

# Our Worship of God

November 16, 2025

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** 

Minuet in G

by Christian Pezold

Elsa, piano

Welcome

**†**Call to Worship (responsive)

Lilianna

The Lord says, "Look! I am creating new heavens and a new earth."

We rejoice in the promise of a God who makes all things new.

In God's new creation, there will be no more crying, no more pain, only joy and peace.

God's people will live in safety, and God's blessing will never end.

Come, let us worship the God of renewal and hope.

We praise the Lord, whose promises bring life, joy, and everlasting peace!

**+**Opening Hymn 356

All Creatures of Our God and King

**†**Passing the Peace of Christ

Elsa

**†Song of Justice** 

Let it Roll

#### Isaiah 65:17-25 (NIV)

"See, I will create
new heavens and a new earth.

The former things will not be remembered,
nor will they come to mind.

But be glad and rejoice forever
in what I will create,
for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight
and its people a joy.

I will rejoice over Jerusalem
and take delight in my people;
the sound of weeping and of crying
will be heard in it no more.

"Never again will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not live out his years; the one who dies at a hundred will be thought a mere child; the one who fails to reach a hundred will be considered accursed. They will build houses and dwell in them; they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit. No longer will they build houses and others live in them, or plant and others eat. For as the days of a tree, so will be the days of my people; my chosen ones will long enjoy the work of their hands. They will not labor in vain, nor will they bear children doomed to misfortune; for they will be a people blessed by the Lord, they and their descendants with them.

Before they call I will answer;
while they are still speaking I will hear.
The wolf and the lamb will feed together,
and the lion will eat straw like the ox,
and dust will be the serpent's food.
They will neither harm nor destroy
on all my holy mountain,"
says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**+**Hymn 385

God in His Love for Us

#### **Litany of Thanksgiving (responsive)**

Ella

Sing to the Lord a new song,

for God has done marvelous things.

God has forgiven God's people.

God has provided shelter for animals.

God has shown love through Jesus.

God has given us friends and family.

Sing to the Lord a new song,

for God has done marvelous things.

God has given us purpose and set a path before us.

God places people in our lives to talk with, trust, and guide us.

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth;

burst into jubilant song!

Praise God with your words and actions.

Tell others of God's goodness.

Take time to learn of God's good deeds

and how to follow Christ's way.

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth;

praise God with thanksgiving.

**†Song of Praise** What a Beautiful Name **Praying Through Creativity** Elizabeth Lillian Hoell **Interview Questions †**Hymn 429 Let Your Heart Be Broken Lilianna **Prayer** Elizabeth **Sharing Our Gifts Offertory Music** Violin Sonata No. 1, I. Andante by Handel Sophia, violin Ella **Conversation With the Samples †Song of Response Beautiful Things +**Life of the Church Pastor Kristin McAtee

Piano Sonata in G Major, I. Allegro Ella, piano

Jack

by Haydn

**†**Benediction

**†**Postlude

# Worship Notes

Over the past several weeks, our youth have studied worship planning on Wednesday nights and worked together to create the creative practice, choose songs, and run ProPresenter. Thank you to all the FBC staff and volunteers who supported them as they used their gifts and skills to lead us in worship.

The welcome was written by Jack.

The call to worship was written by Lilianna.

The Passing of the Peace, offering, and benediction were written by Grayson.

The Litany of Thanksgiving was based on Psalm 98 and written by Elsa, Elizabeth, and Ella.

The prayer was written by Olivia.

The interview questions were written by Katie.

All Creatures of Our God and King, Words: St. Francis of Assisi, c. 1225; tr. William H. Draper, 1926. Music: Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Cologne, 1623; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906.

Let it Roll, Chris Llewellyn, Gareth Gilkeson CCLI Song #7201047 © Capitol CMG Paragon; Rend Family Music

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#### Week at a Glance

## Sunday, November 16 – Combined Youth-Led Sunday

10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour -Adult, Youth & First Kids Sunday School

11:15 am Combined Youth-Led Service in the Sanctuary

12:15 pm Soup and Salad Reception in the Fellowship Hall with the Samples

## Monday, November 17

1:00 pm Staff Meeting

6:45 pm Church Council Meeting in the Conference Room

### Tuesday, November 18

1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

### Wednesday, November 19

6:00 pm Youth Group -FriendsGiving Dinner

6:30 pm Chancel Bells in the Sanctuary

# Thursday, November 20

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

# Sunday, November 23

9:10 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

#### 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



## FBC Scholarship Applications

The Teaching Team will be accepting scholarship applications through November 30th. The Scholarship Program aims to support those continuing their education and training beyond secondary school. If you would like to apply for a scholarship, please see the criteria and instructions found on our website at <a href="https://fbc-columbia.org/get-involved/fbc-scholarship-programs-2025/">https://fbc-columbia.org/get-involved/fbc-scholarship-programs-2025/</a>.

# **Encourager Church Partnership Begins!**

Rick and Lita Sample, CBF Field Personnel serving in the San Francisco Bay Area, will be our new Encourager Church partners! They have served with CBF since 2002 as a welcoming presence for immigrants, refugees, and other internationals. Rick and Lita will join us on November 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> to formally begin our partnership. Here are some highlights of the weekend:

#### Saturday, November 15, 5:00 pm

Meeting with youth and parents to discuss a trip to visit the Samples during Spring Break, 2026

#### Sunday, November 16, 11:15 am

Signing our Encourager Church Covenant in worship

#### Sunday, November 16, 12:15 pm

Soup and Salad Reception in the Fellowship Hall to get to know the Samples better

# Fellowship Table

Thank you so much for your contributions to the Fellowship Table this year! If you'd like to host, December and January sign-ups are now available on the bulletin board in the connector hallway.

# The Season of Giving

Thanks to the generous giving of our congregation, First Baptist Church has a national and international impact through the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF) as an Encourager Church. This weekend, we will spend time with our new partners, Rick and Lita Sample. The Samples serve in the San Francisco Bay Area, forging a



welcoming presence for immigrants and refugees. Through your generous support, our church can offer financial assistance to provide emergency food for refugee families from Afghanistan, school clothes for Karen children from Myanmar, ESL programs and citizenship test preparation for immigrants, and interfaith dialogue and connections with international populations. Your giving to First Baptist has a transformative impact on the lives of God's children from all around the world.

## Voluntary Action Center's Holiday Giving Program

FBC will once again sponsor two families (11 people total) as part of VAC's Holiday Giving Program. We will join a community-wide effort that supports 1,000+ families each year and ensures that every child experiences the magic of this blessed season!

Select one or more of the color gift cards from the bulletin boards in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall corridors. Leave the black and white cards for our reference. Please bring unwrapped gifts, with color tag attached, to FBC no later than Sunday, December 7.

Please reach out to a member of the Serving Team if you have questions. Thank you for bringing surprise and joy to our neighbors!



# First Baptist Samaritan Fund

The ongoing federal government shutdown has created a food insecurity crisis, leaving many families without SNAP benefits. To help meet this urgent need, we invite gifts to First Baptist's Samaritan Fund. The Samaritan Fund is separate from our church budget and relies entirely on designated donations. These gifts allow Pastor Kristin and Pastor Brittany to provide direct assistance to local families, often through grocery gift cards and other forms of immediate help. They are in conversation with community partners to ensure support reaches those who are most affected.

# Intergenerational Advent - Begins Sunday, November 30 at 4 pm

As a part of Advent, Pastor Brittany will be hosting an Intergenerational Small Group. This group is open to parents, children, youth, and all who wish to participate. Meetings will be at 4 pm Sunday evenings, November 30 through December 28. If you are interested in attending, please let Pastor Brittany know so that we can arrange for childcare and have the appropriate materials.

## Youth Event - FriendsGiving!

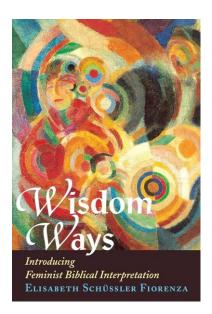
First Baptist Youth are participating in a "Friends Giving" Dinner next Wednesday, November 19 at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall! Main dish will be provided, but youth are asked to bring sides and desserts to share!



#### New Bible Class:

#### <u>Reading Responsibly in Translation</u> Sundays at 10:15 in the Conference Room

Consider joining us this November and early December to explore gender trouble in Scripture—what happens when we translate texts about bodies, authority, and identity. We'll start by examining translation choices, then work through biblical passages together using Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza's *Wisdom Ways* as our guide. (It's an older text, but it checks out). She'll have us wrestle with seven interconnected questions: How does your social location shape what you see? Whose interests does your reading serve? What does this



interpretation do to us if we submit to it? What other readings are possible, and how might they transform us? I'm painfully aware my perspective is limited and shaped by privilege. The more diverse voices in the room, the richer our conversation. Bring yours.

-Henry Imler



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