



Landscape with Moses and the Burning Bush. ca. 1610-16.
Domenichino (Domenico Zampieri). The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York.

Our Worship of God

September 20, 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

Sonata No. 2

Felix Mendelssohn

I. Grave

II. Adagio

Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

Welcome

Pastor Kristin McAtee

†Call to Worship (responsive)

Come, beloveds of God, and worship!

God is here. This is holy ground.

Here we sing songs of praise and tell the stories of faith
that remind us of God's love.

God is here. This is holy ground.

God called us here, in whispering winds and burning flames,
meeting us in moments of wonder, uncertainty, and awe.

God is here. This is holy ground.

Here, God meets us in our vulnerability and our humanity,
gently disarming the barriers we have placed
around ourselves and one another.

God is here. This is holy ground.

We come as we are, trusting that Christ's love
has already made room for us.

God is here. This is holy ground.

So let us open our hearts, loosen our defenses,
and make room for the presence of God.

God is here. This is holy ground.

†Opening Hymn 2

Holy, Holy, Holy

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Scripture Reading (responsive)

Emily Dennis

Moses was watching over his family's sheep. And while he was shepherding them, he came to Mount Horeb, also called the Mountain of God.

**Near the mountain was a bush. And all of a sudden,
the bush became filled with smoke and flame.**

Moses saw the bush was on fire. But he also saw that the bush was not burning down like a normal bush would if it was on fire. Then God called out from the bush, "Moses! Moses!"

And Moses answered God, "Here I am, Lord!" Moses started to walk closer to the burning bush.

But God said to Moses, "Don't come closer! The ground where you stand is holy. Take off your shoes, you are home." Moses realized that it was God who was speaking to him. He hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

God told Moses that he knew that the Israelites in Egypt were being treated unfairly. God also told Moses that he was being sent to Egypt as the person who would set the Israelites free.

Moses was confused and afraid. How was he supposed to set people free? But God told Moses that he would not be alone, that God would be with him. Still, Moses feared the people would not listen to him.

So God said to Moses, "Tell them I sent you. Tell them I, the God of their mothers and fathers, sent you. Tell them my name is: I Am Who I Am."

This is the Word of God.

Thanks be to God.

†Hymn 392

When Love Is Found

Prayers of the People

Pastor Kristin McAtee

Refrain: God in your love,
Hear our prayers.

†Hymn 710

We Are Called to Be God's People

Sharing Our Gifts

Pastor Kristin McAtee

Anthem

For This Joy

by Susan LaBarr

Chancel Choir

Carter Thiemann, piano

Sam, clarinet

*Praise for the sun, who by day gives us warmth and enlightens;
Praise for the moon, who the darkest night cheerfully brightens;
Each glitt'ring star shining from ages afar,
Driving away all that frightens.*

*Praise for the sky under heaven that widely contains us;
Our fertile earth, and her harvest that gently sustains us;
Birds on the wing, lifting their voices to sing,
Free us from all that restrains us.*

*Our tender hearts, which so wondrously in chambers deeping,
(Can) cherish the joys of new love and, at death's call the weeping.
Sorrow and pain turn to rejoicing again;
Love now in memory keeping.*

*Praise for this joy in our hearts as we sing of creation!
Wondrous are all thins from firmament down to foundation!
Joyful our praise as all our voices we raise,
Singing in glad celebration!*

Message

Pastor Hayden Dennis

†Hymn of Response 389

Happy the Home When God Is There

Life of the Church

Pastor Kristin McAtee

†Benediction

†Postlude

Sonata No. 2
III. Allegro maestoso e vivace
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

Felix Mendelssohn

Worship Notes

Call to Worship, Adapted from a liturgy written by Rev. MaryAnn R. Rennie (minister of Corstorphine: St. Anne's Parish Church in Edinburgh) for the Church of Scotland's Starters for Sunday website.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Words: Reginald Heber, 1826, alt. Music: John B. Dykes, 1861.

When Love Is Found, Brian Wren, 1978. Music: Traditional English melody; harm. Martin West, 1983.

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

Happy the Home When God Is There, Words: Henry Ware, Jr., 1846; alt. Bryan Jeffery Leech, 1976. Music: John B. Dykes, 1866.

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, September 20

- 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
- 1:00 pm Barbara Wyatt – Celebration of Life in the Sanctuary
- 5:00 pm College & Young Adults Open Study Session / 7:00 pm Bible Study

Monday, September 21

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

Tuesday, September 22

- 1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room
- 5:00 pm PrideFest 2026 Decorating & Tie-Dye Party
- 6:00 pm Church Council Meeting in the Conference Room

Wednesday, September 23

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

Thursday, September 24

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

Friday, September 25

- 6:00 pm Game Night in the Parlor

Saturday, September 26

- 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm First Baptist Booth at MidMo PrideFest

Sunday, September 27

- 9:10 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 9:15 am Combined Worship in the Fellowship Hall
- 10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour & Donuts with Grownups
- 11:00 am First Baptist in the MidMo PrideFest Parade
- 5:00 pm College & Young Adults Open Study Session / 7:00 pm Bible Study

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 complete, 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

First Stories Blog

We're excited to share another edition of "First Stories," First Baptist Church's blog. Periodically, we'll share stories about the life and impact of our church community. This blog post highlights a personal story from one of our members, Sarah Banks. Keep an eye on our social media accounts for updates on new blog posts, or check our website: <https://fbc-columbia.org/first-stories-blog/>



Fall Faith Formation for Adults

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.**

Session 1: August 30-October 4

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

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. 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.

PrideFest 2026: Decorating & Tie-Dye Party

Tuesday, September 22, 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.

Parents' Night Out: LEGO Night

October 2 | 5:30–8:30 PM | \$10 per child

We're building more than LEGO creations—we're building connections! Join us for a **LEGO-themed Parents' Night Out** as we celebrate the ways we are connected to God and to one another.

Kids will enjoy an evening filled with fun, friendship, and plenty of building, including:

- Watching *The LEGO Movie*
- A LEGO-building contest
- Fun building games and activities
- Pizza and popcorn

Preschoolers and younger will have their own special space in the nursery, with age-appropriate crafts, games, and activities.

For just **\$10 per child**, drop the kids off for an evening of connection, creativity, and fun while you enjoy some time to yourself. We can't wait to build community together! Register by September 27 to guarantee your spot.



Blessing of the Animals & Stuffed Animal Prayer Pals

October 4 | 4:00 PM | Front Lawn

Our animals are an important part of our families and our lives, reminding us of God's love and care for all of creation. Join us on October 4 at 4:00 PM on the front lawn for a short service of blessing for all animals. Bring your furry, feathered, or scaly friends as we give thanks for the joy and companionship they bring us.

Following the service, (or during the service if live animals aren't for you!) kids are invited to visit our Stuffed Animal Prayer Pal booth! Each child can choose a stuffed animal to adopt, make a collar, decorate a little house, and make a commitment to pray with their new prayer pal.

Through this playful practice, children can discover that prayer is one way we stay connected to God, and that our faith is something we practice together. We are connected to God, to one another, and to all of creation. Bring your animal, bring your kids, and come celebrate the wonderful creatures God has entrusted to our care!

Trunk-or-Treat & Chili Cook-Off

Sunday, October 25 | 5:00 PM | First Baptist

It's time for a little friendly competition, some (not-so) spooky fun, and a whole lot of chili! Join us on **Sunday, October 25 at 5:00 PM** for our annual **Chili Cook-Off and Trunk-or-Treat**.

Get your favorite chili recipe perfected, because the competition around here is steep! We'll enjoy a cozy chili dinner, fun games, and plenty of treats as we gather together for an evening of food, fun, and community.

Trunk-or-Treat car setup: 4:00–4:45 PM

Trunk-or-Treat and Chili Cook-Off: 5:00 PM

Come dressed in your Halloween best, bring your appetite, and get ready for a fun night together at First Baptist!



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