



SACRED CURRENTS

converging streams

Our Worship of God

September 21, 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 **“Adagio” from Autumn-The Four Seasons** Vivaldi/arr. Wolff
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

Welcome Pastor Kristin McAtee

Prayer of Gathering Pastor Kristin McAtee

God of Living Water,
You flow through the chaos with clarity and purpose.
You cleanse what is broken, restore what is lost, and renew what is weary.
As we gather in Your presence, flood this space with Your Spirit.
Let Your truth rise within us like a sacred current—
not to keep us safe inside,
but to send us out with courage and compassion.
Make us vessels of Your grace,
ready to disperse the mud and dirt of despair
with the cleansing power of Your love.
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Welcome to the Sacred Waters

Text: Noah Hartsfield
Sung to BEACH SPRING

*Welcome to the sacred waters, enter in and find a home.
Find within a holy rhythm where your song can be made known.
Join with God in co-creating beauty and a world made new.
Living water purifies us, brings the kin-dom into view.*

*Like a potter molding vessels, we are given shape and form.
Flowing currents ebb around us, and our edges, they are worn.
Tenderly God etches in us patterns with both love and care.
We in turn to one another, our God's love we're called to share.*

*Currents move and dance around us, bearing songs and melodies.
Joined together as one body, we create vast harmonies.
Symphonies that ring out boldly, hymns and prayers that lift our hearts.
Praises offered all together, intertwined as sacred art.*

*Jesus is the living water, poured out freely from God's heart.
Calling each one to surrender as a whole, not just one part.
We are called to leave the streams edge, enter in the river vast.
Embrace the currents sacred calling; with God's promise, we hold fast.*

†Passing the Peace of Christ

†Hymn 701

God is Here!

Scripture Reading

Cheryl Brewer

Acts 17:22-34

Paul stood up in the middle of the council on Mars Hill and said, “People of Athens, I see that you are very religious in every way. As I was walking through town and carefully observing your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: ‘To an unknown God.’ What you worship as unknown, I now proclaim to you. God, who made the world and everything in it, is Lord of heaven and earth. God doesn’t live in temples made with human hands. Nor is God served by human hands, as though They needed something, since God is the one who gives life, breath, and everything else. From one person God created every human nation to live on the whole earth, having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their lands. God made the nations so they would seek God, perhaps even reach out to Them and find Them. In fact, God isn’t far away from any of us. In God we live, move, and exist. As some of your own poets said, ‘We are his offspring.’

“Therefore, as God’s offspring, we have no need to imagine that the divine being is like a gold, silver, or stone image made by human skill and thought. God overlooks ignorance of these things in times past, but now directs everyone everywhere to change their hearts and lives. This is because God has set a day when They intend to judge the world justly by a man They have appointed. God has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.”

When they heard about the resurrection from the dead, some began to ridicule Paul. However, others said, “We’ll hear from you about this again.” At that, Paul left the council. Some people joined him and came to believe, including Dionysius, a member of the council on Mars Hill, a woman named Damaris, and several others.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Flood

Pastor Kristin McAtee

Response in Word (responsive)

Jonathan Ray

We have seen the floodwaters rise—muddy, chaotic, and unclean.

**But within the walls, clean water flows,
protecting what is sacred.**

This water is not meant to be contained.

It is living, moving, sent to cleanse the world.

**We are the vessels of that water,
called to carry it beyond the walls.**

The world outside is thirsty—parched by anger, mistrust, and violence.

**We bring wonder and awe,
community and relationship.**

Like Paul in Athens, we raise our voices to proclaim the God who is near.

**We go, not in fear, but in faith—dispersing the dirt and mud of life
with the sacred current of Christ.**

Let the waters rise—not to protect us, but to flow through us.

We are the church.

We are the current.

We are sent to cleanse the world.

Sharing Our Gifts

Jonathan Ray

Offertory

Let All Who Are Thirsty Come

Carter Thiemann, *piano*

†Hymn 295

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Anthem

Lamb of God

by Twila Paris

Chancel Choir w/ Colleen Ostercamp

*Your only Son, no sin to hide
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod
And to become the Lamb of God*

*Your gift of love they crucified
They laughed and scorned Him as he died
The humble King they named a fraud
And sacrificed the Lamb of God*

*O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God
I love the holy Lamb of God
O wash me in His precious blood
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God*

*I was so lost I should have died
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod
And to be called a Lamb of God*

Message

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Pastor Kristin McAtee

†Hymn 710

We Are Called to Be God's People

Life of the Church

Noah Hartsfield

†Benediction

Pastor Kristin McAtee

†Postlude

Trumpet Tune in C
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

by Henry Purcell

Worship Notes

Welcome to the Sacred Waters, Words: Noah Hartsfield. Sung to BEACH SPRING.

God is Here! Words: Fred Pratt Green, 1979. Music: John Zundel, 1870.

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

We Are Called to Be God's People, Words: Thomas A. Jackson, 1973. Music: Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797.

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, September 21

9:00 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary – All are welcome!

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, September 22

1:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, September 23

1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

Wednesday, September 24

6:00 pm Youth Group

6:30 pm Chancel Bells in the Sanctuary

Thursday, September 25

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

6:00 pm Crafter Hours

Friday, September 26

6:00 pm Game Night in the Parlor

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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



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!

Nominating Committee Update

How Would You Like to Serve?

The Nominating Committee has begun their work. We are making calls to current team members. We are also seeking new team members. If there is a ministry or team you are interested in serving, talk to one of us! We would love to hear more about your interests and help you find a way to plug in to FBC's good work.

-Christine Chang, Kristin McAtee, Mark Thomas, Caitlin Vandell, Sherry Wyatt

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. **NOTE: This class now meets in the Parlor. The Discussion Class will meet in the Conference Room.**

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.

First Baptist Game Night - Friday, September 26 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.



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