

Our Worship of God

October 20, 2024

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Pre-Service Music In Quiet Mood by Florence Price

Colleen Ostercamp, organ

Welcome Pastor Greg Hunt

Prelude The Rejoicing Handel

Colleen Ostercamp, organ

†Call to Worship (responsive)

Pastor Greg Hunt

In Jesus Christ, there is a new creation.

Everything old has passed away.

Everything has become new.

This newness is from God.

who has reconciled us through Jesus Christ.

Rejoice and be glad!

Everything has become new.

†Opening Hymn 45

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Scripture Readings

2 Corinthians 5:17

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being!

Romans 8:38-39

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

†Hymn 60

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Litany for Spiritual Growth

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

Creator, when we go with you,

Connected to you,

Plugged in to your love and your life

Our hearts expand

Our consciousness expands

Our perspective expands

Our reality expands

Our capacity for love expands.

We admit that we tend to become complacent

And stagnant in our imaginations.

We succumb to inertia

And allow our dreams to wither.

Awaken us now to what is inside us;

Awaken us to the authority you've given us;

Awaken us to the potential inside our situations;

Awaken us to the power we can access.

Thank you for the gifts you give us:

The talents, guidance, and purposes,

The grace, freedom, forgiveness, and mercy,

And our unique combinations of strengths and weakness.

Your love is better than life.

Your love is life.

Your highest good is beyond what we can imagine.

Help us to grow into our highest good. Amen.

Sharing Our Gifts

Anthem Psalm 23 by Paul Basler

Chancel Choir w/ Colleen Ostercamp, piano Annelise Miner, French horn

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures
He leadeth me beside the still waters
He restoreth my soul
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
For his name's sake

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil
For Thou art with me, Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me
Thou preparest a table for me in the presence of my enemies
Thou anointest my head with oil, my cup runneth over
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever

Amen

Message Priscilla Hunt

†Hymn of Response 635

He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought

Life of the Church Pastor Greg Hunt

†Benediction Pastor Greg Hunt

†Postlude In Christ, There is No East or West arr. Ferguson Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

Worship Notes

Pre-service Music: "IN QUIET MOOD" (1951) is a reflective organ solo by Florence Price (1887-1953), an African American composer who published over 300 works. She was the first African American woman to have a symphony performed by a major American orchestra. She was a Christian and used spirituals as a basis for many of her compositions. This piece was featured in our last Odyssey concert.

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing, Words: Robert Robinson, 1758. Music: Traditional American melody; John Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, 1813.

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

He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought, Words: Joseph H. Gilmore, 1862. Music: William B. Bradbury, 1864.

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Week at a Glance

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

Monday, October 21

1:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, October 22

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

Wednesday, October 23

6:00 pm Youth Group

NO Chancel Bells this week

7:30 -9:00 pm All Saints' Concert Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Thursday, October 24

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

Friday, October 25

6:00 pm First Baptist Game Night in the Parlor

Sunday, October 27- Combined Worship

- 9:10 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour -Adult, Youth & First Kids Sunday School
- 11:15 am Combined Worship in the Sanctuary
 - 1:00 4:00 pm All Saints' Concert Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
 - 5:00 pm Trunk-or-Treat & Chili Cook-Off

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. Their theme is "Where We Experience God" and they will explore their encounters with God in the world, others, and within. As you prepare for this service, spend some time reflecting on the theme too! 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.



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
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