



Our Worship of God

January 12, 2025

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Welcome

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

†Prelude

How Firm a Foundation
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

arr. Robert A. Hobby

†Call to Worship (responsive)

Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God

**For once we were lost and felt so far away;
now we have been found and welcomed home.**

Know that God's love is lavished upon you forever.

We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!

Come, let us celebrate, witness, and praise the God of Love.

AMEN!

Celebration of Baptism

Children are invited to the chancel for the celebrating of Baptism

Candidate

Matthew Sigmon

Congregational response (unison)

**We rejoice with you. We will pray for you.
And we will accompany you in the way of Jesus.**

†Opening Hymn 500

I Will Sing the Wondrous Story

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Prayer for Illumination

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

Scripture Reading

Vaysia Knust

Luke 15:1-7

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

So he told them this parable: “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.’ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise be to Christ.

†Hymn 522

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Sharing Our Gifts

Pastor Greg Hunt

Anthem

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

arr. Mary McDonald

*Chancel Choir
w/ Colleen Ostercamp*

*Great is thy faithfulness, O God, my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.*

*Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.*

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine and ten thousand beside.*

*Great is thy faithfulness,
Great is thy faithfulness,
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided;
Great is thy faithfulness,
Lord unto me.*

Message

Pastor Greg Hunt

†Hymn of Response 101

My Jesus, I Love Thee

Life of the Church

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

Litany of Farewell and Blessing (responsive)

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

A church community is constantly changing and in this past year, we have seen a lot. Individuals and families join us and sometimes move away, new friends are baptized into our faith community, and loved ones pass away. It is important for us to recognize and mark well these times of passage - these endings and beginnings. Today we bid farewell to Pastor Greg who has served us as Interim Pastor for the past year, and his wife, Priscilla, as their time with us has now drawn to a close.

I thank you, the people of First Baptist for the love, kindness, and support you have shown me these past months. I thank you for accepting my leadership and receiving me as pastor in your midst for this time of transition. I recall with joy the many things we have been able to accomplish together, and with sadness the things we were not able to do. I trust that God will continue to work in your midst as you embrace new leadership.

We receive with thankfulness the ministry you have offered us in the time we have shared. We bid farewell to you trusting that God goes with you. Your presence among us will not be forgotten. We are grateful for the time you have been with us.

Do you, First Baptist, now release Pastor Greg from the duties of Interim Pastor?

With God's help, we release you, Greg, as our Interim Pastor.

Do you, Pastor Greg, release First Baptist from turning to you and relying on you to serve them as Pastor?

I do, with the help of God. I pray God's blessing on each person here in their spiritual journey, and I pray God's blessing on First Baptist in its continued ministry. I thank you for the love and support you have shown me while I ministered among you. As I leave here, I carry with me all that I have learned here.

Prayer of Blessing

†Benediction

Pastor Greg Hunt

†Postlude

How Great Thou Art
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

arr. Michael Burkhardt

Worship Notes

I Will Sing the Wondrous Story, Francis H. Rowley, 1886. Music: Traditional; arr. Jack Schrader, 1988.

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us, Words: Hymns for the Young, 1836; arr. Dorothy A. Thrupp.

My Jesus I Love Thee, Words: William R. Featherstone, c. 1862. Music: Adoniram J. Gordon, 1876.

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, January 12

- 9:10 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 9:15 am Awakening Service in the Fellowship Hall
- 10:15 am Youth & First Kids Sunday School
- 10:15 am Reception for Pastor Greg in the Fellowship Hall**
- 11:15 am Traditional Service in the Sanctuary

Monday, January 13

- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, January 14

- 1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

Wednesday, January 15

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

Thursday, January 16

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

Sunday, January 19 – Guest Preacher - Brian Kaylor

- 9:10 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 9:15 am Awakening Service in the Fellowship Hall
- 10:15 am Youth & First Kids Sunday School
- 10:15 am Annual Business Meeting in the Fellowship Hall**
- 11:15 am Traditional Service in the Sanctuary

Announcements

Welcome 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 from the pew back, scan the QR code in the bulletin, or visit our website at fbc-columbia.org/connect



Annual Business Meeting - Sunday, January 19

10:15 am in the Fellowship Hall

Join us Sunday, January 19 at 10:15 am in the Fellowship Hall for our Annual Business Meeting. We will vote on the Nominating Committee report and elect our leadership for 2025. Then, we will hear a report from the finance committee and vote on the 2025 budget.

Next Sunday, January 19 - Brian Kaylor, Guest Preacher

Please join us next Sunday when we welcome back Brian Kaylor as our guest preacher in both services. Brian Kaylor is editor & president of Word & Way, and author of several books on religion, politics, and communication. He graduated with an M.A. and Ph.D. in political communication from the University of Missouri.

Welcome Rev. Kristin McAtee!

Pastor Kristin's first day in the office will be January 21, 2025 and her first Sunday in the pulpit will be January 26. Please join us as we celebrate the arrival of our new Senior Pastor! We encourage you to send cards of warm welcome to the church that she can open on her first day.



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