



*"Abraham leaves for Canaan," by Phillip Medhurst*



THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP

FBC SANCTUARY

11:00 A.M.

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*My coming to faith did not start with a leap but rather a series of staggers from what seemed like one safe place to another.  
Like lily pads, round and green, these places summoned and then held me up while I grew. Each prepared me for the next  
leaf on which I would land, and in this way I moved across the swamp of doubt and fear.* — Anne Lamott

Gathering Music

“Poor Wayfaring Stranger”

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Prelude

“O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth”

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Invocation

Choral Call to Worship

“One Faith, One Hope, One Lord”

Craig Courtney

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\* Spoken Call to Worship

Psalm 113

Leader: Who is like the Lord our God, high above the heavens in glory?

**People: Blessed be the name of the Lord.**

Leader: Who raises the poor from the dust and lifts up the needy from the ashes?

**People: Blessed be the name of the Lord.**

Leader: Who makes light shine in the darkness, gives joy in sorrow, and brings life out of death?

**People: Blessed be the name of the Lord.**

LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

\* Hymn of Praise (CONGR 309)

“When, in Our Music, God is Glorified”

ENGELBERG

\* Passing of the Peace

Joe Karnes

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you!**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

*If able, please text or message someone from the congregation and share with them the sign of peace.*

\* Responding in Peace (CONGR 337, v. 2)

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

LAUDA ANIMA (Andrews)

**Praise Him for His grace and favor to His people in distress;**

**Praise Him, still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in His faithfulness.**

*\* In-person worshippers are invited to stand as able*

\* Gospel Reading

Matthew 28.19-20

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Children's Sermon

SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Call to Prayer (CONGR 682)

"Christ Be My Leader"

SLANE

Hearing our Joys and Concerns

Unison Discipline of Confession

**Gracious God, you know our sin: We have squandered the gifts you have given us. We have failed to forgive our debtors as you have forgiven us. We have been unfaithful and dishonest in small things and great things alike. We are shrewd in seeking wealth and foolish in following your way. Forgive our sins, O Lord, for your name's sake. Make us faithful stewards of the grace you have given and generous in forgiving others.**

Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Our loving God desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. Hear the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.*

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

RETURNING OUR GIFTS IN GRATITUDE

Sentences of Stewardship

Offertory

"You Are My Hiding Place"

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\* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

(Those wishing to attend Children's Church may leave now)

PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH WITH HOPE

Old Testament Reading

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant  
Genesis 11.26-32; 12.1-3

Sermon

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant  
"A Covenant Expands"

\* Hymn of Invitation, (CONGR 251)

"I Will Be Your God"  
LLANFYLLIN

Life of the Church

Benediction

Postlude

"Rejoice Greatly, O My Soul"

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*The flowers on the altar this morning are given for the greater glory of God!*

TODAY IN WORSHIP

*Liturgist: Joe Karnes*

*Cantor & Chancel Choir Director: Mark Robinson Trumpet: Scott Robinson*

*Organist & Chancel Choir Accompanist: Evelyn Falen*

*Livestream Video Crew: Winston Heilman, Brenda Schenkel Sound: Jim Lord*

*YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Laura McCorkill*

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

*Local Church: First Regular Missionary Church*

*American Baptist Churches, USA; Rev. Dr. Harry L. Riggs, II, serving churches in Connecticut*

*International Ministries Missionary: Ray Schellinger, Global consultant for Refugees & Immigrants*

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Every member of First Baptist Church, like every disciple of Christ, is commissioned to participate in Christian ministry.  
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