



First Baptist Church

Our Worship of God

May 17, 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

Ode to Joy Beethoven/arr. David Angerman
Chancel Bells

Welcome

†Call to Worship (responsive)

Come, people of God,
and gather around Christ, our cornerstone.

God is steady and strong.

When the world feels uncertain
and fear draws near,
God remains faithful and trustworthy.

God is steady and strong.

We are being built together into a living community
shaped by mercy, hope, and love.

God is steady and strong.

So come and worship the One who holds us together and calls us good.

God is steady and strong.

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Scripture Reading

1 Peter 2:4-10

Now you are coming to him as to a living stone. Even though this stone was rejected by humans, from God's perspective it is chosen, valuable. You yourselves are being built like living stones into a spiritual temple. You are being made into a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices that are acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. Thus it is written in scripture, *Look! I am laying a cornerstone in Zion, chosen, valuable. The person who believes in him will never be shamed.* So God honors you who believe. For those who refuse to believe, though, the stone the builders tossed aside has become the capstone. This is a stone that makes people stumble and a rock that makes them fall. Because they refuse to believe in the word, they stumble. Indeed, this is the end to which they were appointed. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people who are God's own possession. You have become this people so that you may speak of the wonderful acts of the one who called you out of darkness into his amazing light. Once you weren't a people, but now you are God's people. Once you hadn't received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Prayers of the People

God in your unfailing love,
Hear our prayer.

†Hymn 699

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Sharing Our Gifts

Anthem

For Where Love Is, There Is God by Douglas E. Wagner
Chancel Choir w/ Colleen Ostercamp

*Come as strangers to the altar, for where love is, there is God.
Come you poor, you weak, who falter, for where love is, there is God.
Song and scripture wed together, bound by faith and sacred Word,
Sharing peace and consolation, for where love is, there is God.*

*Let us each love one another, for where love is, there is God,
And embrace as sister, brother, for where love is, there is God.
Heal our hurting, lift our spirits, cease our cold, contentious ways.
Spread the grace of love unending, for where love is, there is God.*

Message

Pastor Kristin McAtee

†Hymn of Response 700

We Are God's People

Life of the Church

†Benediction

†Postlude

Fugue in C Major
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

Handel/edited

Worship Notes

We Are Called to Be God's People, Words: Thomas A. Jackson, 1973. Music: Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797.

The Solid Rock, Words: Edward Mote, 1834. Music: William B. Bradbury, 1863.

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation, Words: Latin Hymn, c. 7th C; tr. John M. Neale, 1851. Music: Richard W. Dirksen.

We Are God's People, Words: Bryan Jeffery Leech, 1976. Music: Johannes Brahms, 1877; arr. Fred Bock, 1976.

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, May 17

- 9:30 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, May 18

- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, May 19

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

Wednesday, May 20

- 7:30 pm Young Adults in the Young Adult Room

Thursday, May 21

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

Sunday, May 24 – Pentecost Worship at 11:15 in the Sanctuary

- 9:30 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour –Adult, Youth & First Kids Sunday School
- 11:15 am Traditional Pentecost Worship 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



Pentecost Worship - May 24

11:15 am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

Pentecost marks the day the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus' followers. Pentecost is a Jewish festival celebrated fifty days after Passover, and it was during this festival that the Spirit was given. We celebrate Pentecost with gratitude for the gift of God's Spirit and for the birth of the church on that day. It is a morning of joy and celebration.

There will be no 9:15 service. We will gather at 11:15 am in the Sanctuary for Traditional Worship and mark the day with a baptism!

Graduate Sunday – May 31

First Baptist would like to honor all of our high school, college, and post-college graduates on Sunday, May 31. Graduates will be recognized in both worship services. We are asking all graduates, or parents of graduates, to **send graduation information to the church by Sunday, May 17** so it may be featured in *The Spire* and on our church bulletin board. For high school graduates, please include: your name, senior photo, school you are graduating from, and future plans. For college and post-college graduates, please include: your name, a recent photo, the school you are graduating from, the degree you are receiving, and your future plans. Information may be emailed to bnull@fbc-columbia.org. We do not want to miss celebrating any of our graduates' accomplishments, so please help us honor all the graduates in our congregation by sending in this information soon.

Support Our Graduating High School Seniors

Help us celebrate our graduating high school seniors by sharing a prayer with them. You might offer a prayer of encouragement, intercession, affirmation, or hope. As they enter a new season of life, we want to surround them with reminders that they are deeply loved by this community of faith and held in prayer wherever they go. If you would like to handwrite a note, pages are available in both worship spaces. You may also type your prayer and send it to Lillian Hoell at Lillian.hoell@gmail.com.

Unidiversity Youth Camp Payment Reminder

A quick reminder that final payments for youth camp are now due. We are so excited for this meaningful week together and want to make sure everyone is all set to go. If you have any questions about your balance or need help, please don't hesitate to reach out. You can make payments using the QR code:



If you would like to help make camp possible for a young person through a scholarship, we would love your support. Please contact Pastor Brittany, bnull@fbc-columbia.org, for more information on how you can be part of making this experience accessible to all.

Summer Worship Series

During last summer's combined worship, we learned the joy of being together. With summer travel our worship spaces can feel empty. The time we spent together made both worship services better. It made our community better.

As we worship together this summer, we're creating space not just to gather in one room, but to truly experience the different ways First Baptist worships and connects with God. Each service will reflect the unique rhythms, music, and traditions of its worship community, offering all of us the opportunity to learn from and appreciate one another more deeply. It's one small way we practice being a church shaped by unity without uniformity.

This summer we will combine, but with a twist. During June, our worship will be at 9:15am in the Awakening Space, led by the Awakening Team. **The exception** will be on June 12 when we celebrate Journey Together in worship.

In July, we will worship at 11:15am in the Sanctuary, led by the Traditional Team. **The exception** will be brunch worship on July 5 at 10:15am in the Fellowship Hall.

We look forward to a wonderful summer of worship, Journey Together, Unidiversity, and so much more!

Worship Calendar

June 7 - 9:15am in Awakening

June 14 - 11:15am Journey Together worship, space to be determined

June 21 - 9:15am in Awakening with Jonathan Ray preaching

June 28 - 9:15am in Awakening

July 5 - 10:15am Brunch Worship in Fellowship Hall

July 12 - 11:15am in Sanctuary

July 19 - 11:15am in Sanctuary

July 26 - 11:15am in Sanctuary

Journey Together: Connect - June 12-14

First Kids is excited to announce that registration is now open for *Journey Together: Connect!*

Join us for this intergenerational faith formation weekend where children, youth, and adults come together to explore what it means to belong to one another and to God.

Throughout our time together, we'll hear stories from scripture that invite us to practice connection in meaningful ways - making room for others, staying connected, listening well, and opening our hearts. Through worship, storytelling, hands-on activities, and shared experiences, we will discover how our lives are woven together and how we can grow in faith as a community.

This year also includes *Wayfinders: Making Sense of the Pieces*, a space for 5th and 6th graders to explore their faith more deeply through questions, conversation, and reflection.

Important Dates:

- **T-shirt deadline: May 24**
- **Food registration deadline: June 1**

We hope you and your family will join us as we build relationships, grow in faith, and experience the joy of connection together.

For more information or to register use the QR code or visit fbc-columbia.org/together





Intergenerational

Sunday School
June 7-Aug 16

10:15 am in the
Kid's Min Suite

Together on the Way: A Family Sunday School Experience Begins June 7

This summer, First Kids is trying something new for Sunday School!

Beginning June 7 in the Children's Suite, children and their adults are invited to join us for *Together on the Way*, a Family Sunday School experience focused on learning and growing in faith side by side.

Throughout the summer, we will explore themes of the Spirit, discipleship, the church, and prayer through hands-on activities, conversation, storytelling, and shared practices designed for all ages. Along the way, we will collect mementos on carabiners as reminders of what we are discovering together.

While designed with First Kids families in mind, adults of all ages are welcome to join us as we learn and grow together in community. *Together on the Way* will continue through August 16.

May @ FIRST BAPTIST

May 19 – Church Council Meeting

May 24 - Pentecost Worship

11:15 am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

May 25 - Memorial Day - Offices Closed

May 29 – Game Night

May 31 – Graduate Sunday



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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
Susan Goudie, Office Coordinator
Brenda Rice, Fine Arts & Community Liaison
Mike Ide, Custodian
Nellene Martin, Childcare Director