PEACE WITH CREATION

Our Worship of God

October 6, 2024

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Welcome Pastor Greg Hunt

Prelude Standing on the Promises arr. Hayes

Carter Thiemann, piano

†Call to Worship (responsive)

If you are hungry,

there is room at God's table.

If you are weary,

there is a seat saved for you.

If you dream of belonging,

then we will practice belonging here.

Thirsty and hungry, tired and grateful,

We come to worship our nourishing God.

†Opening Hymn 381

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

Sharing Our Gifts

How Beautiful

Chancel Choir
Becki Forsee, piano
Vaysia Knust, soloist

How beautiful the hands that served the wine and the bread and the children of earth. How beautiful the feet that walked the long dusty roads and the hill to the cross. How beautiful is the body of Christ.

How beautiful the heart that bled, that took all my sin and bore it instead. How beautiful the tender eyes that chose to forgive and never despise. How beautiful is the body of Christ

And as He laid down His life, we offer this sacrifice: that we will live just as He died, willing to pay the price.

How beautiful the radiant bride who waits for her groom with his light in her eyes. How beautiful when humble hearts give the fruit of pure lives so that others may live. How beautiful is the body of Christ.

How beautiful the feet that bring the sound of good news and the love of the King. How beautiful the hands that serve the wine and the bread and the children of earth. How beautiful is the body of Christ.

Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 16:13-17

"You shall keep the Festival of Booths for seven days, when you have gathered in the produce from your threshing floor and your winepress. Rejoice during your festival, you and your sons and your daughters, your male and female slaves, as well as the Levites, the strangers, the orphans, and the widows resident in your towns. Seven days you shall keep the festival to the Lord your God at the place that the Lord will choose, for the Lord your God will bless you in all your produce and in all your undertakings, and you shall surely celebrate.

"Three times a year all your males shall appear before the Lord your God at the place that he will choose: at the Festival of Unleavened Bread, at the Festival of Weeks, and at the Festival of Booths. They shall not appear before the Lord empty-handed; all shall give as they are able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God that he has given you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

+Hymn 379

For the Fruit of All Creation

Message Pastor Greg Hunt

Prayer of Thanksgiving (responsive)

God of Abundance, on this World Communion Sunday, we admit that we are hungry.

We are hungry for justice.

We are hungry for beauty.

We are hungry for peace.

We are hungry for closer relationships and deeper faith.

We are hungry for bread that nourishes our bodies and souls.

Gracious God, we are hungry, but we are also hopeful.

We are hopeful because at this Table we are reminded of what community can look like.

And at this Table we remember what love tastes like.

At this Table we remember what welcome feels like.

God of harvest and joy,

We are hungry and we are hopeful.

As we gather at this Table together,

we ask that you would pour out your spirit on this ordinary bread and cup.

Transform this simple feast into a reminder of what could be—

a world where all are fed, all are welcomed, and all are known.

Communion

+Hymn of Response 644

God Whose Giving Knows No Ending Sung to BEACH SPRING

Life of the Church Pastor Greg Hunt

†Benediction

PostludeAll Good Gifts Schwartz/arr. C. Ostercamp Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

Worship Notes

Call to Worship, adapted from Liturgy for World Communion Sunday by Rev. Sarah Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come, Words: Henry Alford, 1844. Music: George J. Elvey, 1858.

For the Fruit of All Creation, Words: Fred Pratt Green, 1970. Music: Traditional Welsh melody, c. 1784.

Prayer of Thanksgiving, adapted from Liturgy for World Communion Sunday by Rev. Sarah Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, October 6

- 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, October 7

1:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, October 8

1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

Wednesday, October 9

- 6:00 pm Youth Group
- 6:30 pm Chancel Bells

Thursday, October 10

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

Saturday, October 12

9:30 am- 11:30 am Parenting and Faith Workshop

<u>Sunday</u>, October 13 – Worship on the Lawn

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

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.



October Giving Emphasis:

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Disaster Response

During the month of October, First Baptist will be collecting contributions for the CBF Disaster Response. CBF Disaster Response is diligently coordinating with CBF state and regional leaders, as well as local responders, to tailor their assistance to the specific needs of the communities in the wake of Hurricane Helene. Your financial gifts will enhance the opportunities for assembling disaster response buckets and purchasing water filters, as well as other needs that will arise in the coming months. They will also allow CBF to provide essential financial support to partners who are first responders. If you would like to give on behalf of First Baptist, please but "CBFDR" in the memo line of your check or online giving. Along with giving, we invite you to continue to pray for those effected by Helene.

Fall Book Study - Baptizing America

Tuesdays in October in the Conference Room

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. There is a Zoom option and if you are interested, please email Greg at ghunt@fbc-columbia.org. Participants are asked to purchase the book independently. If you are needing childcare, please email Pastor Brittany at bnull@fbc-columbia.org.

Parenting and Faith Workshop - October 12

Join us 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. Childcare is available with registration. The event is taking place in the Parlor from 9:30 am - 11:30 am.

Visit fbc-columbia.org/woven for more information and to register.

Worship on the Lawn - Sunday, October 13

Worship is moving outdoors on Sunday, October 13. As we conclude our worship emphasis on seeking peace with creation, we couldn't think of a better way than to celebrate in it. Both worship services will take place on our front lawn (weather permitting). Lawn chairs are encouraged.

Combined Worship - Sunday, October 27 in the Sanctuary

Join us on Sunday, October 27 at 11:15 am in the Sanctuary for a Combined Worship service led by our Student Ministry. Throughout this semester, our students are meeting with staff to learn about the different components of worship and together they will plan and lead Sunday worship. We look forward to being led by them, and hearing about all the ways God is moving in their lives.

October 27 - Trunk-or-Treat and Chili Cook-Off

Join us on Sunday, October 27 at 5 pm at First Baptist for a Chili Cook-Off and Trunk-or-Treat. Get your favorite chili recipe perfected because the competition around here is steep. Enjoy a cozy chili dinner paired with some fun games and trunk-or-treating. Those planning to enter the cook-off are encouraged to email Pastor Brittany at bnull@fbc-columbia.org

All-Saints Concert - Sunday, November 3

The First Baptist Chancel Choir and Chancel Handbells will present a FREE ecumenical All-Saints Concert on **Sunday, November 3 at 2:00pm** in the sanctuary. In addition to several diverse choral and handbell selections paying tribute to those who have passed, the choir will present the Gabriel Fauré Requiem featuring a chamber orchestra, vocal soloists, and an ecumenical choir comprised of choir members from several Columbia churches, as well as many familiar faces. We hope you will join us for what is sure to be an afternoon of beautiful music, fellowship, and remembrance.

<u>Notes</u>

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Rev. Dr. Greg Hunt, Interim Senior Pastor
Rev. Brittany McDonald Null, Pastor of Families and Spiritual Formation
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
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