



Our Worship of God

May 4, 2025

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Welcome

Jonathan Ray

Prelude

People Have Seen a Glorious Light
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

Mahlon Baldeston

†Call to Worship (responsive)

Jonathan Ray

We gather to hear the stories of Jesus

We proclaim the news of his resurrection.

We have not seen the risen Christ,

**But we see him in the lives
of those transformed by grace.**

We have not seen Jesus face-to-face,

**But we have seen him in the faces
of everyone whose love encourages us.**

We have not touched the wounds from the cross,

**But we follow the One
who tends to every scar.**

†Opening Hymn 92

Crown Him with Many Crowns

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Scripture Reading

Noah Hartsfield

John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.” A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise be to Christ.

Sharing Our Gifts

Noah Hartsfield

Anthem

With a Voice of Singing
Chancel Choir w/ Colleen Ostercamp

by Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!
Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.
The Lord hath delivered His people,
O be joyful in God, all ye lands.
O sing praises to the honor of His name,
Make His praise to be glorious.
With a voice of singing, declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!

Message

Missing the Miracle

Jeff Langford

†Hymn for Preparation

We Walk by Faith

1. We walk by faith and not by sight. No gra-cious words we
 2. We may not touch His hands and side, nor fol-low where He
 3. And when our life of faith is done, in realms of clear-er

hear from Him who spoke as none e'er spoke; but we be-
 trod; but in His prom-ise we re-joyce, and cry, "My
 light we may be-hold You as You are, with full and

Parts (optional)

lieve Him near. We walk by faith and not by sight, led by God's
 Lord end and less sight.

pure and ho-ly Light! Pre-pare us for the jour-ney, Lord, and may we

know Your power and might, as we walk by faith and not by sight.

Litany of Communion (responsive)

Jeff Langford

God of yesterday, tomorrow, and right now,
God of locked doors and open hearts,
God of wounds and wonder,
we come to this Table like Thomas—hoping to see, longing to believe.

Holy God, we come with questions and Alleluias.

We come with fear and with faith.

This week, the sun still rose.

Children still laughed.

Hope still reached for us in unexpected places.

And still, we sometimes sit behind closed doors.

Still, we sometimes miss the miracles.

Still, we sometimes carry doubt, grief, or fear.

Just like that room long ago,
you come and stand among us.

You speak peace. You show your scars. You don't turn away.

You meet us in our longing.

You meet us in our questions.

You meet us in our joy.

So meet us now—

in this space and in our homes,
in bread broken and cup poured.

**Honor our doubt, again and again,
as many times as it takes for us to trust you.**

**Call us by name, again and again,
as many times as it takes for us to follow.**

Pour out your Spirit on this bread and cup,
and on every person gathered here and at home.

May they be for us the presence of Christ,
wounded and risen, questioned and believed.

We will keep coming to this Table.

We will keep showing up with our faith and our questions.

**We will keep sharing our hope, our grief,
and everything in between.**

With a mouth full of Alleluias,
and hearts still learning to believe,
we join our voices once more to pray the prayer Jesus taught us to pray,
saying

**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.**

Communion

†Hymn of Response 295

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Life of the Church

Jonathan Ray

†Benediction

Jeff Langford

†Postlude

O Sons & Daughters Let Us Sing
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

Matthew H. Corl

Worship Notes

Call to Worship, adapted from a call to worship by Thom Schuman, and posted on **Lectionary Liturgies**. <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca/>

Crown Him with Many Crowns, Words: Matthew Bridges, 1851; and Godfrey Thring, st. 2, 1974. Music: George J. Elvey, 1868.

We Walk by Faith, Words: Henry Alford, 1844; Lloyd Larson, 1998. Music: Lloyd Larson, 1998.

Breathe on Me, Breath of God, Words: Edwin Hatch, 1878. Music: Robert Jackson, 1894.

Communion Liturgy, adapted from a prayer by Sanctified Art, LLC.

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, May 4 – Guest Preacher Jeff Langford

- 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, May 5

- 3:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, May 6

- 1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

Wednesday, May 7

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

Thursday, May 8

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

Sunday, May 11 – Graduate Recognition

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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



Welcome Jeff Langford, Coordinator of CBF Heartland

Please give a warm welcome to our guest preacher, Jeff Langford. Jeff serves as the Coordinator for CBF Heartland and joined the CBF Global staff in 2021, where he does all things graphic design. Jeff is passionate about helping churches find solutions to problems they are facing through relationships and resources. Through his multiple roles, he is able to form deep relationships while also providing practical and tangible resources. When not updating the website, interacting with congregations or creating a new logo, Jeff enjoys hanging out with friends, listening to podcasts, doing crossword puzzles, and teaching Sunday School.

Graduate Recognition – May 11

Two of our beloved scholarship musicians will be graduating this May. Join us for cupcakes at the fellowship table on May 11th as we thank them for sharing their gifts with us and bless them as they pursue new adventures.

Bingo And Bites – May 30

Join us Friday, May 30 at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall for an evening of fun, food, and friendly competition at our Intergenerational Bingo Night! Bring your whole crew—kids, teens, adults, and everyone in between—for a night of laughter, prizes, and tasty bites. Whether you're a bingo pro or just in it for the snacks, there's a seat for you at the table.

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 for more information and to register.



Churchwide GRACE Safeguarding Training - May 31

As part of our commitment to creating a safe and welcoming environment for all, we are continuing with the **GRACE Safeguarding Initiative**. The GRACE Safeguarding Initiative seeks to provide churches with comprehensive training and other resources to prevent abusive behavior toward children and vulnerable adults. Our church-wide training is Saturday, May 31 from 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Whether you're a parent, grandparent, volunteer, or someone who cares about our church family, this training will equip you with knowledge and tools to help keep children and vulnerable adults safe—not just at church, but everywhere.

Led by a GRACE-certified facilitator through the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, this initiative is part of a broader effort to update our protection policies and strengthen our culture of care.

We would love for our entire congregation to attend. Your presence matters. Let's grow in wisdom and care—together.

Childcare is available for children, but you must register by May 18th by emailing Pastor Brittany McDonald Null at bnull@fbc-columbia.org.



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