



First Baptist Church

Our Worship of God

April 19, 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

Aria

by Andrew Carter

Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

Welcome

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

†Call to Worship (responsive)

We need your presence on the long road, O God.

You are with us, God.

On the road between fear and hope,
the road between the place where all is lost
and the place of resurrection,

You are with us, God.

Like the disciples walking the road to Emmaus,
we are in need of your company!

You are with us, God.

Jesus, stand among us, in your risen power,
let this time of worship, be a hallowed hour.

You are with us, God.

†Opening Hymn 543

Christ Beside Me

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Scripture Reading

Noah Hartsfield

Luke 24: 13-35

On that same day, two disciples were traveling to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking to each other about everything that had happened. While they were discussing these things, Jesus himself arrived and joined them on their journey. They were prevented from recognizing him.

He said to them, “What are you talking about as you walk along?” They stopped, their faces downcast.

The one named Cleopas replied, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who is unaware of the things that have taken place there over the last few days?” He said to them, “What things?”

They said to him, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth. Because of his powerful deeds and words, he was recognized by God and all the people as a prophet. But our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him. We had hoped he was the one who would redeem Israel. All these things happened three days ago. But there’s more: Some women from our group have left us stunned. They went to the tomb early this morning and didn’t find his body. They came to us saying that they had even seen a vision of angels who told them he is alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women said. They didn’t see him.”

Then Jesus said to them, “You foolish people! Your dull minds keep you from believing all that the prophets talked about. Wasn’t it necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then he interpreted for them the things written about himself in all the scriptures, starting with Moses and going through all the Prophets.

When they came to Emmaus, he acted as if he was going on ahead. But they urged him, saying, “Stay with us. It’s nearly evening, and the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them. After he took his seat at the table with them, he took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he disappeared from their sight. They said to each other, “Weren’t our hearts on fire when he spoke to us along the road and when he explained the scriptures for us?”

They got up right then and returned to Jerusalem. They found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying to each other, “The Lord really has risen! He appeared to Simon!” Then the two disciples described what had happened along the road and how Jesus was made known to them as he broke the bread.

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise be to Christ.

†Hymn 642

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

Responsive Prayer

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

Surprising God,

you meet us on the road,

**in places we expected
and places we did not.**

When joy finds us unexpected and bright,

you are with us.

When laughter spills out and hope feels alive again,

Alleluia! You are with us.

And when sorrow settles in,

we trust that even then you are with us.

When we whisper, “we had hoped...”

you are there, O Christ.

When our hearts are burning,

help us know it’s you.

When we cannot recognize you,

travel with us anyway.

In the breaking of bread,

in the quiet of evening,

you are with us.

In every joy, in every sorrow,

you are with us.

Surprising God,

you meet us exactly as we are,

Alleluia and amen.

†Hymn 434

Hope of the World

Sharing Our Gifts

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

Anthem

Beautiful Savior

by Lloyd Larson

Chancel Choir w/ Colleen Ostercamp

*Beautiful Savior! King of creation!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I love Thee, truly I'll serve Thee.
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.*

*Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming flowers of spring.
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
He makes the woeful heart to sing.*

*Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
Bright are the sparkling stars on high,
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the holy angels in the sky.*

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

Message

David Wallace

†Hymn 641

All the Way My Savior Leads Me

Life of the Church

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

†Benediction

†Postlude

Allegro
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

Purcell

Worship Notes

***Prelude note**

Andrew Carter, 1939 - January 2026

Andrew Carter was a choral and organ music composer for York, England. He is not only remembered for his prolific and varied scope of works, but his genuinely warm personality. I was privileged to get acquainted with him when I was with the choir (from my sister's church in Williamsburg, VA), that went to England last year.

Pastor Kristin and several members of our Racial Justice and Inclusion Team are in Evanston, Illinois attending the Alliance of Baptists annual gathering. We are grateful to David Wallace, our church moderator, for preaching in her absence.

Call to Worship, ~ adapted by a call to worship written by Carol Penner, and posted on **Leading in Worship**. <http://carolpenner.typepad.com/>

Christ Beside Me, Words: Adapt. James Quinn, 1969; from St. Patrick's Breastplate. Music: Traditional Gaelic melody; arr. David Evans, 1927.

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me, Words & Music: Afro-American Spiritual.

Responsive Prayer, by Rev. Brittany McDonald Null.

Hope of the World, Words: Georgia Harkness, 1954. Music: V. Earle Copes, 1963.

All the Way My Savior Leads Me, Words: Fanny J. Crosby, 1875. Music: Robert Lowry, 1875.

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, April 19

- 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, April 20

- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, April 21

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

Wednesday, April 22

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

Thursday, April 23

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

Friday, April 24

- 6:00 pm Game Night in the Parlor

Saturday, April 25

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Sunday, April 26

- 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



First Baptist Volunteer Appreciation Night - May 1 at 6:00 pm

Volunteers help make this church the best it can be. You show up early, stay late, and give your time, energy, and care in ways that shape who we are together. You welcome, serve, teach, pray, and lead. And we are so grateful. We want to take time to celebrate you.

We know many of you rush through breakfast on Sunday mornings to make sure you are here for others. So, we would love to offer something different. Join us for breakfast for dinner. Not rushed, but intentional. A chance to sit, linger, and be served.



Whether you serve on Sundays or another day of the week, this evening is for you. You and your family are invited to a night of fellowship, good food, and fun.

RSVP using the QR code by April 26 so we can be sure to have enough for everyone. We can't wait to celebrate you!



FIRST BAPTIST GAME NIGHT

FRIDAY, APR 24 @ 6PM



First Baptist Game Night - Friday, April 24 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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