



THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
OCTOBER 16, 2022  
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP  
FBC SANCTUARY  
11:00 A.M.

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*For a battle-worn, world-weary, wandering community, this is a different kind of promise from a different kind of God. Through it, they glimpse the one God who is present with them in birth, in death, in humiliation, in joy, in wandering, and in arrival. This God delights in the people and desires more than safety and plenty for them. This God desires for them new life.*

-Susan Henry-Crowe

Gathering Music

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

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“To God Be the Glory”

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Cristina Adams

Prelude

“Praise to God”

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\* Call to Worship

Aimee Omohundro

Psalm 121

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**People: who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: Sisters and brothers and siblings,

**People: Let us worship God!**

LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

\* Hymn of Praise (CONGR 366)

“O God Beyond All Praising”

THAXTED, alt.

\* 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

“Celtic Alleluia”

CELTIC ALLELUIA

**Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!**

\* Gospel Reading

Matthew 4.8-10

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## Children's Sermon

### SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

#### Hearing our Joys and Concerns

#### Unison Discipline of Confession

**Gracious God, we confess that we do not meditate on your commands and teachings all day long. We do not keep your word before us always and in all things. Instead, we turn away from your demanding truth and wander toward easier options. Forgive us, we pray, for pursuing our own desires rather than yours. Forgive us for growing weary in following you; for failing to pray and work tirelessly for justice; for losing hope in your power to transform the powers of this world. Turn our ears to the sound of your justice. Turn our hearts to your commandments and word of grace. Do not remember our sin, but remember your mercy forever.**

#### Discipline of Silent Confession

#### Assurance of Pardon

*Friends, God promises to forgive us, to put our sins out of God's own mind and heart. In this way, God gives us not just a second chance but a new beginning. Believe the good news of the gospel: our salvation is through faith in Christ Jesus. Thanks be to God!*

#### 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

#### Moment for Mission

#### What Does the Tech Team Do Anyway?

#### Sentences of Stewardship

#### Offertory

#### "Reach Out and Touch"

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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  
Joshua 24.1-18

#### Ministry of Music

#### "Come Build a Church"

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Sermon

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant  
“A Covenant Recalculates”

\* Hymn of Invitation, (CONGR 497)

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”  
ASSAM

Life of the Church

Benediction

Postlude

“Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven”  
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*The flowers on the altar this morning are given for the greater glory of God!*

TODAY IN WORSHIP

*Liturgist: Aimee Omohundro   Cantor & Chancel Choir Director: Mark Robinson  
Organist & Chancel Choir Accompanist: Dee Blaser (substitute)  
Livestream Video Crew: Susan Pauls, Jim Lord   Sound: Glenn Prescott  
YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Jenny Purvis*

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

*Local Church: Free State Church  
American Baptist Churches, USA; Region Exe. Min. Rev. Patty Bilyeu, serving the Great Rivers Region  
(Springfield, IL)  
International Ministries Missionaries: Larry & Rebecca Stanton, serving in Hungary*

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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:

Rev. Dr. Matthew Sturtevant – matt@firstbaptistlawrence.com	Senior Pastor
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*\* In-person worshippers are invited to stand as able*