



First Baptist Church

Our Worship of God

October 4, 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

In Christ There is No East or West arr. Matthew H. Corl
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

Welcome

Pastor Kristin McAtee

†Call to Worship (responsive)

From north and south, from east and west, we come:

people called to the Table where simple grace nourishes us.

From down the street to across town,

From Columbia and all over the world,

**God's people are called to community,
where we live and serve one another.**

From little ones with full sippy cups to elders with overflowing hearts:

**As God's people we seek to increase our faith,
to work together towards peace,
and to feast together at one table of love.**

†Opening Hymn 51

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Missions Moment

Lita & Rick Sample

Scripture Reading

Vickie Keeling-Wallace

Psalm 19:1-6

Heaven is declaring God's glory;
the sky is proclaiming his handiwork.
One day gushes the news to the next,
and one night informs another what needs to be known.
Of course, there's no speech, no words—
their voices can't be heard—
but their sound extends throughout the world;
their words reach the ends of the earth.
God has made a tent in heaven for the sun.
The sun is like a groom
coming out of his honeymoon suite;
like a warrior, it thrills at running its course.
It rises in one end of the sky;
its circuit is complete at the other.
Nothing escapes its heat.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sharing Our Gifts

Pastor Hayden Dennis

Anthem

Ke Aloha O Ka Haku” (Queen’s Prayer)

by Lili’uokalani, Queen of Hawaii / arr. Jordan Sramek

Chancel Choir

Maggie Hosking, *soloist*

*O Lord, thy loving mercy is high as the heavens,
It tells us of thy truth and ‘tis filled with holiness.*

*Whilst humbly meditating within these walls imprisoned,
Thou are my light, my haven, Thy glory my support.*

*Oh! Look not on their failings, nor on the sins of men,
Forgive with loving kindness, that we might be made pure.*

*For thy grace I beseech thee, bring us ‘neath thy protection,
And peace will be our portion, now and forevermore. Amen.*

Homily

Pastor Kristin McAtee

†Hymn of Preparation 323

Angels Bright, Heavens High

Communion

†Hymn of Response 53

Let All Things Now Living

Life of the Church

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

†Benediction

†Postlude

Recessional for a Joyful Day
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

by Raymond H. Haan

Worship Notes

Call to Worship, adapted from Thom Shuman

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God, Who Stretched the Spangled, Words: Catherine Cameron, 1965. Music: Columbian Harmony, 1825; attr. William Moore, compiler.

Angels Bright, Heavens High, Words: Benedicite, Song of the Hebrew Children; para. Christopher D. Collins, 1972. Music: David G. Wilson, 1971.

Let All Things Now Living, Words: Katherine K. Davis, 1939. Music: Traditional Welsh melody.

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, October 4

- 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
- 4:00 pm Blessing of the Animals & Stuffed Animal Prayer Pals on the Front Lawn
- 5:00 pm College & Young Adults Open Study Session / 7:00 pm Bible Study

Monday, October 5

- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, October 6

- 12:30 pm Pause for Prayer
- 1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room
- 7:00 pm TIDES Night of Worship in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 7

- 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, October 8

- 10:30 am First Baptist Women's Zoom Book Study
- 6:00 pm Crafter Hours in the College & Young Adult Room

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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



Blessing of the Animals & Stuffed Animal Prayer Pals

This Sunday, 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 this evening 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!

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

First Baptist Church
Sunday, October 4
4 PM | FBC Front Lawn

1112 E Broadway
Columbia, Mo 65201

FREE PET BANDANAS!

For everyone's safety, please keep all animals leashed or in appropriate carriers.

God loves all creatures.

First Baptist Church Columbia, Mo

The poster features illustrations of a pug, a dachshund, a cat, and a rabbit. A green lizard is also shown near the bottom right. The text is arranged in a clear, readable layout with a blue background and a yellow border at the bottom.

Visit with Rick & Lita Sample

This Sunday, October 4

This Sunday, October 4, Rick and Lita Sample will join us for both Awakening and Traditional worship to share about their work with refugees and immigrants. As many of you know, we are an “Encourager” church, which means we financially support their efforts and offer additional encouragement by meeting needs that arise in their community. There will also be an opportunity during Spiritual Formation Hour, in the small conference room E2, for anyone who would like to speak further with Rick and Lita, ask questions, and offer personal encouragement. We’re excited to welcome the Samples into our worship services and ask that you continue to pray for the important work they’re doing with refugees and immigrants in San Francisco.

TIDES Night of Worship

Tuesday, October 6 at 7:00 PM

College students and young adults are invited to join us for the next TIDES Night of Worship! TIDES College Collective brings together college students and young adults from affirming churches and ministries across Columbia to create space for worship, community, and a faith that welcomes questions.

This month, we’re excited to gather right here at First Baptist! Our service will be centered on Psalm 23, with opportunities for prayer, mindfulness, rest, and meaningful conversation. The Awakening Praise Band will lead us in music throughout the evening. Whether you’ve been part of TIDES before or are joining us for the first time, you are welcome. Come as you are, bring a friend, and join us for an evening of worship, rest, and connection.

Youth Six Flags Trip

Sunday, October 18

All youth between the 6th and 12th grade are invited to join us for the afternoon of October 18 at 6 Flags in St. Louis! Cost is \$30, and registration is now open. All registrations will close on October 11, so register yourself and some friends today and do not miss out on a fun filled afternoon! Parents and Guardians: any questions can be directed to Pastor Hayden, hdennis@fbc-columbia.org.

Ecumenical Concert: Let Everything That Hath Breath

Sunday, October 25 at 2:00 in the Sanctuary

Join us Sunday, October 25 at 2:00 in the sanctuary for our annual ecumenical concert entitled "Let Everything That Hath Breath!"

In addition to many beautiful and diverse anthems featuring choir, bells, organ, and brass, the centerpiece will be Benjamin Britten's epic cantata "Rejoice in the Lamb," in honor of the 50th anniversary of the composer's passing.

We'll be joined by friends from sister churches and local schools, as well as other special guests. You won't want to miss this concert!



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

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

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





Pause for Prayer

Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m.

In the midst of busy schedules, constant responsibilities, and the many demands of daily life, we all need moments to pause and reconnect with God's presence. On Tuesdays at 12:30 pm., we invite you to join us each week, either in person or online, for Pause for Prayer. Together, we will bring our joys, concerns, hopes, and burdens before God while also practicing rhythms of prayer that can sustain us throughout the week.

Whether prayer is a familiar comfort or something you are still exploring, all are welcome. Each gathering will offer space to slow down, listen for God's voice, and be reminded that we are held in God's love and connected to one another. Our hope is that this weekly time of prayer will become a source of encouragement, helping us experience God's presence, hope, peace, and healing amid the rhythms of everyday life.

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Passcode: fbc

Faith After Certainty: The Courage to Believe Differently

Begins October 18 at 10:15 am in the Fellowship Hall

For many of us, faith once came with clear answers. Somewhere along the way, questions arrived, and the old certainties stopped fitting. This six-week class is a growth space for anyone navigating that shift. Together we'll explore what progressive theology is and what it means to be both Baptist and progressive. We'll reflect on who God is to us now, name and grieve what we've left behind while honoring what we still carry, and look honestly at fear, including what "fear of the Lord" might really mean, without rushing past hard feelings. We'll also talk about why this work is messy and how to do it in community, and close by practicing spiritual discernment and faith-based visioning for the road ahead. You don't need to have it all figured out. You just need to be willing to wonder together.

This faith formation session will be facilitated by Shelby Pride and Pastor Kristin. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall immediately following Awakening Worship.

Nominating Committee Season Has Begun!

One of the ways we live out our faith together is by sharing our gifts in service to our congregation and community. Each year, the Nominating Committee helps identify and invite people to serve in leadership and ministry roles at First Baptist Church. The committee will begin by reaching out to those currently serving to learn whether they feel called to continue in their roles or step away for a season of rest and renewal. Then, we will invite others to explore opportunities for service on a Team or Action Group.

One question I hear often is, "Where can I serve?" The good news is that there are many ways to get involved, whether your gifts are in caring for others, planning events, teaching, organizing, advocating, or working behind the scenes.

Opportunities to Serve:

Diaconate

Extends care and support to church members who are homebound or experiencing difficult circumstances.

Fellowship Ministry Action Group

Creates opportunities throughout the year for fun, friendship, and building community.

Bereavement Action Group

Provides hospitality, food, and care for families during times of loss.

Hospitality Action Group

Coordinates the Welcome Table and helps provide food and refreshments at church events.

Teaching Team

Partners with pastoral staff to shape adult education offerings, select curriculum, and plan learning opportunities.

Liturgical Arts Action Group

Works with pastors and staff to creatively express worship themes throughout the year.

Serving Team

Connects our congregation with local and global partners serving their communities.

Racial Justice and Inclusion Team

Guides our ongoing work in inclusion, racial healing, accessibility, and justice.

Trustees

Steward and care for our church property and facilities.

Finance Team

Prepares and monitors the church budget and promotes faithful financial stewardship.

Endowment Committee

Oversees and administers the church's investments and endowment funds.

Personnel Committee

Supports church staff through evaluation, feedback, and professional development.

Health and Safety Action Group

Helps ensure that our church remains a safe, healthy, and welcoming place for all.

In addition, three members of the congregation are selected each year to serve as at-large representatives on the Church Council.

Could This Be Your Place to Serve?

You do not need to have all the answers or years of experience. If one of these opportunities sparks your interest, or if you would simply like to learn more, we would love to talk with you. Serving is one of the best ways to build relationships, share your gifts, and help shape the life of our church.

To explore a ministry opportunity, contact Christine Chang at Cchang5363@gmail.com. We hope you'll prayerfully consider where your gifts and passions might meet the needs of our community.



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Rev. Kristin McAtee, Senior Pastor

Rev. Brittany McDonald Null, Pastor of Families & Spiritual Formation

Rev. Hayden Dennis, Pastor of Youth & Community

Jonathan Ray, Director of Music

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