

July 20, 2025

11:15 am

(+ Indicates those who are able, please stand)

**Gathering Chime** 

As the bell is chimed, we invite you to pause, center yourself, and prepare your heart and mind for worship.

Prelude

**For Where Love Is, There Is God** by Douglas E. Wagner *Chancel Choir, w/ Colleen Ostercamp* 

Come as strangers to the altar, for where love is, there is God. Come you poor, you weak, who falter, for where love is, there is God. Song and scripture wed together, bound by faith and sacred Word, Sharing peace and consolation, for where love is, there is God.

Let us each love one another, for where love is, there is God, And embrace as sister, brother, for where love is, there is God. Heal our hurting, lift our spirits, cease our cold, contentious ways. Spread the grace of love unending, for where love is, there is God.

#### Welcome

#### Pastor Kristin McAtee

**Call to Worship (responsive)** 

Pastor Kristin McAtee

Holy One, As we gather this morning to worship you, May we speak truth, So that our words may give grace to those who hear. May we pray in faith, So that our words may give grace to those who hear. May we sing with joy, So that our words may give grace to those who hear. May we listen with open minds and receptive hearts, So that Your words may give grace to us who hear. Amen.

+Hymn 29

**+**Passing the Peace of Christ

**+**Hymn 718

**Sharing Our Gifts** 

O Worship the King

Stir Your Church

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

#### by Charles Gounod

#### **Special Music**

**O Divine Redeemer** Jonathan Ray, *soloist* Colleen Ostercamp, *piano* 

Ah! turn me not away, receive me, God my Savior, Hear Thou my cry, behold, Lord, my distress! Answer me from Thy throne, Haste Thee, Lord, to mine aid, Thy mercy show in my deep anguish,

Forgive me, Lord, with Your compassion. Tho' righteous thine anger, O Lord! Shield me in danger, O regard me! On Thee, Lord, alone will I call!

*O, Divine Redeemer! I pray Thee, grant me pardon, And remember not, O Lord, my sins!* 

Save, in the day of Your returning, With Love shield Thou me, O my God! O Divine Redeemer, have mercy! Help me, my Savior!

#### **Pastoral Prayer and Prayer for Openness**

Pastor Kristin McAtee

God help us to change.

To change ourselves and to change our world.

To know the need for it.

To deal with the pain of it.

To feel the joy of it.

To undertake the journey without understanding the destination. The art of gentle revolution.

Amen.

**+**Hymn 379

#### **Scripture Reading**

# For the Fruit of All Creation

David Jacobs

#### Amos 8:1-12

My Master God showed me this vision: A bowl of fresh fruit. He said, "What do you see, Amos?" I said, "A bowl of fresh, ripe fruit." God said, "Right. So, I'm calling it quits with my people Israel. I'm no longer acting as if everything is just fine."

"The royal singers will wail when it happens." My Master God said so. "Corpses will be strewn here, there, and everywhere. Hush!"

Listen to this, you who walk all over the weak, you who treat poor people as less than nothing, Who say, "When's my next paycheck coming so I can go out and live it up? How long till the weekend when I can go out and have a good time?" Who give little and take much, and never do an honest day's work. You exploit the poor, using them and then, when they're used up, you discard them.

God swears against the arrogance of Jacob: "I'm keeping track of their every last sin."God's oath will shake earth's foundations, dissolve the whole world into tears.God's oath will sweep in like a river that rises, flooding houses and lands,And then recedes, leaving behind a sea of mud.

"On Judgment Day, watch out!" These are the words of God, my Master.
"I'll turn off the sun at noon. In the middle of the day the earth will go black.
I'll turn your parties into funerals and make every song you sing a dirge.
Everyone will walk around in rags, with sunken eyes and bald heads.
Think of the worst that could happen —your only son, say, murdered.
That's a hint of Judgment Day —that and much more.

"Oh yes, Judgment Day is coming!" These are the words of my Master God.
"I'll send a famine through the whole country. It won't be food or water that's lacking, but my Word.
People will drift from one end of the country to the other, roam to the north, wander to the east.
They'll go anywhere, listen to anyone, hoping to hear God's Word—but they won't hear it.

> The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Message

**†**Hymn of Response 690

Life of the Church

Benediction

**†**Postlude

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*  Pastor Kristin McAtee

Bind Us Together

Pastor Kristin McAtee

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# Worship Notes

Call to Worship: ~ posted by Joanna Harader on Spacious Faith. <u>http://spaciousfaith.com/</u>

*O Worship the King*, Words: Robert Grant, 1833; para. of Psalm 104. Music: William Gardiner's Sacred Melodies, Vol. II, 1815; attr. Johann M. Haydn, 18<sup>th</sup> C.

Stir Your Church, Words: Milburn Price, 1970. Music: Aubrey L. Butler, 1971.

For the Fruit of All Creation, Words: Fred Pratt Green, 1970. Music: Traditional Welsh Melody.

Bind Us Together, Words & Music: Bob Gillman, 1974.

*Pastoral Prayer and Prayer for Openness*, ~ written by Michael Leunig in "A Common Prayer" (1990). http://www.harpercollins.com.au/books/1863717404 Posted on the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand website. http://www.presbyterian.org.nz/for-ministers/worship-resources/

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# Week at a Glance

### Sunday, July 20

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, July 21

3:00 pm Staff Meeting

### Tuesday, July 22

1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room 5:30 pm Preschool Playdate

### Wednesday, July 23

6:30 pm Chancel Bells in the Sanctuary

#### Thursday, July 24

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

#### Friday, July 25

6:00 pm Game Night in the Parlor

#### Sunday, July 27

9:10 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

9:15 am Awakening Service in the Fellowship Hall

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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



# Looking for Something to Do This Summer? Ring Bells!

Are you looking for some summer enrichment? Maybe you need a fun activity to do with a friend, family member, or loved one? Did you make a New Year's resolution to learn a new skill that you haven't started yet? Whether it's any of these or one of a hundred more reasons, come join Noah Hartsfield, Handbell Director for a fun and low-commitment summer opportunity! He invites you to join in an intergenerational handbell ringing opportunity. The group will meet on Wednesday evenings in July and August (beginning Wednesday, July 16th) to learn how to ring handbells, make music, and have fun. Whether you have any experience with bells or even music or not, all are invited to give it a try. You are only responsible for two notes and we can mark music! All friends who are rising 2nd graders or older are invited to participate (friends that are 2nd through 5th grade need an adult to participate with them). The group will meet from 6:30p to 7:30p and nursery care is available if needed. You do not need to be available all Wednesdays to participate. If you are interested or want more information, please contact Noah at <u>nhartsfield2010@gmail.com</u>.

#### Sing with the Chancel Choir!

Choir rehearsals are held on Sundays at 9:10 am in the Sanctuary choir loft. We'll prepare a few low-impact anthems to get us through the summer before we begin in a fuller capacity in August. We'll also begin looking more in depth at our fall concert repertoire. If you've ever had an inkling to see what choir is all about, this is your opportunity! No previous experience required and all ages are welcome — all you need is a love of music! See you there!

### First Baptist Game Night - Friday, July 25 at 6:00 pm

Calling all board game enthusiasts! Join us each month at 6:00 pm in the parlor for our Board Games Night. Whether you're a strategic mastermind or a casual player, this event is for you! Come and indulge in an evening filled with laughter, friendly competition, and memorable moments. Grab your favorite board game and challenge your friends to a thrilling match. From classic favorites to modern gems, there will be a wide variety of games available for all tastes and skill levels.

### Churchwide Pool Party - August 3 at Oakland Pool

You asked for it, and it's back! Join us **August 3<sup>rd</sup>** for our Churchwide Pool Party at Oakland Pool, hosted by our Kids and Youth Ministries!\_We've reserved the entire pool from 5:30 to 7:30 pm, so bring your swimsuit, towel, and church friends of all ages for an evening of splashing, laughter, and summer fun. The event is free, and we'll have freeze pops to help you cool down. Feel free to bring your own food and drinks, just remember, no glass containers. Let's make some waves together!

### Mission Survey Update

Thank you so much for your input on FBC's Serving Team emphasis. We are currently reviewing the data and planning a time to present the findings to the church. Our initial review is encouraging. The areas that you have chosen as most important are areas in which we are currently partnering. We look forward in coming weeks to comparing the results with our budget, and our partners, to develop a plan for serving that meets our church's passions.

#### <u>Notes</u>



Rev. Kristin McAtee, Senior Pastor Rev. Brittany McDonald Null, Pastor of Families and Spiritual Formation Jonathan Ray, Music Director-Traditional Worship Shelby Pride, Awakening Worship Praise Band Director Colleen Ostercamp, Pianist and Organist Noah Hartsfield, Handbell Director Susan Goudie, Office Coordinator Brenda Rice, Administrative Assistant for Web, Facilities, and Arts Mike Ide, Custodian Nellene Martin, Childcare Director