboth, saying, "Now the Lord has made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sharing of our Gifts

Pastor Greg Hunt

*How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord
Is built for your faith on his excellent word
What more can he say than to you he hath said
To you that for refuge to Jesus have fled*

*Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand*

*When through the deep waters I call thee to go
The rivers of woe shall not thee overflow
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress*

*When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie
My grace all sufficient shall be thy supply
The flame shall not hurt thee, I only design
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine*

*The soul that to Jesus hath fled for repose
I will not, I will not desert to his foes
That soul that all hell shall endeavor to shake
I'll never, no never, no never forsake*

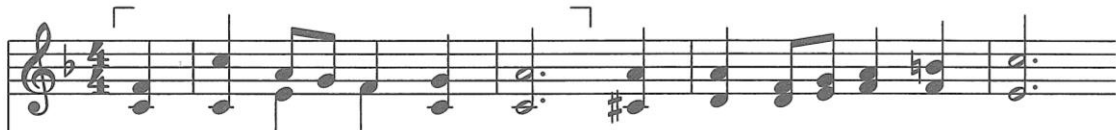
Prayers of the People

Caleb Cooke, *Pastoral Resident*

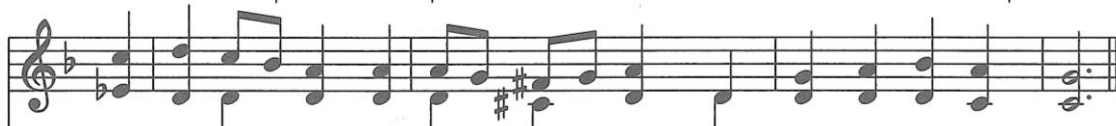
Refrain: God, in your mercy,
Receive our prayer.

†Hymn

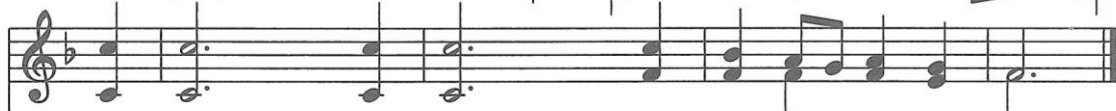
O Praise the Gracious Power (Verses 1,2,3,5)



1. O praise the gra - cious power that tum - bles walls of fear
2. O praise per - sis - tent truth that o - pens fist - ed minds
3. O praise in - clu - sive love en - cir - cling ev - ery race,
4. O praise the word of faith that claims us as God's own,
5. O praise the tide of grace that laps at ev - ery shore
6. O praise the power, the truth, the love, the word, the tide.



and gath - ers in one house of faith all stran - gers far and near:
 and eas - es from their anx - ious clutch the prej - u - dice that binds:
 ob - liv - i - ous to gen - der, wealth, to so - cial rank or place:
 a liv - ing tem - ple built on Christ, our rock and cor - ner stone:
 with vi - sions of a world at peace, no long - er bled by war:
 Yet more than these, O praise their source, praise Christ the cru - ci - fied:



We praise you Christ! Your cross has made us one!
 We praise you Christ!



Message

Pastor Greg Hunt

†Hymn 437

Help Us Accept Each Other

Life of the Church

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

†Benediction

Postlude

Love Divine
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

arr. J. Morgan

Worship Notes

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name, Words: Edward Peronet, 1780. Music: Oliver Holden, 1793.

O Praise the Gracious Power, Words: Thomas H. Troger. Music: Arthur H. Messiter, 1883.

Help Us Accept Each Other, Words: Tom Colvin, 1963, Music: Ghana folk song, adapt. Tom Colving, 1963.

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, September 8

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

Monday, September 9

- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, September 10

- 1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

Wednesday, September 11

- 6:00 pm Youth Group
- NO Chancel Bells

Thursday, September 12

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

Sunday, September 15

- 9:10 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 9:15 am Awakening Service in the Fellowship Hall
- 10:15 am First Kids Sunday School
- 10:15 am Farewell Sendoff for Caleb & Rianna in the Fellowship Hall
- 11:15 am Traditional Service in the Sanctuary
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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.



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 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!

First Baptist Pride Shirts

First Baptist is re-ordering shirts in time for MidMo PrideFest on September 28, 2024. Whether you plan to represent First Baptist at Pride or want an awesome shirt proclaiming God's inclusive love, this shirt is for you! The cost is \$15/shirt and we will only be purchasing what is ordered. The deadline to purchase a shirt is September 16th so order soon!



Fall Book Study - *Baptizing America*

Tuesdays in October

As we approach a major, upcoming election, increased attention has been given to the rise of Christian nationalism, an unholy marriage of religion and political power. To learn more about this and consider how best to respond, we will be doing an October book study. *Baptizing America: How Mainline Protestants Helped Build Christian Nationalism*, provides a compelling narrative about how mainline Protestantism promoted Christian nationalism's growing influence in American life. It also offers insights into what might be done about it.

Note that instead of Thursdays, we will meet on **Tuesdays at 6pm on October 1, 15, 22, and 29 (no meeting on the 8th)** for discussions facilitated by interim pastor Greg Hunt. If you are interested, please email Greg at ghunt@fbc-columbia.org. Participants are asked to purchase the book independently.

Save the Date! Parenting and Faith Workshop - October 12

Save the date for a Parenting and Faith Workshop led by Meredith Miller, author of *Woven: Nurturing a Faith Your Kids Don't Have to Heal From*. She will lead us in conversations centered around faith formation for our children and how to help our kids have a strong and adaptable faith. More details coming soon!



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