



First Baptist Church

Our Worship of God

April 26, 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

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

arr. Sue Mitchell-Wallace

Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

Welcome

Blessed be the God and Parent of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Who gives us new birth into a living hope.

We praise the One who meets us not only in ease or comfort,

But in the places where power is lacking and fear is close at hand.

We praise the God who sees the invisible,

Who hears the cries that go unanswered by the world,

And who calls the forgotten *chosen*.

Blessed be God, who gathers strangers and exiles,

Who forms a people where there was no people before.

In a world that tells us who we are by what we own,

By who controls us, by what we fear,

God names us reborn, beloved, and worthy.

We praise the God who does not run from suffering,

But enters it with us, bearing scars of love.

Not a God who praises pain,

But a God who promises presence.

When the world calls us dangerous, disposable, or disloyal,

God calls us heirs of an inheritance that cannot be taken.

Blessed be God,

Who plants seeds of liberation where there is no visible way out,

Who grows hope in the hardest soil.

Today we praise—not because life is easy,

But because God is faithful.

Not because suffering is good,

But because love is stronger.

Come, Spirit of the living God,

**Renew our identity, awaken our hope,
and teach us the wisdom of holy resistance.**

Amen.

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Scripture Reading

Gideon

1 Peter 1:3-9

May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ be blessed! On account of his vast mercy, he has given us new birth. You have been born anew into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. You have a pure and enduring inheritance that cannot perish—an inheritance that is presently kept safe in heaven for you. Through his faithfulness, you are guarded by God's power so that you can receive the salvation he is ready to reveal in the last time.

You now rejoice in this hope, even if it's necessary for you to be distressed for a short time by various trials. This is necessary so that your faith may be found genuine. (Your faith is more valuable than gold, which will be destroyed even though it is itself tested by fire.) Your genuine faith will result in praise, glory, and honor for you when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you've never seen him, you love him. Even though you don't see him now, you trust him and so rejoice with a glorious joy that is too much for words. You are receiving the goal of your faith: your salvation.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

†Hymn 336

God Is My Great Desire

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer (responsive)

Pastor Kristin McAtee
(from the New Zealand Prayer Book)

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,

Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

**Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.**

With the bread we need for today, **feed us.**

In the hurts we absorb from one another, **forgive us.**

In times of temptation and testing, **strengthen us.**

From trials too great to endure, **spare us.**

From the grip of all that is evil, **free us.**

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and for ever. Amen.

†Hymn 530

Be Still, My Soul

Sharing Our Gifts

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

Anthem

Creation Will Be at Peace

Chancel Choir w/ Colleen Ostercamp

*In the holy mountain of the Lord all war and strife will cease,
In the holy mountain of the Lord creation will be at peace.
The wolf will lie down with the lamb, the cow and bear will feed,
The young will play together, a little child will lead.
The leopard and goat will graze, the lion will feed on straw.
They will war no more, a child will lead them all.*

Message

Pastor Kristin McAtee

†Hymn of Response 62

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Life of the Church

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

†Benediction

†Postlude

Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

arr. Hopson

Worship Notes

How Firm a Foundation, Rippon's Selection of Hymns, 1787; sts. 2-5 from Isaiah 43:1-5. Music: Traditional American melody, Funk's Genuine Church Music, 1832.

God Is My Great Desire, Words: Psalm 63, para. Timothy Dudley-Smith, 1982. Music: Synagogue melody; arr. Meyer Lyon, 1770.

Be Still, My Soul, Words: Katharina A. von Schlegel, 1752; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1855. Music: Jean Sibelius, 1899.

Creation Will Be at Peace, by Anna Laura Page and J. Paul Williams

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise, Words: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867. Music: Traditional Welsh melody; harm. John Roberts, 1839

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Week at a Glance

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

Monday, April 27

- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, April 28

- 1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room
- 6:00 pm [Building Ahead in the Conference Room](#)

Wednesday, April 29

- 6:00 pm Youth Group
- 6:30 pm Chancel Bells in the Sanctuary
- 7:30 pm Young Adults in the Young Adult Room

Thursday, April 30

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

Friday, May 1

- 6:00 pm [Volunteer Appreciation Night](#)

Sunday, May 3

- 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
- 11:00 am [Pre-Service Recital in the Sanctuary](#)
- 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!

Pre-Service Recital

11:00 am - Sunday, May 3

Be sure to attend on May 3 for a pre-service recital presented by our church family's young musicians!

Piano, violin, trumpet...

from beginner to accomplished students...

we appreciate their efforts and offerings!

-Colleen Ostercamp, *First Baptist Organist*





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