

An aerial photograph of the ocean showing swirling currents in shades of blue and green. A person is visible swimming in the water on the right side. Sunlight rays penetrate the water from the top right.

SACRED CURRENTS

current's call

Our Worship of God

September 14, 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

If God Himself Be for Me
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

arr. Dale Wood

Welcome

Pastor Kristin McAtee

Prayer of Gathering

Pastor Kristin McAtee

†Opening Hymn 62

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

†Passing the Peace of Christ

The Clay of Our Lives

Pastor Kristin McAtee

†Hymn 297

Spirit of the Living God
Maggie Hosking, *conductor*

†Moment of Silence

Sung Response

Let All Who Are Thirsty Come

Jade Leung, *conductor*

Let all who are thirst-y, come. Let all who wish, re-ceive the

The first system of musical notation is for the vocal melody and bass accompaniment. The melody is in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). It begins in 4/4 time, then changes to 2/4, and returns to 4/4. The lyrics are: "Let all who are thirst-y, come. Let all who wish, re-ceive the". The bass line is in bass clef with the same key signature, providing harmonic support with chords and single notes.

wa - ter of life free - ly. A - men, come, Lord

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The melody features a long note for "life" and a half note for "A - men". The lyrics are: "wa - ter of life free - ly. A - men, come, Lord". The bass line continues with chords and single notes.

Je - sus. A - men, come, Lord Je - sus.

The third system concludes the piece. The melody ends with a double bar line and repeat dots. The lyrics are: "Je - sus. A - men, come, Lord Je - sus.". The bass line also concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Jeremiah 18:1-11

Jeremiah received the Lord's word: Go down to the potter's house, and I'll give you instructions about what to do there. So I went down to the potter's house; he was working on the potter's wheel. But the piece he was making was flawed while still in his hands, so the potter started on another, as seemed best to him. Then the Lord's word came to me: House of Israel, can't I deal with you like this potter, declares the Lord? Like clay in the potter's hand, so are you in mine, house of Israel! At any time I may announce that I will dig up, pull down, and destroy a nation or kingdom; but if that nation I warned turns from its evil, then I'll relent and not carry out the harm I intended for it. At the same time, I may announce that I will build and plant a nation or kingdom; but if that nation displeases and disobeys me, then I'll relent and not carry out the good I intended for it. Now say to the people of Judah and those living in Jerusalem: This is what the Lord says: I am a potter preparing a disaster for you; I'm working out a plan against you. So each one of you, turn from your evil ways; reform your ways and your actions.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Litany of Response (responsive)

Gracious God, I know that you are my potter.

You made me.

You redeemed me.

You re-created me in Christ to be your masterpiece.

How I thank you, for not giving up on me when I'm less than you intend.

Thank you for your patience and mercy.

**Thank you for continuing to shape me
even when I resist you and your work.**

Help me to live each moment of each day for you and your purposes.

**May I acknowledge you as my potter,
not only through my words, but also through my works.**

By your Spirit, help me to do the good things
you have planned for me so long ago.

All praise be to you, O God, my potter. Amen.

†Hymn

Change My Heart, O God
Carter Thiemann, *piano*

Change my heart Oh, God.

Make it ever true.

Change my heart Oh, God.

May I be like You.

You are the potter.

I am the clay.

Mold me and make me.

This is what I pray.

Sharing Our Gifts

Pastor Kristin McAtee

Anthem

The King of Love My Shepherd Is
Chancel Choir w/ Colleen Ostercamp
Miles Skaggs, *soloist*

arr. Mack Wilberg

*The King of love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
And he is mine forever.*

*Where streams of living water flow,
My ransomed soul he leadeth
And, where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.*

*And so through all the length of days,
Thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
Within thy house forever.*

Message

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†Hymn 584

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

Life of the Church

Pastor Kristin McAtee

Benediction (unison)

Pastor Kristin McAtee

**Take the clay of our lives and shape it to love.
Take the clay of the church and shape it to grace.
Take the clay of the world and shape it to peace.
Take the clay of today and shape it to hope.
And then breathe your spirit into all again,
For ever and ever. Amen.**

†Postlude

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

arr. Dale Wood

Worship Notes

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise, Words: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867. Music: Traditional Welsh melody; harm. John Roberts, 1839.

Spirit of the Living God, Words: Daniel Iverson, vs. 1, 1926; Michael Baughen, vs. 2, 1978. Music: Daniel Iverson, 1926.

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Have Thine Own Way, Lord, Words: Adelaide A. Pollard, 1902. Music: George C. Stebbins, 1907.

Litany of Response, (source <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/08/prayer-to-potter-god.html>)

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, September 14

- 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
- 2:00 pm [Racial Justice and Inclusion Team Meeting - online](#)

Monday, September 15

- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, September 16

- 1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

Wednesday, September 17

- 6:00 pm Youth Group
- 6:30 pm Chancel Bells in the Sanctuary

Thursday, September 18

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

Sunday, September 21

- 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



25 Years of PrideFest MidMo!

Get ready to celebrate a quarter century of love, community, and pride! Mark Your Calendars! PrideFest is October 4th and 5th, 2025. This year marks the 25th Anniversary of MidMo PrideFest. FBC is joining MidMo in pulling out all the stops. We are honored to join PrideFest at our booth and by participating in Sunday's Parade.

Want to be a part of representing the fully inclusive love of God at PrideFest? We need your help! Please use the QR code to sign up to serve at FBC's booth on Saturday, October 4th. We will need help with set up, greeting and helping with tattoos during the day, and tear down at the end of the day!



On Sunday, October 5, we will join MidMo PrideFest's parade. We will have combined worship on the front lawn at 9:15 am. After the Bible study hour, we will gather and join the parade in celebration of love, community, and the values that FBC holds dear. Come ready to represent in your best Pride gear!

Book Discussion & Disability Justice Panel

Tuesday, September 30, 6-8 pm

Join the Racial Justice and Inclusion Team in the parlor for a two-part event from 6:00-8:00 PM on disability justice in the Church. The first part will begin at **6:00 pm** and will include a discussion of *Accompanying Disability* by local author Topher Endress. The second part of the event will begin at **7:00 pm** and include a disability justice panel comprised of disabled folx in and around our church. Please note that **the disability justice panel is for the entire community, including those who did not read *Accompanying Disability***. We're looking forward to continuing the discussion of ways our church can become more accessible to all who enter our place of worship!

The Bible: Mining Many Messy Meanings (Bible, MMMM.)

Join Henry Imler for six weeks of (hopefully) honest wrestling with questions many Baptists wonder about but might not always discuss openly. What makes a text "sacred"? Who decided what went in the Bible and what is the difference between translations anyway? Can it be sacred without being perfect? What all is in there? We'll explore how our shared sacred text pushes back against empire, deals with translation problems, and what it might mean to stay in a tense relationship with a text that sometimes troubles us. The next session will be held Sunday at 10:15 am in the Conference Room on the second floor.

Diaper Drive

During the month of September, the Serving Team at FBC is participating in First Chance for Children's Annual Diaper Drive. One in two families struggle to afford enough diapers for their young children. Diapers are not covered by WIC or SNAP, and diaper deprivation or re-use of disposable diapers is a significant health hazard. First Chance for Children collaborates with many service organizations in Columbia to get fresh new diapers to families who need them. Please respond to this need by bringing a package of new diapers to church this month. All sizes, 1-6, are welcome, and sizes 3-6 are especially needed. Thank you very much.

Nominating Committee Update

As we look ahead to next year and pursue our vision of co-creating a restorative community of fully inclusive followers of Jesus, we are inviting individuals to serve on our Ministry Teams. The Nominating Committee will soon begin reaching out to current team members to confirm their interest in continuing to serve. We'll also be contacting potential new members to join the teams. If you have someone in mind who would be a great addition to a Ministry Team, please share your recommendation with Pastor Kristin.

Third Pastor Update

The Third Pastor Search Committee has decided not to proceed with the vote on Sunday, September 14, to call Joey Fuson to the church. The committee conducted significant reference and background checks to evaluate Joey's set of skills and experiences for the position which showed he had many positive attributes. Upon review of additional information, we have decided, given the role and scope of the position and the needs of our church, Joey is not a good fit at this time. We have communicated our decision to Joey. The committee will continue to work to identify a candidate for the church. Please continue to support our youth, youth parents and youth leaders and pray for this important search process.

Third Pastor Search Committee

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