



Our Worship of God

August 30, 2026

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

*Today's worship theme explores the courage God gives to God's people in the face of difficult choices. At some point in the service today, 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 of your life where you need a little bit of extra courage from God**. 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

The Gift of Love
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

arr. Sue Mitchell-Wallace

Welcome

Pastor Kristin McAtee

†Call to Worship (responsive)

We gather today with full minds.

**Give us courage, Lord,
to focus on you.**

We gather today with lots of different emotions.

**Give us courage, Lord,
to trust in you.**

We gather today, but still feel a bit scattered.

**Give us courage, Lord,
to be right where our feet are.
Let us worship God together!**

†Hymn 43

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

†Passing the Peace of Christ

New to the Pew Blessing

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

†Hymn 369

Lord of All Hopefulness

Exodus 1:15-21

The king of Egypt spoke to two Hebrew midwives named Shiphrah and Puah: “When you are helping the Hebrew women give birth and you see the baby being born, if it’s a boy, kill him. But if it’s a girl, you can let her live.” Now the two midwives respected God so they didn’t obey the Egyptian king’s order. Instead, they let the baby boys live.

So the king of Egypt called the two midwives and said to them, “Why are you doing this? Why are you letting the baby boys live?”

The two midwives said to Pharaoh, “Because Hebrew women aren’t like Egyptian women. They’re much stronger and give birth before any midwives can get to them.” So God treated the midwives well, and the people kept on multiplying and became very strong. And because the midwives respected God, God gave them households of their own.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

†Hymn

There Came a Time in Egypt
Sung to AURELIA

*There came a time in Egypt when Joseph wasn't known
when people had forgotten the seeds of help he'd sown.
With immigrants increasing, the leaders lived in fear.
That fear turned into murmuring: "We do not want them here!"*

*The rulers told the midwives, "Don't let their numbers grow."
But Shiphrah said, with Puah, a quiet, faithful, "No!"
When they were tasked with killing, they saved the baby boys.
God, may we, too, be willing to challenge what destroys.*

*O God, you sent us Jesus who said, "Take up your cross!"
He taught that faithful living will often have a cost.
He taught us to be daring, creative, wise and strong
to make the world more caring, to challenge what is wrong.*

*When immigrants are struggling, when children live in fear,
when forces of destruction are threatening people here,
God, make us like those women, and may we seek to be
the ones who usher life in, till all are whole and free.*

Exodus 1:22-2:10

Then Pharaoh gave an order to all his people: “Throw every baby boy born to the Hebrews into the Nile River, but you can let all the girls live.”

Now a man from Levi’s household married a Levite woman. The woman became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She saw that the baby was healthy and beautiful, so she hid him for three months. When she couldn’t hide him any longer, she took a reed basket and sealed it up with black tar. She put the child in the basket and set the basket among the reeds at the riverbank. The baby’s older sister stood watch nearby to see what would happen to him.

Pharaoh’s daughter came down to bathe in the river, while her women servants walked along beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds, and she sent one of her servants to bring it to her. When she opened it, she saw the child. The boy was crying, and she felt sorry for him. She said, “This must be one of the Hebrews’ children.”

Then the baby’s sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, “Would you like me to go and find one of the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?”

Pharaoh’s daughter agreed, “Yes, do that.” So the girl went and called the child’s mother. Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Take this child and nurse it for me, and I’ll pay you for your work.” So the woman took the child and nursed it. After the child had grown up, she brought him back to Pharaoh’s daughter, who adopted him as her son. She named him Moses, “because,” she said, “I pulled him out of the water.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin,
My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them?
Whom shall I send?*

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.*

*I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne My people's pain.
I have wept for love of them,
they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them.
Whom shall I send?*

*I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide,
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them.
Whom shall I send?*

Prayer of Confession (responsive)

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

God of Mercy,
sometimes we run away from the tasks that you have given us.

You gave courage to Peter when he named Jesus as the Messiah.
We confess that we sometimes get so nervous,
we forget we can trust in your guidance and act.

**We get so scared that we do not remember your kindness
or your presence.**
We do not answer your call for fear we are not enough,
and miss our window to bless others.

Forgive us, God of Mercy.

Assurance of Grace

Sharing Our Gifts

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

Anthem

For Where Love Is, There Is God by Douglas E. Wagner
Chancel Choir
Maggie Hosking, *conductor*

*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 429

Let Your Heart Be Broken

Life of the Church

Pastor Hayden Dennis

†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

Holy, Holy, Holy
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

arr. Hopson

Worship Notes

A Mighty Fortress is Our God, Words: Martin Luther, 1529; tr. Frederick H. Hedge, 1852. Music: Martin Luther, 1529.

Lord of All Hopefulness, Words: Jan Struther, 1931. Music: Traditional Irish melody; arr. Donald P. Hustad, 1973.

There Came a Time in Egypt, Biblical References: Exodus 1:8-2:10; Matthew 16:24-26
Tune: Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864 ("The Church's One Foundation") (MIDI)
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Here I Am, Lord, Words & Music, Daniel L. Schutte, 1981.

Let Your Heart Be Broken, Words: Bryan Jeffery Leech, 1975. Music: James Mountain, 1876.

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, August 30 – Fall Kickoff

- 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
- 11:15 am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
- 12:30 pm Fall Kick-Off on the Front Lawn

Monday, August 31

- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, September 1

- 1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

Wednesday, September 2

- 6:00 pm Youth in the 3rd Floor Youth Room
- 7:15 pm Chancel Bells in the Sanctuary

Thursday, September 3

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

Sunday, September 6

- 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
- 11:15 am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

Monday, September 7

- OFFICES CLOSED for Labor Day Holiday

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



A Note from Pastor Kristin

Thank you for your patience and understanding as work on the Sanctuary continues. We are pleased to share that the roof replacement is well underway, and we are grateful to our Trustees for their leadership and dedication to this important project.

Efforts to remediate the mold are still underway. As this work continues, we encourage everyone to consider their individual health needs. Those with allergies, respiratory concerns, or heightened sensitivities may prefer to attend our 9:15 a.m. worship service, join us online, or wear one of the masks available during Traditional Worship. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your flexibility during this time. We hope you will continue to worship with us in the way that best supports your health and well-being.

-Pastor Kristin

More Opportunities to Ring and Sing Are Coming to FBC!

Beginning **Wednesday, September 9**, the Chancel Bells and Chancel Choir will be making some changes in their schedule. These changes are intended to bridge gaps, offer more opportunities, and further unite our entire church family! Please see our new Wednesday rehearsal schedule below:

6:00-7:00 - Chancel Choir in the choir loft

7:15-8:15 - Chancel Bells in the transept (that's the regular rehearsal spot)

Also, in order to serve our long-standing members of the chancel choir, **we will continue to have our normal 9:10 rehearsal every Sunday morning** in the choir loft! And, as always, all are welcome. All ages. All backgrounds. All ability levels.

Fall Faith Formation for Adults

A new season of Faith Formation is beginning this fall! We're trying a new format with a variety of opportunities to learn, reflect, and connect. This fall, we'll offer **two six-week sessions**, giving you the chance to explore different topics and experiences throughout the season. You're invited to choose the space that interests you, or try something new! **All groups meet during Spiritual Formation Hour at 10:15 a.m.** Wherever you are in your faith journey, there's a place for you this fall. Come learn, wonder, reflect, and grow with us.

Session 1: August 30-October 4

Parables: Putting Jesus's Stories in Their Place (6 weeks)

One of Jesus' favorite teaching tools throughout the Gospels is the humble parable. These short stories invite us to wonder, question, and imagine the nature of God's kin-dom.

For six weeks, we'll explore Jesus' parables using Josh Scott's *Parables: Putting Jesus's Stories in Their Place*. We'll consider how Jesus' original listeners might have understood these stories and then wrestle together with what they have to say to us today. Each week, we'll explore a different parable or group of related parables, with our time focused on conversation and reflection.

The book is optional, and you're welcome to join us even if you can't make every week. This group is led by Noah Hartsfield and will be meeting in the Conference Room on the 2nd floor.

Guided Meditation with Rebekah (6 weeks)

Join Rebekah Robertson in the College Ministry Room for a gentle time of guided meditation, a quiet pause to breathe, unwind, and simply be. We'll slow down together, letting go of some of the noise and worry we carry in and making space to listen for God. Through meditation, we'll practice extending gratitude, kindness, and forgiveness into the world and toward ourselves. Come as you are, settle into a comfortable seat, and leave the hour a little lighter, a little more at peace, and a little closer to God.

The Discussion Class: *The Heart of Christianity*

August 23–November 1 | Parlor

This fall, the Discussion Class will explore Marcus J. Borg's *The Heart of Christianity: Rediscovering a Life of Faith*.

Together, we'll explore the contrasts between the vision of Christianity many of us grew up with and perspectives that have emerged within mainline and progressive Christianity. Along the way, we'll consider questions of faith and deconstruction, the changing landscape of the church, and the influence of Christian Nationalism. Through thoughtful conversation and reflection, we'll have the opportunity to deepen our own faith and understanding.

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

What if one of the ways God transforms us is through the stories we tell and the stories we hear? Join Pastor Kristin and retreat leader **Sandra Dorsainvil** for an overnight spiritual retreat centered on story, belonging, and belovedness. Through guided conversation, contemplative practices, reflection, and community-building, we will explore how God meets us in our life experiences and invites us to know ourselves and one another more deeply.

Set in the peaceful surroundings of the **Lay Center**, this retreat offers space to slow down, listen, reflect, and renew. Together, we will engage in the sacred work of sharing and receiving our stories while discovering anew that we are God's beloved children. Whether you are seeking spiritual renewal, deeper self-awareness, or meaningful connection with others, this retreat offers a welcoming space for the journey.

Retreat Details

- September 18-19
- Friday, 4:00 p.m. - Saturday, 4:00 p.m.
- Lay Center, Louisiana, Missouri
- Cost: \$45 per person (includes lodging and meals)
- **Space is limited to 25 participants. Register by August 30 by contacting Pastor Kristin or the church office.**

PrideFest 2026: Decorating & Tie-Dye Party

Tuesday, September 22nd, 5:30–8pm, in the Fellowship Hall

Get ready to deck out your wagon, stroller, or whatever creative thing you dream up for the Pride Parade on Sunday, September 27th! We're also bringing back the beloved "You Are Loved" shirts to tie-dye. More details to come — but mark your calendars now!

Welcome Table – Starting September 6!

We are excited to introduce the Welcome Table, formerly known as the Fellowship Table. The new name reflects its purpose: to offer a warm welcome and help connect people to the many opportunities for worship, faith formation, service, and fellowship in our congregation.

The Welcome Table has been relocated to the elevator lobby, where it will better serve our congregation and guests while creating a natural point of connection as people move through the life of the church. Its new location also provides a safer, more welcoming environment for our preschoolers and for the Faith Formation classes that meet in the Connector Building.

The Welcome Table is a place of hospitality, connection, and invitation. Through the simple gift of coffee, refreshments, and conversation, it welcomes both longtime members and first-time visitors, helping each person feel seen, valued, and at home. It is a visible expression of our commitment to hospitality, opening doors, building relationships, and inviting people more deeply into the life of our church.

Debbie Jacobs and Anne Bills are now responsible for obtaining weekly hosts for the Welcome Table. They will be contacting those who have hosted previously. If you are interested in hosting, contact Debbie at musicedphd@yahoo.com.

We invite you to stop by the Welcome Table, say hello, enjoy a refreshment, and find connection and nourishment for the journey.

Notes

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