



THE WORSHIP OF GOD
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 25, 2022
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP
FBC SANCTUARY
11:00 A.M.

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The truly good news is that God is not a distant God, but a God who is moved by our pain and participates in the fullness of the human struggle.
—Henri Nouwen

Gathering Music

“How Great Thou Art”

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Prelude

“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”

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* Call to Worship

John Pauls

Leader: Rejoice in the LORD at all times; praise befits the upright.

People: Our souls are waiting for you, O LORD; you are our help and our shield.

Leader: In you do our hearts find joy; we trust in your holy name.

People: Let your love be upon us, O God, as we place our hope in you.

Leader: Let us worship God!

LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

* Hymn of Praise (CONGR 336)

“I’ll Praise My Maker”
OLD 113th

* Passing of the Peace

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. 3)

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”
LAUDA ANIMA

Father-like, He tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;

mother-like, He gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet God’s mercy flows.

* Gospel Reading

Matthew 5.11-12

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Children’s Sermon

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

SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Call to Prayer (CONGR 404)

"I Need Thee Every Hour"
NEED

Hearing our Joys and Concerns

Unison Discipline of Confession

Most gracious and merciful God, we confess to you and to one another that time after time we have entered your presence with countless prayers but with hearts that have been closed to your grace. We have lifted our hands to you in praise but our feet have still walked in the ways of evil. We have rehearsed your commandments but have refused to see your face in the needs of our neighbor. We pray to you, Lord, to forgive our lack of faith and to pardon our acts of injustice. Grant us the healing that comes from your presence and the cleansing of your all-powerful word; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Hear these comforting words: If you repent and believe in God's redeeming mercy, your sins are forgiven. Trust in God's promises and begin anew your life with God and all people. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

"It Is Well with My Soul"

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* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH WITH HOPE

Old Testament Reading

Rev. Dr. Pam Durso
Genesis 39.1-23

Ministry of Music

"If We Ever Needed the Lord Before"
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Sermon

Rev. Dr. Pam Durso
"God With Us"

* Hymn of Invitation, (CONGR 59)

"My Lord is Near Me All the Time"
FOREST PARK

Life of the Church

Benediction

Postlude

“Postlude in D”

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*The flowers on the altar this morning are given for the greater glory of God by Nancy Bonner
in memory of Carol Lynn Anderson*

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Liturgist: John Pauls

Cantor & Chancel Choir Director: Mark Robinson

Organist & Chancel Choir Accompanist: Evelyn Falen

Livestream Video Crew: Brandon Gillette, Glen Prescott Sound: Marylee Southard

YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Hannes Combest

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Craig Weinaug, upcoming back surgery this week

Local Church: First Southern Baptist Church

American Baptist Churches, USA; Region Min. Rev. Randy Rasmussen, serving churches in the Dakotas

International Ministries Missionary: Stan Slade, Global Theological Education

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Every member of First Baptist Church, like every disciple of Christ, is commissioned to participate in Christian ministry.
The following persons have been called by this congregation to empower such ministry:

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