



from
HOSANNA *to*
HALLELUJAH

a journey through the passion

Our Worship of God

February 22, 2026

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

~First Sunday of Lent ~

Gathering Chime

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

Prelude

Fugue in B Minor
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

César Franck

Welcome

Pastor Kristin McAtee

†Call to Worship (responsive)

We come to worship
to enter the story of the Passion.

We will follow.

We slow down
and remember how Jesus entered the city.

We will follow.

We notice that Jesus did not use power
as the world understands it,
but chose humility, courage, and purpose.

We will follow.

We are invited to join the procession,
to risk compassion,
to give our time and our hearts
for the sake of others.

We will follow.

Let us worship the God who calls us
from the sidelines
into the work of love.

We will follow.

†Opening Hymn 203

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

†Hymn 202 (verses 1-4)

My Song is Love Unknown

Prayer of Confession (responsive)

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

God of courage and compassion,
we confess that we often stand at a distance.

We see injustice and feel unsure.

We see suffering and feel overwhelmed.

**We see need and tell ourselves
someone else will act.**

Forgive us for the times we choose
comfort over courage,

**silence over compassion,
distraction over paying attention
or safety over love.**

Give us hearts that notice,

**spirits that are generous,
and the courage to follow Jesus
even when the road is difficult.**

Amen.

Assurance of Grace

†Hymn 571

What Does the Lord Require?

Matthew 21:1-11

When they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus gave two disciples a task. He said to them, “Go into the village over there. As soon as you enter, you will find a donkey tied up and a colt with it. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, say that their master needs them.” He sent them off right away. Now this happened to fulfill what the prophet said, *Say to Daughter Zion, “Look, your king is coming to you, humble and riding on a donkey, and on a colt the donkey’s offspring.”* The disciples went and did just as Jesus had ordered them. They brought the donkey and the colt and laid their clothes on them. Then he sat on them.

Now a large crowd spread their clothes on the road. Others cut palm branches off the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds in front of him and behind him shouted, “*Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!*” And when Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up. “Who is this?” they asked. The crowds answered, “It’s the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise be to Christ.

Sharing Our Gifts

Pastor Kristin McAtee

Anthem

Sing Hosanna, Sing
Chancel Choir feat. *Chancel Bells*
& Colleen Ostercamp

by Joel Raney

Message

Pastor Kristin McAtee

†Hymn of Response 643

I Know Not Where the Road Will Lead

Life of the Church

Pastor Kristin McAtee

†Benediction

As you go,
May you slow down and pay attention:
to the people around you,
to the needs of the world,
to the quiet movements of grace.

Move mindfully through these days
as we remember the final week of Jesus' life,
a road marked by courage, justice,
and love that does not turn away.

And may the love of God,
the peace of Christ,
and the companionship of the Holy Spirit
go with you, now and always.
Amen.

†Postlude

Lord, I Want to be a Christian
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

arr. D. Bish

Worship Notes

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna, Words; Jeannette Threlfall, 1873. Gesangbuch der H.W.K. Hofkapelle, 1784.

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What Does the Lord Require?, Words: Albert F. Bayly, 1949. Music: Erik Routley, 1968.

I Know Not Where the Road Will Lead, Words: Evelyn Atwater Cummins, 1922. Music: Traditional English melody; arr. Arthur S. Sullivan, 1874.

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, February 22

- 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
- 10:15 am *Entering the Passion of Jesus* Lenten Small Group in the Parlor
- 10:15 am *Rest & Reflect* Lenten Small Group in the Green Room
- 11:15 am Traditional Service in the Sanctuary
- 12:30 pm Justice Walk

Monday, February 23

- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, February 24

- 1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room
- 6:00 pm Church Council Meeting in the Conference Room

Wednesday, February 25

- 6:00 pm Youth Group
- 6:00 pm *Making Space* Lenten Small Group in the small Conference Room (E2)
- 6:30 pm Chancel Bells in the Sanctuary

Thursday, February 26

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

Friday, February 27

- 6:00 pm Game Night in the Parlor

Sunday, March 1

- 10:15 am Brunch Worship in the Fellowship Hall

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 began the season on **February 18** with **Ash Wednesday**, a service of stillness, prayer, and embodied honesty.

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. There will be no 9:15 am or 11:15 am services.

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.

Justice Walk – Today at 12:30 pm

Our first Sunday of Lent invites us to consider what it looks like to join Jesus' entry into Jerusalem instead of watching from the sidelines. That invitation comes with risk as we pursue truth, justice, and freedom for the marginalized. As an embodiment practice, the RJI team invites us to participate in a Columbia Justice walk. We will meet at 12:30 pm in the courtyard for a planned route focused on revealing and celebrating contributions of African Americans to Columbia's history. We hope to offer a starting point for acknowledgment and discussion the rich contributions people of color have made and continue to make in this community and beyond.

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.

Small Group Opportunities in Lent

Making Space: Everything seems so big in the world right now: too much, too heavy, too fast and too draining. It's difficult to find space and have that space held for everything we are experiencing in our shared lives. Using the book *For Such a Time as This: An Emergency Devotional* by Hanna Reichell, I/we will be reading a chapter aloud and discussing it as we hear it and process it together. Copies of the book will be available if you are interested and want to take a look through it or feel free to just come listen. We won't be going in order from front to back but will be spending time in discussion and reflection about things like holding space for yourself, your feelings and thoughts when everything is absolutely everything all at once. Please come share space with me in the small conference room (E2) on Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. during Lent (Feb 25-April 1), while the Youth meet. During this hour we will experience being together and holding space for one another in real time, like we experience everything daily. Let's practice taking back our space and growing instead of shrinking. It is my belief that God is not small, nor do they wish us to be.

-Angel Kenison-Scott

Rest & Reflect: Gather Sunday mornings at 10:15 am in the Green Room to practice guided meditation and reflection on the Scripture. Through silence, journaling, and calm we will center ourselves on what God is saying to us. Make space and time for this practice in your Lent.

Entering the Passion of Jesus: In support of our church-wide Lenten study, “Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week”, the Discussion Class invites all to join us in a six-week study designed to provide additional insight as we discuss the book in more depth than it would be possible to do during a sermon. We welcome you to bring your curiosity, your questions, and the uniqueness that only you can add to our group. We meet Sunday mornings between services (10:15-11:00) in the Parlor, which is on the second floor of the education building. We will start this class on February 22nd.

Entering the Passion of Jesus option: Please let Pastor Kristin know if you are interested in discussing the book at another time during the week. If there is enough interest, we can start an additional group.

Books for Small Groups

Copies of *Entering the Passion of Jesus* and *For Such a Time as This: An Emergency Devotional* will be available for purchase in the church office.

- *Entering the Passion of Jesus*: \$10
- *For Such a Time as This: An Emergency Devotional*: \$20

If cost is a concern, please feel free to contribute \$5 instead—your participation matters more than the price.

First Baptist Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to Sydney Wahl and Jack Stubbs for receiving scholarships from the First Baptist Church Scholarship Program!

Sydney is finishing her last year at the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry. Her goal after graduating is to work at a free/reduced cost clinic as a dental provider to serve patients who need dental care.

Jack hopes to attend the University of Iowa and study business. He eventually wants to use those financial skills to help others achieve their financial goals. He is grateful for this scholarship and to the church for helping him achieve his.

The next application deadlines are February 28 and May 31, 2026. Find more information about the First Baptist Church Scholarship Program on the website: <https://fbc-columbia.org/get-involved/fbc-scholarship-programs-2025/>.

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!



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