



"A House Built on Rock," by Peter Koenig



THE WORSHIP OF GOD
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 5, 2023

ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP

FBC SANCTUARY

11:00 A.M.

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Life in God's realm is the great equalizer. All persons are invited to participate and there is room for all, regardless of race, color, ethnicity, sexuality, ability, nationality....We are challenged by Jesus, who sets the standard, holds us accountable for life in the community, and provides a foretaste of life in God's realm. We are called to a life that is sustained by God's presence, power, and protection—in good weather, bad weather, and forevermore. — Barbara J. Essex

Gathering Music

“Gather Us In”

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Cristina Adams

Prelude

“Beautiful Savior”

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* Call to Worship

Shane Schenkel

Leader: The living word speaks:

People: offering nourishment for growing life; pointing toward the narrow gate; firming up our foundation.

Leader: The living word calls:

People: do unto others...without making it about you; use your energy where it matters, for good; be doers of the word, not only hearers.

Leader: The living word promises:

People: seek God's kingdom and you will find, God is the giver of every good gift, building up in love creates a new world.

Leader: Come to hear and follow the living word.

LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

* Hymn of Gathering (CONGR 457)

“Come and Feast, for All Are Welcomed”
REGENT SQUARE

* 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 (CONG 155)

“We Are Singing, for the Lord is Our Light”
SIYAHAMBA

We are singing, for the Lord is our light, we are singing, for the Lord is our light. [Repeat]

We are singing, oh we are singing for the Lord is our light. [Repeat]

Children's Sermon

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

SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Call to Prayer

“We Have a Shepherd”

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Hearing our Joys and Concerns

Unison Discipline of Confession

Holy One, we confess that we have built a house on the foundation of our favorite traditions, our likes and dislikes, a rose-colored view of history, and a sense of being more right than “they” are. We admit that we have judged other houses without ever being inside, and resisted too much scrutiny of our own. Forgive us, for we have not treated others as we would want to be treated. You are our rock, O God, and we pray you would help us in the storm to move from shifting sand to firm foundation, even if it means letting go of the old life and building anew, going beyond lip service and putting your love into action.

Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

You are a forgiven people! Receive your forgiveness from the top of your head to the bottoms of your feet! Remember your forgiveness in the way you treat one another, and in the way you treat yourself.

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

“The Good Shepherd”

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* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH WITH HOPE

* Gospel Reading

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant
Matthew 7:1-5, 12, 24-29

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

CELEBRATING THE TABLE OF GRACE

Invitation to the Table

Celebration of the Bread and Cup

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“In This Very Room”

* Hymn of Invitation, (CONGR 590)

“The Solid Rock”
SOLID ROCK

Life of the Church

Benediction and Postlude

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

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Liturgist: Shane Schenkel

Chancel Choir Director: Mark Robinson

Organist & Chancel Choir Accompanist: Evelyn Falen

Livestream Video Crew: Matthew Johnston, Glenn Prescott Sound: Jim Lord

YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Susan Pauls

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Local Church: Lawrence Life Fellowship

American Baptist Churches, USA; Region Min. Rev. Mark Mahserjian-Smith, serving churches in Pennsylvania and Delaware

International Ministries Missionaries: Barbara & Dwight Bolick, serving in Chile

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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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