



CHURCH IN THE CHAOS

Our Worship of God

February 8, 2026

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

Trio Arrangement on “The Summons”

arr. Anne Roberts

Noah Hartsfield, *bells*

Colleen Ostercamp, *flute*

Becki Forsee, *piano*

Welcome

Pastor Kristin McAtee

†Call to Worship

God calls us to love with heart, soul, and mind.

We bring our whole selves to worship.

The Spirit meets us where we are

and prompts us to move beyond fear and control.

We bring our whole selves to worship.

God empowers ordinary people to speak against injustice
and to live our faith with love.

We bring our whole selves to worship.

When faith is reduced to words or power,

the Spirit stirs within us something deeper.

We bring our whole selves to worship.

Here and now, with minds that question,

with hearts that feel, with bodies ready to act,

we bring our whole selves to worship.

†Hymn 52

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

†Passing the Peace of Christ

†Hymn 51

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

Scripture Reading

Anne Bills

Acts 4:1-22

While Peter and John were speaking to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple guard, and the Sadducees confronted them. They were incensed that the apostles were teaching the people and announcing that the resurrection of the dead was happening because of Jesus. They seized Peter and John and put them in prison until the next day. (It was already evening.) Many who heard the word became believers, and their number grew to about five thousand.

The next day the leaders, elders, and legal experts gathered in Jerusalem, along with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, Alexander, and others from the high priest's family. They had Peter and John brought before them and asked, "By what power or in what name did you do this?"

Then Peter, inspired by the Holy Spirit, answered, "Leaders of the people and elders, are we being examined today because something good was done for a sick person, a good deed that healed him? If so, then you and all the people of Israel need to know that this man stands healthy before you because of the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene—whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is the stone you builders rejected; he has become the cornerstone! Salvation can be found in no one else. Throughout the whole world, no other name has been given among humans through which we must be saved."

The council was caught by surprise by the confidence with which Peter and John spoke. After all, they understood that these apostles were uneducated and inexperienced. They also recognized that they had been followers of Jesus. However, since the healed man was standing with Peter and John before their own eyes, they had no rebuttal. After ordering them to wait outside, the council members began to confer with each other. “What should we do with these men? Everyone living in Jerusalem is aware of the sign performed through them. It’s obvious to everyone and we can’t deny it. To keep it from spreading further among the people, we need to warn them not to speak to anyone in this name.” When they called Peter and John back, they demanded that they stop all speaking and teaching in the name of Jesus.

Peter and John responded, “It’s up to you to determine whether it’s right before God to obey you rather than God. As for us, we can’t stop speaking about what we have seen and heard.” They threatened them further, then released them. Because of public support for Peter and John, they couldn’t find a way to punish them. Everyone was praising God for what had happened, because the man who had experienced this sign of healing was over 40 years old.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Pastoral Prayer (responsive)

Pastor Kristin McAtee

God of all hope,

We come to you today carrying the weight of a world that feels troubled. There is so much pain around us—violence, loss, uncertainty—and sometimes we don’t know what to do with it all. Help us to stay open, compassionate, and present to the needs of our neighbors.

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

God of justice,

We lift up communities facing conflict and fear. We pray for leaders who are making decisions that affect lives—give them wisdom, courage, and a desire for the common good.

Where harm has been done, bring healing. Where people feel unsafe, bring protection. Where division is growing, plant seeds of peace.

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

God of comfort,

We hold before you all who are grieving—families shaken by tragedy, people who've lost loved ones, and those whose hearts are quietly breaking. Surround them with your presence that doesn't demand words, only trust. Remind them they are not alone, and that you sit with us in our sorrow.

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

God of healing,

We pray for those dealing with illness, pain, or anxiety. Bring strength to tired bodies, calm to restless minds, and hope to those who feel worn down. As Jesus reached out to heal and restore, send us out to be signs of that same compassion.

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

God who unites us,

In a world quick to divide, teach us to be people who listen well, who show kindness, and who approach one another with humility. Break down the barriers we build—barriers of fear, judgment, or indifference. Shape us into a community that reflects your love and your vision for the world.

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

God of the Spirit,

Just as you strengthened Peter and John with courage and clarity, strengthen us now. Wake us up to the needs around us. Fill us with imagination for what healing, justice, and mercy can look like today. Send us out as whole people—mind, body, heart, and spirit—ready to practice the way of Jesus.

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

**We pray all this in the name of Jesus,
who leads us into hope. Amen.**

Sharing Our Gifts

Anthem	Holy, Holy, Holy	arr. Noah Hartsfield
	Chancel Choir w/ Colleen Ostercamp, <i>piano</i>	
Message		Pastor Kristin McAtee
†Hymn 710	We Are Called to Be God's People	
Life of the Church		Pastor Brittany McDonald Null
†Benediction		
†Postlude	Glorious Things of You Are Spoken	arr. R. Hobby
	Colleen Ostercamp, <i>organ</i>	

Worship Notes

I Sing the Mighty Power of God, Words: Isaac Watts, 1715. Music: *Gesangbuch der H. W. K. Hofkapelle*, 1884.

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Spirit of Holiness, Words: Christopher Idle, 1975. Music: Traditional English melody.

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, February 8

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, February 9

1:00 pm Staff Meeting
6:00 pm Serving Team Meeting

Tuesday, February 10

1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

Wednesday, February 11

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

Thursday, February 12

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

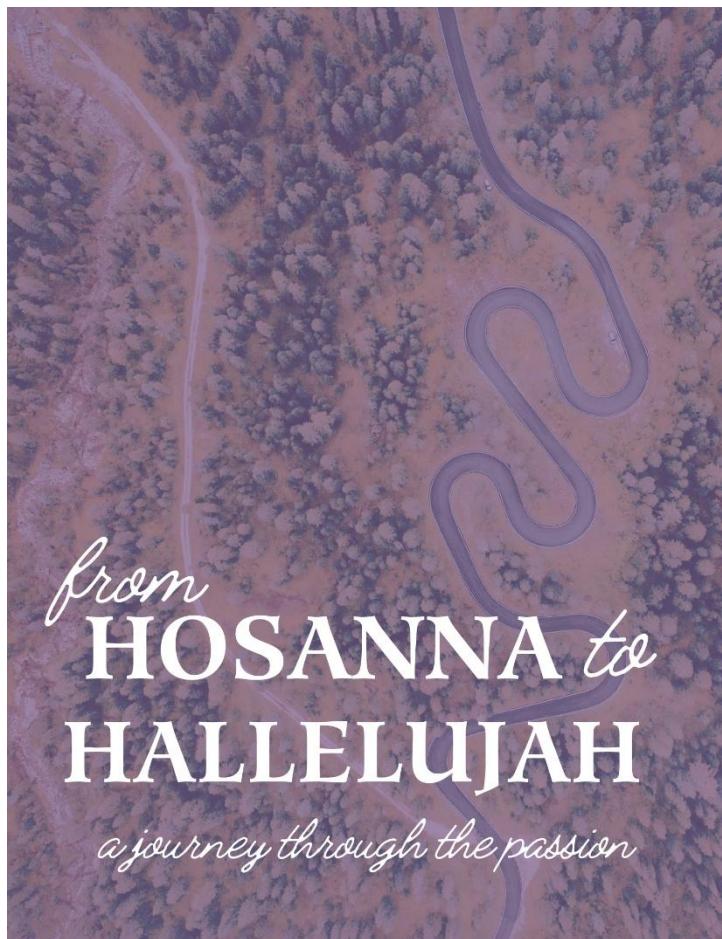
Sunday, February 15

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



Lenten Worship Series: From Hosanna to Hallelujah

Lent invites us to slow down, to pay attention, and to walk honestly with Jesus through the final days of his life. This year, our Lenten worship series is titled ***From Hosanna to Hallelujah***. Following the path of Passion Week, we will trace the road Jesus walks from the shouts of welcome on Palm Sunday through disruption, intimacy, service, grief, and witness, all the way to Easter morning. This is not a journey that rushes to resurrection. It is an invitation to stay, to notice, and to walk together through love that costs something and love that endures.

We will begin the season on **February 18** with **Ash Wednesday**, a service of stillness, prayer, and embodied honesty. We will gather to remember that we are dust, held by grace, and to begin this road with intention.

On **March 1**, we will gather for **Brunch Worship**, a more relaxed and intergenerational service centered on table fellowship, storytelling, and shared worship as we continue the journey together.

On **April 3, Good Friday** is a service that invites us to linger with the suffering of Jesus and the suffering of the world, resisting the urge to look away and trusting that God is present even in the hardest places.

Throughout Lent, we invite people of all ages to walk this road together. Resources for families and children will echo the same themes in simple, embodied ways, so that our whole community can share a common journey.

Wherever you find yourself on the road, you are welcome to walk with us. From Hosanna to Hallelujah, we journey together.

Congregational Meeting - March 1 after Brunch Worship

We will hold a brief meeting after the Brunch Worship on March 1st. During this meeting, we will accept the year-end financial reports and any other necessary business.

CBF Lenten Devotional

Registration for the Emmanuel McCall Racial Justice Lenten Devotional is open! This year's devotional explores God's presence in justice through stories like Esther, Moses, Paul, the Persistent Widow, Philemon & Onesimus, and Holy Week. Each week includes Scripture reflections, an Ally Spotlight and an Organization Profile. Sign up online to receive the devotional in your email using this link:

<https://cbf.jotform.com/form/232807875520056>



Exploring Jordan: Images of History



Exploring Jordan: *Images of History*

March 15 at 4:00 pm in the Parlor

On March 15, Mark Thomas will present a pictorial narrative of his recent trip to the country of Jordan. Jordan is a treasure-trove of ancient Biblical and archaeological sites that are often overlooked by modern scholars and travelers. Janie Rees-Miller will join Mark to add her perspectives gleaned from 30 years of archaeological and linguistic work in the region.

The presentation will highlight visits to Bethany across the Jordan, the World Heritage Site of Jesus' Baptism, Mount Nebo, where Moses and the Israelites first viewed the Promised Land, Petra, the ancient Nabatean capital and site of hundreds of spectacular rock carvings, the well-preserved Greco-Roman Decapolis City of Gerash, the region bordering Lake Tiberias, the Golan Heights and Syria, and more as time permits. Refreshments and snacks will be provided. Please join us for this fun and educational presentation!

Notes



Rev. Kristin McAtee, Senior Pastor

Rev. Brittany McDonald Null, Pastor of Families and Spiritual Formation

Jonathan Ray, Director of Music

Shelby Pride, Director of Music and Worship Technology

Colleen Ostercamp, Pianist and Organist

Noah Hartsfield, Handbell Director

Susan Goudie, Office Coordinator

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