



THE NAME THAT
SHAPES US

Our Worship of God

March 2, 2025

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Welcome

Pastor Kristin McAtee

Prelude

Carter Thiemann, *piano*

† Call to Worship (responsive)

Pastor Kristin McAtee

Come all who seek hope and new life.

**We come to worship the one who breathes life into dry bones
and is the resurrection and the life.**

The Spirit of God breathes hope into each one of us.

The Spirit of God challenges us to be people of faith.

Open our hearts, O God, and bring us to your love.

We come to be renewed, to be embraced, to be made whole.

Let us worship the God of resurrection and life!

Let us worship our living God.

†Opening Hymn 130

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Hebrew Bible Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-6

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord God, you know.” Then he said to me, “Prophesy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

†Hymn 500

I Will Sing the Wondrous Story

Sharing Our Gifts

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

Gospel Reading

John 11:17-26

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise be to Christ.

Message

Pastor Kristin McAtee

Invitation to the Table

Jesus calls us to the well,
inviting us to drink of the Living Water, and the life eternal.

**Jesus calls us out of the shadows, out of the graves,
to be entirely known, and entirely filled with God's presence.**

Jesus calls us all:
all who were made in God's own image,
all who breathe the breath of God's spirit:
the Spirit of Life.

**Jesus calls us to the table,
to the meal that nourishes our bodies
and binds our dry bones into one Body, living in Christ.**

Jesus calls us, here and now.
Come to this table, you who are beloved in Christ.
Come, not because you must, but because you may.

Anthem

We Gather at Your Table, Lord

by Walter Ehret

*Chancel Choir w/ Carter Thiemann, piano
Carmen Ramirez, conductor*

*We gather at your table, Lord, Grant peace and unity;
In keeping with your will and word, May we one body be.*

*Now let us take the sacred bread, Our souls and bodies feed;
In heart and soul we shall be fed, Your holy will to heed.*

*Now let us take the wine of heav'n, For Christ, whose blood was shed;
That here we meet with sins forgiv'n, And by his grace are led.*

*To you, O Lord, we sing our song, May we be one in love,
For we by faith to you belong, One with your church above!*

Celebration of Holy Communion

Prayer After Communion and the Lord's Prayer (responsive)

Holy God, source of all being,
you are greater by far than our human thoughts can comprehend.
With all that you have created, you abide;
weeping with us in grief and pain, rejoicing with us in life and love.
You are everywhere in this very moment;
holding the entirety of living experience
and weaving us together in the great and intricate tapestry of Creation.

**Creator God, divine parent of us all,
in your holy love you took on our limitations.
Born of a body, bound within a body,
you know the whole of this human experience.
Learning to communicate with words;
teaching us to communicate with presence.
Learning the fears that wring us dry;
teaching us of the love that nurtures us back to life.**

Everlasting God, you are everywhere and right here.
As close as the air we breathe,
the air which binds us one to another and all to your beautiful creation.
You are as close as the sunlight on our skin,
as close as the rain that drips from our hair;
the wind and the water that push us and lead us
and call us again and again into relationship with one another and with you.
Holy Spirit, divine Advocate, guide and encourage us.
Stir within our hearts,
that we may speak anew the familiar words that Jesus taught us...

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy
kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us
this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sin, as we forgive those
who sin against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us
from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

†Hymn of Response 678

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

Life of the Church

†Benediction

†Postlude

Carter Thiemann, *piano*

Worship Notes

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing, Words: Charles Wesley, 1739. Music: Carl G. Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839.

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

In the Bulb There Is a Flower, Words & Music: Natalie Sleeth, 1986.

Songs printed in bulletin by permission, CCLI #1515189 & OneLicense.net #A-707314.

Week at a Glance

Sunday, March 2

- 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, March 3

- 3:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, March 4

- 1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room
- 6:00 pm Pancake Party in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, March 5

- 6:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service in the Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 pm Chancel Bells

Thursday, March 6

- 10:30 am First Baptist Women's Zoom Book Study
- 6:00 pm Crafter Hours

Sunday, March 9

- 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

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



Register Now For University Camp

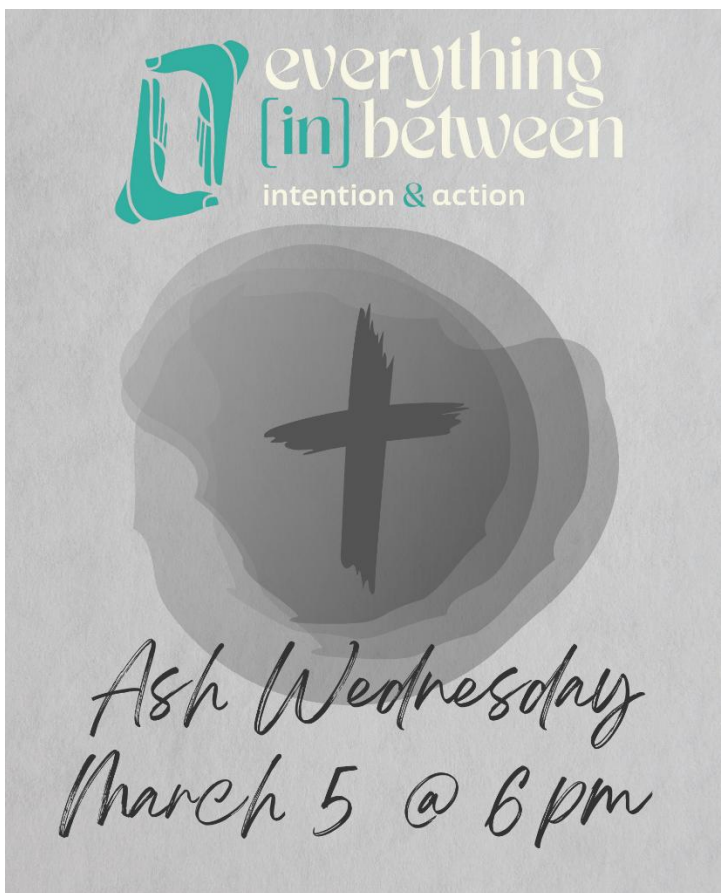
We are excited to rejoin our camp friends at Maryville College in the foothills of the Smoky Mountains. University offers the opportunity for our students to meet, worship, and grow with other students from churches around the country. Unidiversity offers a good mix of fun, worship, and community that our students and leaders look forward to. This year's theme is *Vibrant! Finding Color in the Gray*.



The cost for camp this year is \$350.00 per student. A \$100 deposit for camp is due by March 2nd. The remaining balance is due by May 4th. We want all who are interested in going to camp to be able to attend. Scholarships for camp are available. Please contact Pastor Brittany at bnull@fbc-columbia.org for more information regarding scholarships. As always, friends are welcome and encouraged to join us for camp. **Scan the QR Code to register!**

Pancake Party - March 4 at 6:00 pm

The Pancake Party is back for another year of celebrating Shrove Tuesday! Kids and their families are invited to the Fellowship Hall on March 4th for a Pancake Party at 6 pm. During our Pancake Party, kids will hear a little bit about what Lent is and prepare and learn some faith activities your family can use all season long. The Youth will be making the pancakes and serving all the goods. RSVP is requested by February 26 to ensure we have all the necessary supplies. For more information or to register, email Pastor Brittany at bnull@fbc-columbia.org



Ash Wednesday

March 5 @ 6:00 pm

Lent invites us to an intentional practice of our faith, but often our best intentions are lost before we put them into action.

On this first evening of our new Lenten series, "Everything [in] Between," we will ponder together how we sit between intention and action in our faith. We will affirm our desire to repent, to follow God, and to be renewed. Join us at 6pm as we worship and receive the ashes. The Ash Wednesday service is in-person only, and childcare will be available.

Lenten Worship Series: *Everything In Between*

This year, we're letting the Gospel of Luke guide us through Lent. Beginning with Jesus setting his face toward Jerusalem (Luke 9:51), this worship series designed by A Sanctified Art, flows through several familiar stories—the Good Samaritan, Mary and Martha, the fruitless fig tree, the Lost Sheep, Zacchaeus, and more. Many of these stories are well-known in both sacred and secular imagination and hold significance in pop culture, church history, politics, and everything in between.

The theme, “Everything In Between,” invites us to navigate the polarities in our lives with more faith, intention, and openness to be transformed. Each weekly sub-theme explores two supposed binaries, like “faith & works” or “rest & growth,” or “grief & hope.” We often consider these ideas to be opposing. However, as we explore these concepts within the scriptures, we find nuance and complexity. We find that these dichotomies are false. We might begin to see a full spectrum instead of black and white. We might find that God is present in between.



Lenten Devotional Book

Books of art, reflections, and poetry for the season of Lent are available in our worship spaces this Sunday. These beautiful books will guide us into further reflections on our theme, “Everything [in] Between.” Please pick one up on March 2, 5, or 9 during our services, or stop by the church office.

Racial Justice & Inclusion Team Book Discussion

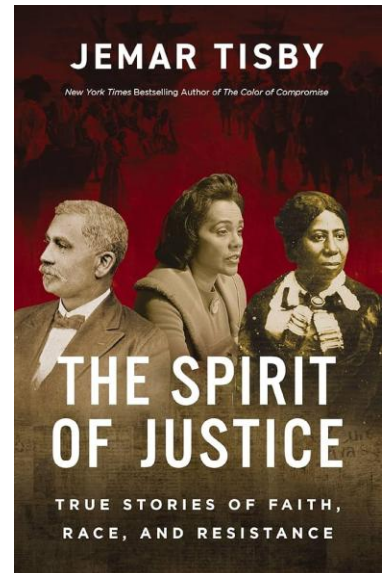
The Spirit of Justice: True Stories of Faith, Race and Resistance

March 31 at 6pm in the Parlor

First Baptist Church's Racial Justice & Inclusion Team invites you to participate in an intergenerational discussion of Jemar Tisby's newest book, *The Spirit of Justice* and its companion books *I am the Spirit of Justice* (youth version) and *Stories of the Spirit of Justice* (picture book). In these books, Dr. Tisby uncovers unsung heroes who have struggled for racial justice and whose stories have inspired him in his work to enlighten and embolden people of faith to work for racial justice. It is his hope to inspire and embolden readers to step out in similar ways as we learn about these historic heroes.

The book discussion will take place in one evening but in two parts. The first hour of discussion will be for families/intergenerational with a snack break following. The second hour of discussion will be for those who wish to dive more deeply and to consider individual and collective response.

The church has ordered a limited number of complimentary copies of all three books from Black Tea Bookshop, a local minority-owned book store. Please let the church office know if you would like to have a copy. If you prefer to order a book, we encourage you to order through Bookshop.org and crediting Black Tea Bookshop (local minority-owned book store). This book is also available to read and listen to electronically,



About Jemar Tisby: *In 2023, Dr. Tisby was FBC's guest author and speaker. He is a nationally recognized advocate for racial justice, hosts an Apple podcast called Footnotes and writes on Substack. He is a renowned historian, professor, writer and theologian who also collaborates with Diana Butler Bass, Robert Jones and Kristin Du Mez in a weekly online discussion called The Convocation.*

ForColumbia Workday - Saturday, April 26

Save the date for the 2025 ForColumbia workday! Stay tuned for more information coming soon!



ForColumbia
2025

Serving
our city,
side-by-side

Save The Date!
Saturday, April 26
ForColumbia.com

FOR
COLUMBIA

A QR code is displayed on a smartphone screen in the bottom left corner of the poster.

The poster features a green background with a white outline of the state of Missouri in the center. Inside the outline, a white star is positioned above the text "Serving our city, side-by-side". The background of the poster shows a group of diverse people, some wearing yellow shirts, standing in front of a brick wall. The text "ForColumbia 2025" is at the top, and "Save The Date! Saturday, April 26 ForColumbia.com" is in the middle. The "FOR COLUMBIA" logo is at the bottom right.



First Baptist Church

1112 East Broadway, Columbia, MO 65201

Rev. Kristin McAtee, 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