



# First Baptist Church

## *Our Worship of God*

*April 27, 2025*

*11:15 am*

*(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)*

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### *~Holy Humor Sunday~*

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**bulletin** *noun*;

1. something to read during the sermon;
  2. a fan used in churches without air conditioning;
  3. your receipt for attending church.
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**Welcome**

**Prelude**

**I Know That My Redeemer Lives**  
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

arr. Burkhardt

## †Call to Worship (responsive)

Joy is loose,

**In the wiggles of the children,**

The whispers of the youth,

**The smiles of the adults.**

We praise God for this glorious day,

**Let the praise break forth**

**in the most unlikely places and in silly ways.**

Joy and praise fill our hearts and in our songs

**Let the laughter be deep,**

**for we are God's people.**

## †Opening Prayer

## †Opening Hymn

Take Time to be Funny

*Take time to be funny, rejoice in the Lord  
Let laughter explode and have fun with God's Word  
For laughter is healing, gives strength to the weak  
God loves to see smiles, for they lift up the meek.*

*Take time to be silly, it's good for the soul  
Too many are somber, grabbing control.  
Let go and let God's love wash over your soul  
Heavenly transcendence can be your life's goal.*

*Old Sarah and Abram – a child they lacked  
But God's angels promised and she birthed Isaac  
In Hebrew that's "laughter", go check if you want  
Genesis Seven-teen is where it is found.*

*For humor is holy, it sanctifies life,  
Replenishes hope and oft softens advice  
It undercuts sorrow, deflates haughty pride  
So smile and hang on, and rejoice in life's ride.*



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## †Passing the Peace of Christ

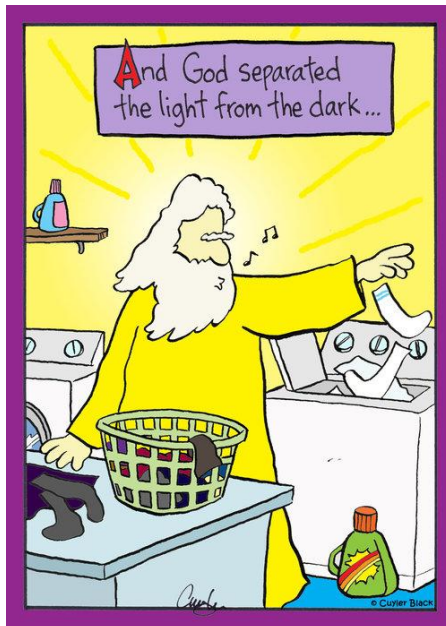
### A Time to Laugh featuring Andrew and Brandon

#### †Hymn

*Jesus loves the little children  
all the children of the world,  
every color, every race  
they are covered by God's grace,  
Jesus loves the little children of the world*

#### †Hymn

*My God is so great, so strong and so mighty  
There's nothing my God cannot do  
My God is so big, so strong and so mighty  
There's nothing my God cannot do  
The mountains are his. The rivers are his.  
The stars are his handiwork too.  
My God is so great, so strong and so mighty  
There's nothing my God cannot do.*



#### Jesus Loves the Little Children

#### My God Is So Big



## Scripture Reading

### **Luke 24:13-35**

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?”

That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of our Lord.  
**Praise be to Christ.**

†Hymn

This Little Light of Mine

*This little light of mine,  
I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine,  
I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine,  
I'm gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

*I'm gonna take this light around the  
world, and I'm gonna let it shine.  
Take this light around the world,  
and I'm gonna let it shine.  
I'm gonna take this light around the  
world, and I'm gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

*Well, I won't let anyone blow it out,  
I'm gonna let it shine.  
I won't let anyone blow it out,  
I'm gonna let it shine.  
I won't let anyone blow it out,  
I'm gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

*Ev'ry day, ev'ry day, I'm gonna let my little light shine.*



## **Litany for Delight (responsive)**

God, our experience here tells us delight is impossible,

**And we mostly go around believing it.**

We are caught up in our trauma and terror,

**Bound by our responsibility and righteousness,**

Transfixed by the 24-hour news cycle,

**So we forget that the Big Story is ultimately one of life and joy.**

Even the Disciples got stuck in shock and disbelief,

**And couldn't yet reach joy to see Christ alive in flesh.**

Luckily we've had a wider vantage point and more time to digest it:

**Christ is risen, and the whole world is rising with him!**

We get to live in the knowledge that death is overcome.

**We can trade our mortification for delight.**

So this is our intention:

**To create space for as much joy as possible,**

To offer nourishment and sanctuary to all in need,

**To train ourselves in the Way of Love,**

To cultivate peace in our inner beings,

**To delight in creation.**

By this commitment to delight, we'll help change the world,

**We ourselves will rise with Christ!**

Help us, oh God, to believe that delight is possible,

**And to remember that resurrection has already begun. Amen.**

**Practice of Laughing**

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

**Sharing Our Gifts**

**Anthem**

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**  
*Chancel Choir w/ Colleen Ostercamp*

by Deborah Govenor

*Alleluia, alleluia! Our Lord is ris'n today!  
Alleluia, alleluia! Now with the angels say:  
"Jesus lives, who once was dead, the stone is rolled away!  
Alleluia, alleluia, this joyful Easter Day!"*

*Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord is ris'n on high!  
Alleluia, alleluia! He lives, no more to die.  
He has burst the bonds of death and triumphed o'er the grave.  
Alleluia, alleluia! He died our souls to save.*

*On a Friday, dark and drear, our Lord did die;  
And in a grave for three long days our Savior did lie.  
But on Sunday morning, bright and glorious, Jesus rose, our King victorious,  
Rose that we may be forgiv'n; rose that we may live with Him!*

*Alleluia, alleluia! And that is why we sing,  
Alleluia, alleluia; let earth and heaven ring!  
Shout to all the world and tell what wonder God has done!  
Alleluia, alleluia! The victory is won!*

**Message**

Pastor Kristin McAtee

## **Affirmation of Faith for Holy Humor Sunday (unison)**

**We believe in a God of Joy,  
who made us in that divine image.  
We live, we love, we laugh,  
because we are like God.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,  
the Son of God, our Lord and Savior.  
He had the last laugh on evil  
when He rose from the dead.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
coequal and coeternal with God the Parent and God the Son.  
Our counselor, our guide, our motivator –  
The Spirit is our joy!**

### **†Hymn of Response**

Joy Joy Joy Joy Down in My Heart

*I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy, down in my heart,  
Down in my heart, Down in my heart,  
I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy, down in my heart  
down in my heart to stay.*

*I've got the peace that dwelleth...*

*I've got the love of Jesus...*

### **Life of the Church**

#### **†Benediction**

#### **†Postlude**

**My Lord, What a Morning!**  
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

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# Worship Notes

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*Litany for Delight*, by Fran Pratt

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## Week at a Glance

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### 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

11:15 am Traditional Service in the Sanctuary

### Monday, April 28

3:00 pm Staff Meeting

### Tuesday, April 29

1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

### Wednesday, April 30

6:00 pm Youth Group

6:30 pm Chancel Bells

### Thursday, May 1

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

6:00 pm Crafter Hours

### Sunday, May 4 – Guest Preacher Jeff Langford

9:10 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

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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.





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