

October 27, 2021

the SPIRE



First Baptist Church
columbia



Combined Worship

Sunday, November 14 at 11:15 am

Combined Worship at First Baptist is always a joyous time! The church family gets to come together to praise God and enjoy the musical gifts of both our Awakening and Traditional worship teams. Our next Combined Worship Service will take place on Sunday, November 14 at 11:15 am in the Sanctuary. Pastor Carol will be preaching, but we have a number of special guests. Paul Baxley, the Executive Coordinator of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, will be with us for Combined Worship. He is coming to do a site visit with Pastor Brittany McDonald Null who has been taking part in CBF's Fellows Program, a ministry designed to support first-call ministers.

In addition, we will be celebrating the 25th Anniversary of CBF Field Personnel Keith Holmes and Mary Van Rheen. They will join us for worship virtually. Keith and Mary were members of First Baptist before they became field personnel ministering among the Roma people in the Netherlands 25 years ago. We serve as an encourager church for Keith and Mary, providing both financial and emotional support for their ministry. We hope you will join us for Combined Worship! Small Groups will take place as usual at 10:15. There will be no 9:15 worship.



Following worship, we will remain in the sanctuary for a brief business meeting to vote on the recommendations from the Stepping Toward 200 Team, which were presented at the October business meeting.



7
NOV

ALL SAINTS' DAY



7
NOV

FALL FUN FEST & TRUNK-OR-TREAT



9
NOV

FIRST BAPTIST BOOK CLUB



14
NOV

COMBINED WORSHIP & BUSINESS MEETING



28
NOV

HANGING OF THE GREEN - ADVENT BEGINS



28
NOV

FIRST KIDS ADVENT-URE





Advent Worship Series - *Housing the Holy*

Begins Sunday, November 28

Advent, the four weeks leading up to Christmas begins on Sunday, November 28.

This year our theme is *Housing the Holy*. Advent invites us to remember that just as the star of Bethlehem shown over the stable, the Light of Christ is shining on us, inviting us to become a beacon of hope to others. Throughout the series, we will study the biblical prophets that call us to care for our neighbors and “make room in the inn,” the lonely and frightened spaces within us are filled with the light of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love.



THRIVE for Racial Justice Survey

Everyone in the First Baptist Family is encouraged to take part in the THRIVE for racial justice online survey.

You can find the link on our webpage by clicking the survey rotator on the home page or use the QR Code.

Through a grant sponsored by the Alliance of Baptists, First Baptist has made a 5-year commitment to participate in a cohort of 27 churches dedicated to the work of racial justice and equity. As part of this process, the Alliance is conducting this survey to assist in understanding racial realities and dynamics within the Alliance, as well as in our congregation. We believe the work of racial justice is essential gospel work for our time. We are seeking to create a beloved, diverse, and equitable community here on earth, as it is in heaven.

We need your help to gather data about where we are now as a congregation to understand what steps we should take moving forward. This understanding will equip us to affirm our strengths, address our weaknesses, and inform the action steps necessary for progress in overcoming barriers to racial justice and unity.



Alliance of Baptists





All Saints' Day Sunday, November 7

All Saints' is a time to remember the lives of saints - any Christian who has 'gone before us.' We will ring a bell in honor of those in our church family who have died in this past year and you will be given a chance to ring a bell in honor of your friends or family members, outside the church, who have died in the past year. Through All Saints', we celebrate Jesus who conquered death and the grave, and so we anticipate heaven as our family reunion with all who have already passed on. Worshippers will be invited to ring a bell in memory of their loved ones. For those worshipping online, a bell can be rung upon request.



A graphic for the First Baptist Book Club. It features a background of a bookshelf filled with books. On the left, there is a white box with the text "FIRST BAPTIST book club" and a small icon of books. On the right, the text "A Rhythm of Prayer" is written in a large, white, cursive font, with "EDITED BY SARAH BESSEY" in a smaller, white, sans-serif font below it. At the bottom, the text "November 9 at 6:00 pm" and "in person and via Zoom" is written in a white, sans-serif font.

First Baptist Book Club November 9 at 6:00 pm

First Baptist Book Club is excited to announce its next read, *A Rhythm of Prayer: A Collection of Meditations for Renewal* edited by Sarah Bessey. This book is a companion for all who feel the immense joys and challenges of the journey of faith. The collection of prayers says it all aloud, giving readers permission to recognize the weight of all they carry.

These writings also offer a broadened imagination of hope—of what can be restored and made new. Each prayer is an original piece of writing, with new essays by Sarah Bessey throughout. Encompassing the full breadth of the emotional landscape, these deeply tender yet subversive prayers give readers an intimate look at the diverse language and shapes of prayer.

You can buy your own copy from most major retailers and then join the conversation on November 9 at 6 pm. Book Club will meet in the conference room and also via zoom. Email Pastor Brittany to join.

Non-Profit Org.
U. S. Postage
PAID
Columbia, MO
Permit No. 19

Ministerial Staff:

Carol McEntyre, Senior Pastor
mcentyre@fbc-columbia.org
Michael McEntyre, Pastor of Youth, Missions
& Administration
mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org
Brittany McDonald Null, Pastor of Families &
Spiritual Formation
bnull@fbc-columbia.org

Music Staff:

Colleen Ostercamp, Organist
gostercamp@gmail.com
Shelby Myers, Awakening Praise Band Director
smyers@fbc-columbia.org
Amy Johns, Music Director-Traditional
ajohns@fbc-columbia.org

Support Staff:

Susan Goudie, Administrative Assistant
churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org
Brenda Rice, Project Coordinator
brice@fbc-columbia.org
Bethany James, Nursery Director
Mike Ide, Custodian

"Return Service Requested"



October 27, 2021



the **SPIRE**

In This Issue:

- **Combined Worship**
- **Dates to Remember**
- **Advent Worship Series**
- **THRIVE for Racial Justice Survey**
- **All Saints' Day**
- **First Baptist Book Club**
- **Fall Fun Fest & Trunk or Treat at Midway Golf & Games**

Fall Fun Fest & Trunk-or-Treat
Sunday, November 7
2-6 pm at Midway Golf & Games

We are excited to gather at Midway Golf and Games for our annual Fall Fun Fest. This year, in addition to our traditional activities like food and trunk-or-treat, we will also have fun activities for our community. First Baptist will be hosting an hour of Laser Tag and Archery Tag and First Kids is sponsoring putt-putt for any family who wishes to play. Dinner includes a burger, chips, and a frozen treat. There is a suggested donation of \$5.00. Whether you plan to play games or simply hang out in the picnic area and chat, we hope you will join us for fellowship and fun!