



everything  
[in] between

grief & hope

# Our Worship of God

April 20, 2025

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

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## ~Easter Sunday~

**Welcome**

Pastor Kristin McAtee

**Prelude**

**Victory!**  
*Chancel Bells*

arr. Jeffrey Honore

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
The strife is o'er, the battle done;  
the victory of life is won;  
the song of triumph has begun.  
Alleluia!*

**† Call to Worship (responsive)**

Pastor Kristin McAtee

My dear friends,  
we have known grief.  
We have known loss.  
We have known the long road, tired and winding.  
We have whispered prayers on bended knees.  
We have stared at the sky, empty of stars.  
But today—

**today we know hope.**

Today we know life.

**Today we know the sound of Alleluias.**

Today we know that death does not have the last word.

**Today we know that nothing can separate us from the love of God.**

It is Easter.  
May hope find you.  
And may you know, deep in your bones,  
that today is a new day.

**Alleluia!**

Christ is Risen!

**Christ is Risen Indeed!**

**†Opening Hymn 234**

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

**†Passing the Peace of Christ**

**Children's Message**

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

**†Hymn 244**

Easter Song

**Scripture Reading**

**Luke 24:1-12**

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to the hands of sinners and be crucified and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise be to Christ.**

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession (responsive)**

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

The Gospel of Luke says: “It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told the apostles [of the resurrection]. But these words seemed to the disciples an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb.”

**Forgive us, God,  
when good news lands in our lap and we refuse to believe it.  
Forgive us, God,  
when grief and fear crowd out any room in our hearts for hope.  
Forgive us, God,  
when we dismiss the stories of others  
and minimize the voices of our neighbors.**

In a world that teeters between grief and hope, show us how to be like Peter.

**Show us how to hold onto hope.  
Show us how to run toward you. Amen.**

**Words of Forgiveness**

**Sharing Our Gifts**

**Anthem**

**Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!**

*Chancel Choir w/ Colleen Ostercamp*

*Featuring Chancel Bells*

*Brass Quintet: Kara Metzger, Annelise Miner,*

*Jeff Miner, John Perkins, Caleb Scantlin*

*Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise:  
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise;  
He who on the cross a victim for the world's salvation bled,  
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory now is risen from the dead!*

*Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat:  
See the ancient pow'rs of evil in confusion and retreat;  
Once he died, and once was buried: now he lives forevermore;  
Jesus Christ the world's Redeemer, whom we worship and adore.*

**CONGREGATION PLEASE RISE:**

*Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high!  
Alleluia to the Savior who has gained the victory!  
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity!  
Alleluia, alleluia to the Triune Majesty!*

**Message**

Pastor Kristin McAtee

*Everything in Between: Grief & Hope*

## †Affirmation of Faith (responsive)

In the dark before dawn,  
    **we believe that God is alive.**  
In the midst of our grief,  
    **we believe the Spirit is at work.**  
In the chaos of our broken world,  
    **we believe that love is on the loose.**  
For no stone could keep God at bay,  
    **and no violence could keep God's love from us.**  
So today we sing,  
    **Alleluia!**  
For somewhere in between our belief and doubt,  
    **hope lives.**  
Christ has died,  
    **and Christ has also risen.**  
Thanks be to God!  
    **Alleluia. Amen.**

## †Hymn of Response 248

He Lives

## Life of the Church

Pastor Kristin McAtee

## †Benediction

*Following the Benediction, you are invited to go to the front lawn  
to add flowers to the cross.*

## †Postlude

**Festival Voluntary**  
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

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# Worship Notes

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*Prayers* by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*, Words: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt. Music: *Lyra Davidica*, London, 1708, arr.

*Easter Song*, Words & Music: Anne Herring, 1972

*Christ Arose!*, Words & Music: Robert Lowry, 1874.

*He Lives*, ©1993 Homer A. Rodeheaver. Words and Music: Alfred H. Ackley.

Anthem: *Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!* Beethoven/arr. Bankson

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## Week at a Glance

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### Sunday, April 20 – Easter Sunday

- 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, April 21

- 3:00 pm Staff Meeting

### Tuesday, April 22

- 1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

### Wednesday, April 23

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

### Thursday, April 24

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

### Friday, April 25

- 6:00 pm Game Night in the Parlor

### Saturday, April 26 – ForColumbia Workday

### Sunday, April 27 – Holy Humor Sunday

- 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
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# Announcements

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## 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](http://fbc-columbia.org/connect)



## Journey Together – Save the Date!

Save the date for this year's Journey Together, a spiritual formation weekend for kids and their families. This year's theme is *Waves of Wonder*.

Visit [fbc-columbia.org/together](http://fbc-columbia.org/together) for more information and to register.



## Holy Humor Sunday – April 27

For centuries in Eastern Orthodox, Catholic and Protestant countries, "Bright Sunday" (the Sunday after Easter), was observed by the faithful as "days of joy and laughter" with parties and picnics to celebrate Jesus' resurrection.

The custom was rooted in the musings of early church theologians (like Augustine, Gregory of Nyssa, and John Chrysostom) that God played a practical joke on the devil by raising Jesus from the dead. "*Risus paschalis* - the Easter laugh," the early theologians called it.

Holy Humor Sunday has been celebrated at FBC, and it is time for us to enjoy an Easter laugh. We will celebrate with humorous worship songs, a few jokes, and reflections on the humor of God. If you have a joke to share, send it to Pastor Kristin or Pastor Brittany. It may be just what we need! If you have a silly outfit, or something that brings you joy, come ready to spread the joy. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

## ForColumbia Workday - April 26

Thank you to all who have registered for the ForColumbia Workday on April 26. Tshirts are available for pickup in the connector building. Be sure to wear it to your worksite! If you cannot pick yours up on Sunday, your site leader will have it on Saturday.







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