



THE WORSHIP OF GOD
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 20, 2022
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP
FBC SANCTUARY
11:00 A.M.

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I would maintain that thanks are the highest form of thought; and that gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder.
-G.K. Chesterton

Gathering Music

"Our Great Savior; Pritchard"
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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Cristina Adams

Prelude

"Prelude in C Major"
J.S. Bach (common domain)

* Call to Worship

Joanna Gillette

Leader: God promised!

People: Sometimes it doesn't seem like God is keeping those promises the way we want.

Leader: God promised!

People: Sometimes we don't like the way God is acting.

Leader: God promised!

People: The world will be turned upside down.

Leader: God promised!

People: And God is coming: wait for it!

LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

* Gathering in Gratitude (CONGR 378)

"We Gather Here in Grateful Praise"
TRURO

* 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

"Lord, You Call Us to Your Service"
LAUDA ANIMA

Great Creator of the living, in the dark Your light shines through. Out of nothing You have made us priestly people, holy, true. Alleluia! Alleluia! Make our lives as songs to You.

* Gospel Reading

Matthew 26.36-38

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

“And Can it Be”

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Hearing our Joys and Concerns

Rev. Cristina Adams

Unison Discipline of Confession

Almighty God, you brought forth the world for the love of Christ, yet we have lived in rebellion and turned away from our created purpose. We have acknowledged the Lordship of Christ with our lips, but we have not honored him with our lives. We have served the idols of wealth and privilege; we have not loved our neighbors, nor sought reconciliation with our enemies. Therefore we pray: break our rebellious will. Give us integrity in our quest for truth. Grant us courage in the face of evil. Free us for joyful service in Christ our Lord. Empower us to live as citizens of your kingdom.

Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

God has rescued us from the power of sin and transferred us into the kingdom of the beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Through Christ our Lord, 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.

Prayer Response (CONGR 371)

“Now Thank We All Our God”
NUN DANKET

RETURNING OUR GIFTS IN GRATITUDE

Sentences of Stewardship

Joanna Gillette, FBC Moderator

Offertory

“Count Your Blessings”
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* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH WITH HOPE

Old Testament Reading

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant
Habakkuk 1:1-4

Sermon

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant
“Strength of Stone: The Stone of Wonder”

* Hymn of Invitation (CONGR 534)

“Bricks and Mortar, Hands and Labor”

BEECHER

Life of the Church - Benediction

Benediction Response

“And This is Love”

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Postlude

“Now Thank We All Our God”

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*The flowers on the altar this morning are given for the greater glory of God by the memorial fund of
Mr. & Mrs. Howard Wiseman*

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Liturgist: Joanna Gillette

Cantor & Chancel Choir Director: Mark Robinson

Organist & Chancel Choir Accompanist: Evelyn Falen

Livestream Video Crew: Brenda Schenkel, Steve Yoder Sound: Chad Johnston

YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Hannes Combest

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Local Church: Heritage Baptist Church

American Baptist Churches, USA; Region Exe. Min. Rev. Dr. Mary Day Miller, serving churches in Massachusetts

International Ministries Missionaries: Amy & Joseph Vo, serving in Vietnam

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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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