



everything
[in] between

stranger & neighbor

Our Worship of God

March 9, 2025

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Welcome

Pastor Kristin McAtee

Prelude

Chorale Prelude on Search Me, O God
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

arr. G. Blake

†Call to Worship (responsive)

Pastor Kristin McAtee

Here in this place, we can ask big questions.

Who is my neighbor?

How can I help?

What do I have to learn?

Where is God in it all?

Here in this place, we can ask big questions.

So may we listen. May we learn.

May we stay curious, and may we look for God.

This is our invitation to lean in.

Let us worship our holy God.

†Opening Hymn 436

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Prayer for Illumination

Pastor Kristin McAtee

Luke 10:25-37

An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself.” And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “A man was going from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise be to Christ.

†Hymn 695

In Christ There is No East or West

Call to Confession

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Holy God, you have told us to love our neighbors as ourselves,
but we get tripped up on logistics.
We want to know: who is our neighbor?
Do we have to love the stranger?
Must we have compassion for our enemy?
Forgive our human tendency to create exceptions in the face of love.
Rewire our hearts so that we might see the face of a neighbor
in every stranger we pass.
With hope we pray, amen.**

Words of Forgiveness

Anthem

Lamb of God

by Twila Paris

Chancel Choir w/ Colleen Ostercamp

*Your only Son, no sin to hide
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod
And to become the Lamb of God*

*Your gift of love they crucified
They laughed and scorned Him as he died
The humble King they named a fraud
And sacrificed the Lamb of God*

*O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God
I love the holy Lamb of God
O wash me in His precious Blood
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God*

*I was so lost I should have died
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod
And to be called a Lamb of God*

Message

*Everything in Between:
Stranger & Neighbor*

Pastor Kristin McAtee

Unison

1 We are your peo - ple: Spir - it of grace,
 2 Joined in com - mu - ni - ty, trea - sured and fed,
 3 Rich in di - ver - si - ty, help us to live
 4 Glad of tra - di - tion, help us to see

you dare to make us Christ to our neigh - bors
 may we dis - cov - er gifts in each oth - er,
 clos - er than neigh - bors, o - pen to strang - ers,
 in all life's chang - ing, where Christ is lead - ing,

1 & 6 *Last time, end* 2-5

of ev - ery cul - ture and place.
 will - ing to lead and be led.
 a - ble to clash and for - give.
 where our best ef - forts should be.

5 Give, as we ven - ture
 jus - tice and care
 (peace - ful, in - sist - ing,
 risk - ing, re - sist - ing),
 wis - dom to know when and where.

6 Spir - it, u - nite us,
 make us, by grace,
 will - ing and read - y,
 Christ's liv - ing bod - y,
 lov - ing the whole hu - man race.

Life of the Church

Pastor Kristin McAtee

†Benediction

†Postlude

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

arr. Leavitt

Worship Notes

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love, Words: Tom Colvin, 1963. Music: Ghana folk song, adapt. Tom Colvin, 1963.' Arr. Charles H. Webb, 1988.

In Christ There is No East or West, Words: Michael Perry, c. 1979 (from a line by John Oxenham, 1908.) Music: Traditional Afro-American melody; arr. Harry T. Burleigh, 1939.

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Week at a Glance

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

Monday, March 10

- 3:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, March 11

- 1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

Wednesday, March 12

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

Thursday, March 13

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

Sunday, March 16

- 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 Unidiversity Camp

We are excited to rejoin our camp friends at Maryville College in the foothills of the Smoky Mountains. Unidiversity 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!**

ForColumbia Workday - Saturday, April 26

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



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.

Italian St. Patrick's Dinner – March 17

You are welcome to join the Fellowship Ministry Team at our Italian St. Patrick's dinner on March 17 at Olive Garden, a celebration we have been doing for 15 years! The dinner is at 6pm. Please RSVP to Paula (paulalou52@gmail.com) by Sunday March 16 if you plan to come. If you don't respond but decide to come on that day just come!

Racial Justice & Inclusion Team Book Discussion

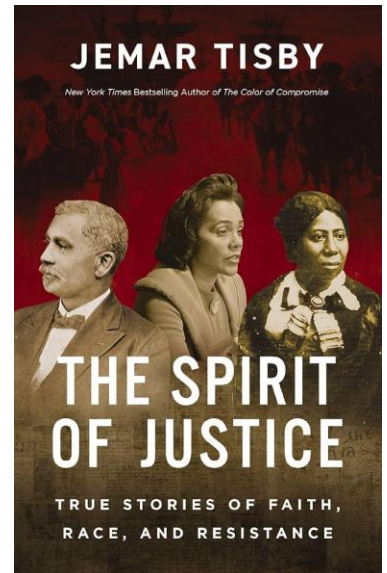
The Spirit of Justice: True Stories of Faith, Race and Resistance

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](https://www.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.*



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