

# Our Worship of God

October 13, 2024

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

#### **Pre-Service Music**

Welcome Pastor Greg Hunt

**†**Call to Worship (responsive)

Pastor Greg Hunt

Let us seek God, who can be found.

Let us call upon God, who is near.

As the thirsty soil receives rain from heaven,

let us receive the word of God offered in this place.

Let us praise God joyfully with a loud voice!

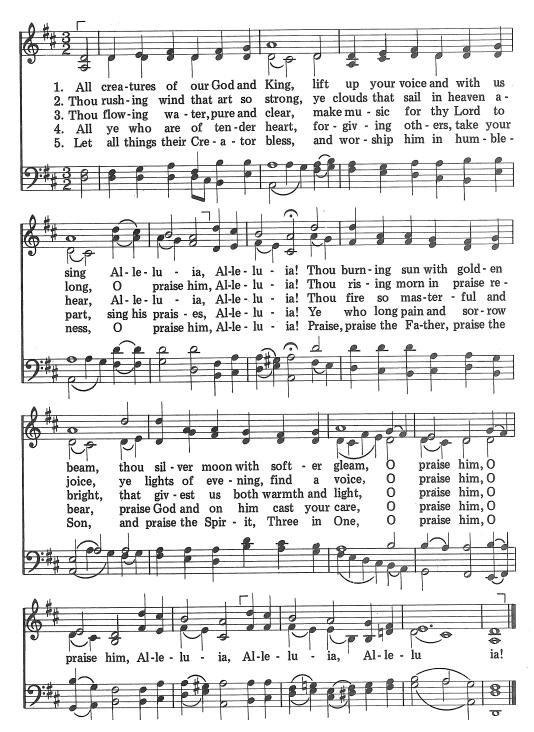
For if we are silent, the stones would shout out.

Let us burst into song with the mountains

and clap our hands with the trees.

Let us worship God together with joy.

Let us worship our God of Creation.



#### **†**Passing the Peace of Christ

#### **Prayer for Illumination**

Holy Creator, we have come to be nourished by the wisdom of your word and the beauty of your creation.

May our hearts be fertile soil for growing the seeds of your will into the fruit of your kin-dom.

We thank you for the privilege we have to join with all of creation in praise and worship. Amen.

#### **Scripture Reading**

#### Isaiah 55:10-13

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle, and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



#### **†**Hymn

All Things Bright and Beautiful



God, we lift up our siblings in Christ

whose lives have been disrupted and devastated by natural disaster.

You are an ever-present help in times of trouble.

We mourn with them for what has been lost:

**Homes** 

**Businesses** 

**Possessions** 

Lives

Hope

For those whose homes have been destroyed

Shelter them.

For those whose possessions have been lost

Provide for them.

For those whose means of making a living has been disrupted

Sustain them.

For those who have lost loved ones in the chaos

Comfort them.

We pray for the people who are at hand, working to help:

Give them strength

That they may have the fortitude to do hard things

In the ministry of compassion.

We pray for state and government officials:

Give them wisdom

That they may see problems and envision solutions

To care for the people.

We pray for the people as they work to rebuild their lives:

Give them hope and perseverance.

May the rain stop

And the waters recede quickly.

And may the heart of the Church, the body of Christ on earth

Be aroused to compassion and care;

And remember that we are all connected near and far,

Beloved by you. Amen.

**Anthem** 

#### The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Chancel Choir w/ Colleen Ostercamp, piano Carter Thiemann, soloist

> The King of love my shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am His And He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, My ransomed soul He leadeth And, where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feedeth.

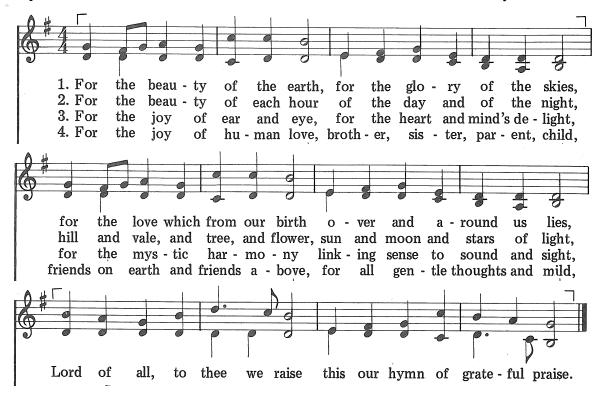
And so through all the length of days, Thy goodness faileth never. Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise Within Thy house forever.

Message

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

Peacemakers Celebrate the Beauty of the Earth

For the Beauty of the Earth



- 5. For the Church that evermore lifteth holy hands above, offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love, Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
- 6. For thyself, best gift divine, to the world so freely given; for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven, Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

#### **Life of the Church**

**†**Benediction

## Worship Notes

All Creatures of Our God and King, Words: St. Francis of Assisi. C. 1225; tr William H. Draper, 1926. Music: Geistliche Kirchengesang, Cologne, 1623; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906.

Light Dawns in a Weary World, Words: Mary Louise Bringle, 2001. Music: William P. Rowan, 2000.

All Things Bright and Beautiful, Words: Cecil F. Alexander, 1848. Music: Cornelius Vleugel, 1957.

Litany for Natural Disaster, by Fran Pratt

For the Beauty of the Earth, Words: Folliot S. Pierpoint, 1864. Music: Conrad Kocher, 1838.

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#### Week at a Glance

## Sunday, 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

## Monday, October 14

1:00 pm Staff Meeting

#### Tuesday, October 15

- 1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room
- 6:00 pm Fall Book Study Baptizing America in the Conference Room

## Wednesday, October 16

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

## Thursday, October 17

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

## Sunday, October 20

- 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
  - 1:00 4:00 pm All Saints' Concert Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

#### 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: CBF 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. We will meet on **Tuesdays at 6pm on October 1, 15, 22, and 29** 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

## 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>




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
Brenda Rice, Administrative Assistant for Web, Facilities, and Arts
Mike Ide, Custodian
Nellene Martin, Childcare Director