



from
HOSANNA *to*
HALLELUJAH

a journey through the passion

Our Worship of God

March 8, 2026

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

~Third 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

Fairest Lord Jesus
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

arr. Ellen Jane Lorenz

Welcome

Pastor Kristin McAtee

Word from the Pastor

Pastor Kristin McAtee

Prayer of Invocation

†Opening Hymn 107

Christ Be My Leader

†Passing the Peace of Christ

†Hymn 50

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Mark 12:13-17

They sent some of the Pharisees and supporters of Herod to trap him in his words. They came to him and said, “Teacher, we know that you’re genuine and you don’t worry about what people think. You don’t show favoritism but teach God’s way as it really is. Does the Law allow people to pay taxes to Caesar or not? Should we pay taxes or not?”

Since Jesus recognized their deceit, he said to them, “Why are you testing me? Bring me a coin. Show it to me.” And they brought one. He said to them, “Whose image and inscription is this?”

“Caesar’s,” they replied.

Jesus said to them, “Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.” His reply left them overcome with wonder.

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise be to Christ.

*"Is it lawful to pay taxes when they prop up Caesar's rule?"
So some people asked of Jesus, wanting him to seem a fool.
Saying "no" would be sedition; saying "yes" would be a sin.
Jesus changed the conversation, calling them to look within.*

*"Find a tax coin in your treasure; see the image that it bears.
Give to Caesar what is Caesar's. (Give to rulers what is theirs.)"
Yet he pressed on with his message; "Give to God what is God's own."
We who bear our Maker's image worship God and God alone.*

*Lord of all, in every nation, may your word be understood —
That we have an obligation to support the common good.
May our taxes, all together, fund our working hand in hand
So that life will be made better for all people in this land.*

*Still, we also hear your teaching: "Give to God what God is due."
May no ruler — overreaching — try to take the place of you.
May we listen to your message, may we honor what is yours;
May we, living in your image, seek your kingdom that endures.*

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

God of truth and courage,
we have heard the question posed to Jesus.
We have seen the trap laid before him.
We have watched him refuse it.

**And we confess
how often we do not.**

We confess that we are quick to pick sides
inside frames that were never meant to bring life.

**We confess that we argue over coins
and forget the people in front of us.**

We confess that we let fear
shape our answers.

**We confess we laugh along
instead of speaking up for what is right.**

When power pressures us,
we look for the safest response.

**When conflict rises,
we choose comfort over courage.**

When false choices are handed to us,
we accept them
instead of asking better questions.

Forgive us, O God.

Silence for private confession

Remind us whose image we bear.

**Free us from the need to win arguments
at the cost of one another.**

Give us the courage of Jesus,
who would not be trapped,
who would not be reduced,
who would not surrender people
to the games of empire.

**Shape us into a community that remembers we belong to you
and lives like it. Amen.**

Assurance of Grace

†Hymn 537

Lord, Be Glorified

Sharing Our Gifts

Pastor Kristin McAtee

Anthem

Fairest Lord Jesus

arr. Mark Hayes

Chancel Choir w/ Colleen Ostercamp

*Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
O Thou of God and man the Son:
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.*

*Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.*

*Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
And all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heav'n can boast.*

*Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be Thine!*

Message

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

†Song of Response 51

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

Life of the Church

Pastor Kristin McAtee

†Benediction

Postlude

March

G. F. Handel

Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

Worship Notes

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Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above, Words: Johann J. Schütz, 1675; tr. Frances Cox, 1864. Music: Bohemian Brethren's Kirchengesänge, Berlin, 1566.

Lord, Be Glorified, Words & Music: Bob Kilpatrick, 1978.

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, March 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
- 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 Racial Justice & Inclusion Team in the Conference Room

Monday, March 9

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

Tuesday, March 10

- 1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room
- 6:00 pm Building Ahead

Wednesday, March 11

- 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm Eggstravaganza in the Fellowship Hall
- 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, March 12

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

6:00 pm Crafter Hours in the College Room

Saturday, March 14

4:00 pm Ecumenical Lenten Handbell Concert in the Sanctuary

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4:00 pm Exploring Jordan: *Images of History* in the Parlor

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



Eggstravaganza - Wednesday, March 11

5:30 to 7:30 PM

We are partnering with the Samples and their ministry for the Afghan Easter Picnic, where more than 400 children will gather for an afternoon of celebration and community. They need thousands of filled plastic Easter eggs, and we want to help!

Join us for Eggstravaganza, an intergenerational evening of stuffing eggs, playing games, and sending joy across the country. Come for the whole time or drop in for part of the evening. All ages are welcome. You can also help by bringing wrapped candy, plastic eggs, or by stuffing and taping eggs at home and returning them by March 11. Every egg will be opened by a child who is deeply loved by their community and by God. Let's send joy together.

On A Hill Far Away...

Lent is a journey through darkness towards the light and renewal of Easter. Please join the Chancel Bells and handbell musicians across Columbia for an **Ecumenical Lenten Handbell Concert and Reflection on Saturday, March 14th at 4pm** in the sanctuary. We will enjoy a time of music, prayer, and reflection as we seek hope in the darkness and raise our eyes towards the hills in search of God's light. The concert is free and open to the public.

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.

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.

Stonebridge House Workday Opportunity – March 28

Stonebridge House is accredited as a 4-bed recovery house in downtown Columbia that provides shelter and guidance to women coming out of prison for 12 months. They are one of our partners in ministry, allowing us to be a part of this beautiful work.

They are getting the house ready to welcome the next woman to come out of incarceration and into a new story where she is a main character. If you would like to be part of this story, you are invited to participate in a work day.

Join us for some light cleaning, organizing and decorating on March 28, 8am-1pm. If you have a vision for how the space could look, talk with Rebekah Robertson. Rebekah@stonebridgehouse.org. Let Rebekah know if you can come because lunch will be provided.

Maundy Thursday – April 2

The Liturgical Arts Team invites you to a self-directed experience from 6 pm to 7pm on Maundy Thursday. This intergenerational event invites you to multiple interactive experiences that invite participation in the Lent experience and a personal experience with the story. Foot or hand washing will be available. This will be held in the Sanctuary.

Good Friday – April 3

We have added a daytime opportunity to mark Good Friday. FBC will host an ecumenical gathering around the cross on our lawn at noon, April 3rd. We will be joined by several downtown churches in a meaningful moment of worship. Our annual observance of Good Friday will be at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall.



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