



THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
JULY 16, 2023  
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP  
FBC SANCTUARY  
11:00 A.M.

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*If the Kingdom of God is in you, you should leave a little bit of heaven where you go.*

- Cornel West

Gathering Music

'Open the Eyes of My Heart' *with* 'Be Thou My Vision'  
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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Prelude

"Who Is On the Lord's Side?"  
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LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

\* Call to Worship

Neal Purvis

Leader: God has accomplished all things through Christ,

**People: so that we might live as God's own children.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to God

**People: and live for the praise of God's glory.**

\* Hymn of Gathering (CONGR 273)

"In Christ There Is No East or West"  
McKEE

\* 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 541 vs. 2)

"Heal Me, Hands of Jesus"  
TAYLOR

**Cleanse me, blood of Jesus, take bitterness away;**

**let me forgive as one forgiven and bring me peace today.**

Children's Sermon

SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Call to Prayer

"Pavanne"  
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Hearing our Joys and Concerns

Unison Discipline of Confession

**Holy God, you call us to be your beloved children and to care for one another, yet we fail to love others and ourselves. Helpless and ashamed, we turn our hearts to you. Forgive us, and then tenderly teach us to stand strong and courageous in the fullness of your love.**

Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Siblings in Christ, God forgives us and strengthens us for love; therefore, be at peace.*

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

"What a Friend"

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\* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH WITH HOPE

\* Gospel Reading

Rev. Toya Richards

Mark 5.1-20

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Rev. Toya Richards

"Jesus Heals ... Our Communities"

\* Hymn of Invitation (CONGR 272)

"They'll Know We Are Christians"

ST. BRENDAN'S

Life of the Church

Benediction

Postlude

"Exaltation"

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

**TODAY IN WORSHIP**

*Liturgist & trombonist: Neal Purvis*

*Organist: Evelyn Falen*

*Livestream Video Crew: Joanna Gillette, Glenn Prescott    Sound: Marylee Southard*

*Welcome Table: Steve & Sally Heilman*

*YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Hannes Combest*

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

*Local Church: The Anchor Church*

*American Baptist Churches, USA; Region Exe. Min. Rev. Brian Johnson, serving churches in Michigan*

*International Ministries Missionary: Boaz Keibarak, serving in Kenya*

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