



The Disciples See Christ Walking on the Water, ca. 1907. Henry Ossawa Tanner.
National Gallery of Art, Washington.

Our Worship of God

August 9, 2026

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Today's worship theme focuses on how God provides strength and comfort at times of fear and doubt. We invite you to take a piece of paper and fill it with a prayer that is on your heart, or a prayer for an area in your life where you are seeking God's comfort. This prayer could look like sentences, one word, a picture, or a combination of them all – let your heart and the Spirit guide you!

Gathering Chime

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

Prelude

On Eagles' Wings
Colleen Ostercamp, organ

Joncas

Welcome

Pastor Kristin McAtee

†Call to Worship (responsive)

God calls us to this place
 to speak to our hearts.
God calls us to this place
 to love and be loved.
God calls us to this place
 to gather as children of God.

†Opening Hymn 130

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Prayer for Illumination

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

Matthew 14:22-33

After the feeding of the five thousand, Jesus dismissed the crowds, sent the disciples away in a boat, and then went up the mountain by himself to pray. When he was finished praying, he intended to go back and meet the disciples. But their boat was far off the shore and the wind was too strong for them to row back to the beach.

So early in the morning Jesus came walking towards the disciples on the sea. And when the disciples saw Jesus walking on the water they were amazed - and terrified. They thought he was a ghost and they cried out in fear.

But Jesus told the disciples, "It's alright, it's me, your friend; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him,

"Lord, if it is you, tell me to come to you on the water."

So Jesus told Peter to come to him on the water.

Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he got scared, and, beginning to sink, he cried out,

"Lord, save me!"

Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught Peter, saying to him, "Why did you doubt, little faith?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.

And those in the boat worshiped him, saying,

"Truly you are the Son of God."

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise be to Christ.

†Hymn 618

Give to the Winds Your Fears

Question for Reflection

Pastor Kristin McAtee

Think of a moment when God was revealed to you in a new way.
How did that impact you and how you move through the world?

Anthem

When You Pass Through the Waters
Chancel Choir

by Paul D. Weber

*Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
Through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned;
and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One, your Savior.*

Prayers of the People

Pastor Hayden Dennis

Lord, in your love...

Hear our prayers.

Sharing Our Gifts

Pastor Hayden Dennis

†Hymn 619

God Will Take Care of You

Message

Pastor Kristin McAtee

†Hymn of Response

Near to the Heart of God

*There is a place of quiet rest
near to the heart of God,
a place where sin cannot distress,
near to the heart of God.*

*O Jesus, blest Redeemer,
sent from the heart of God,
hold us who wait before thee
near to the heart of God.*

*There is a place of comfort sweet
near to the heart of God,
a place where we our Savior meet,
near to the heart of God.*

*O Jesus, blest Redeemer,
sent from the heart of God,
hold us who wait before thee
near to the heart of God.*

*There is a place of full release
near to the heart of God,
a place where all is joy and peace,
near to the heart of God.*

*O Jesus, blest Redeemer,
sent from the heart of God,
hold us who wait before thee
near to the heart of God.*

†Benediction

Beloveds of God,
as you leave this place,
go knowing that you are called by God.
Go loving God with all that you are,
and go loving your neighbor as yourself.

†Postlude

You Shall Go Out with Joy
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

D. Wagner

Worship Notes

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing, Words: Charles Wesley, 1739. Music: Carl G. Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839.

Give to the Winds Your Fears, Words: Paul Gerhardt, 1653; para. of Psalm 37; tr. John Wesley, 1739. Music: George J. Elvey, 1868.

God Will Take Care of You, Words: Civlla D. Martin, 1904. Music: W. Stillman Martin, 1904.

Near to the Heart of God, Words & Music: Cleland B. McAfee, 1901.

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, August 9

- 9:10 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 9:15 am Awakening Worship in the Fellowship Hall
- 10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour –Adult & Youth
- 10:15 am *Together on the Way: A Family Sunday School Experience*
- 11:15 am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
- 12:30 pm Racial Justice & Inclusion Team Meeting in E2

Monday, August 10

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

Tuesday, August 11

- 1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room
- 5:30 pm Churchwide Pool Party at Albert-Oakland Aquatic Center

Wednesday, August 12

- 6:30 pm Intergenerational Handbell Ringing

Thursday, August 13

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

Sunday, August 16

- 9:10 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 9:15 am Awakening Worship in the Fellowship Hall
- 10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour –Adult & Youth
- 10:15 am *Together on the Way: A Family Sunday School Experience*
- 11:15 am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
- 12:30-2:00 pm Faith Formation Leader Training

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



Together on the Way: *A Family Sunday School Experience*

Children and their adults are invited to join us in the Children's Suite for *Together on the Way*, a Family Sunday School experience focused on learning and growing in faith side by side. Through August 16, 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.

Churchwide Pool Party – August 11

Join us for our churchwide pool party at Albert-Oakland Aquatic Center on August 11 from 5:30-8:00 pm.

Intergenerational Handbells

Noah Hartsfield invites you to join in an intergenerational handbell ringing opportunity. The group will meet on Wednesday evenings for five weeks, from July 22nd to August 19th, to learn how to ring handbells, make music, and have fun. Whether or not you have any experience with bells or music, all are invited to give it a try. You are only responsible for two notes and we can mark music! All friends who are rising 2nd graders or older are invited to participate (friends that are 2nd through 5th grade need an adult to participate with them). The group will meet from 6:30pm to 7:30pm and nursery care is available if needed. You do not need to be available all Wednesdays to participate. The goal will be to ring in Traditional worship on Sunday, August 23rd. If you are interested or want more information, please contact Noah at nhartsfield2010@gmail.com.

Faith Formation Leader Training – August 16

All children, youth, and adult faith formation leaders are asked to attend our **required Leader Training on Sunday, August 16, from 12:30–2:00 p.m.** Lunch will be provided.

This training will lay the foundation for the year ahead as we:

- Review the essentials of our Child Protection Policy
- Share practical tips for leading engaging and meaningful small groups
- Build connections across our children's, youth, and adult ministry teams
- Preview what each age group will be exploring this semester

We hope everyone can be there as we prepare to learn, grow, and serve together. If you are unable to attend, you will need to schedule a one-on-one meeting with one of the pastors to complete the required training before serving as a teacher or leader this semester. For any questions, or to reserve childcare, please contact Pastor Brittany.

Join Pastor Kristin for a Spiritual Retreat – September 18-19

“To share our stories is not only a worthwhile endeavor for the storyteller, but for those who hear our stories and feel less alone because of it.” — Joyce Maynard

I had the joy of meeting Sandra Dorsainvil a few years ago. Together, we led a retreat for CBF student summer interns. Through the summer, we continued to mentor them. Sandra's spirit of peace and renewal was a gift to me. We have remained in contact, and I often join her monthly retreats online.

I've invited Sandra to come lead us for a short retreat at the Lay Center in Louisiana, MO. Together we chose a topic that leads us all into deeper self-awareness of how God creates us as beloved. It also gives opportunity for building community, welcoming one another's true selves. You will experience multiple contemplative practices as we do the sacred work of sharing and receiving our stories. The retreat begins at 4pm on September 18th and concludes at 4pm on September 19th. This beautiful location is peaceful and contemplative. The cost is \$45 per person which covers your room and meals.

-Pastor Kristin

Register for the retreat by August 30th by contacting Pastor Kristin or the church office.

Preschool Playdate: You Belong Here! – August 19

Families with preschoolers are invited to a special Preschool Playdate on Wednesday, August 19, from 5:30–6:30 PM in the Children's Ministry Suite (3rd Floor).

Come play, connect, and discover that **you belong here!** We'll enjoy storytime, hands-on play stations, and a fun adventure through the Children's Ministry Suite as children collect stamps in their Adventure Passport. Along the way, they'll meet friends, explore their Sunday School space, and experience the joy of being part of our First Kids community. While children play, parents and caregivers will have the opportunity to connect with one another and build community, too.

This playdate is especially helpful for children who will be promoting to our preschool Sunday School class this fall (children who turn 4 by December 31 and are potty trained). It's a fun way to become familiar with their new classroom before Promotion Sunday on August 23.

Whether this is your first time visiting or your family has been here for years, you are welcome here. Invite a friend and join us for an evening of fun, friendship, and belonging!

Promotion Sunday - August 23

On August 23, First Kids and Youth will be celebrating Promotion Sunday! This Sunday marks the transition to new classes. Children turning 4 by December 31 and are potty-trained are invited to move upstairs to First Kids, and our new 6th graders will join the youth group for the first time. Adults of First Kids are encouraged to join for donuts, meet the teachers, and complete the 2026-2027 registration.

Blessing of the Backpacks - August 23

As we gear up for a new school year, we want to send our students, teachers, and school staff back with more than just sharpened pencils and packed lunches, we want to send them with *kindness* and *courage*. On August 23, during worship, we'll offer a special **Blessing of the Backpacks**, reminding our students and educators that they go into the school year surrounded by a community that is cheering for them and praying with them. So, bring your backpack, your lunchbox, your briefcase or just yourself, as we welcome the new school year with a blessing.

Fall Kick Off – August 30– Front Lawn at 12:30 pm

As summer winds down, we're getting ready for our annual Fall Kick-Off! This fun event is a great opportunity to connect with others, enjoy good food, and play lawn games together.

The church will provide the main dish, beverages, and tableware. You're invited to bring a side dish or dessert to share. In addition to great conversation and food, we will have our favorite games like 9-square, gaga ball, cornhole, and a bounce house. We can't wait to welcome a new season with you!

New to the Pew Blessing - August 30

With the beginning of the new school year, we are excited to welcome our newest worshippers to the pews and seats. On Sunday, August 30, during both worship services, we will be presenting a Bible to our first graders and offering a blessing to them and their families. As a church community, we want to celebrate this milestone and commit to accompanying our kids in their faith.



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