



THE WORSHIP OF GOD
TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 20, 2023
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP
FBC SANCTUARY
11:00 A.M.

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Jesus, the Promised Shepherd, you who are always making a way for your people to rest...reveal the green pastures where we can heal.

- K.J. Ramsey

Gathering Music

"He Leads Me Medley"

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Prelude

Pastorale "The Faithful Shepherd"

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LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

* Call to Worship

Shane Schenkel

Leader: Are you ready? God is about to do a new thing!

People: Surely goodness and mercy will follow us all the days of our lives.

Leader: Can you hear it coming?

People: May justice roll down like water and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Leader: Come, let us worship God.

* Hymn of Gathering (CONGR 26)

"God of Creation, All-Powerful"

SLANE

* 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 20)

"Creation Sings (the Father's Song)"

CREATION SINGS

Hallelujah! Let all creation stand and sing.

"Hallelujah!" Fill the earth with songs of worship; tell the wonders of creation's King.

* Gospel Reading

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

John 10:11-16

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Children's Sermon

Rev. Cristina Adams

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

SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Call to Prayer

"Come, Flood This Heart of Mine"

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Hearing our Joys and Concerns

Unison Discipline of Confession

Merciful God, your creatures cry—creation groans—but we turn away; we surround ourselves with noise. We are quick to excuse ourselves from responsibility: we are young; we are old; we are tired; we are busy. It is hard to imagine that we might make a difference. Life-giving God, wash us clean. Restore our imaginations and our hearts. Let your courage and compassion flow through our veins until we love with abandon and our hands reach out in blessing, for the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God.

Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins 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 77)

"In Heavenly Love Abiding"

NYLAND

RETURNING OUR GIFTS IN GRATITUDE

Sentences of Stewardship

Offertory

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

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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. Cristina Adams

Psalm 23

Sermon

Rev. Cristina Adams

Season of Creation: Psalm 23

* Hymn of Invitation (CONGR 64)

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

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Life of the Church

Benediction

Postlude

"Fanfare" Fugue in C Major

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The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given for the greater glory of God by: Wendy Wheeler, in memory of her mother, Edith McGurk

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Liturgist: Shane Schenkel

Organist Evelyn Falen Chancel Choir Director: Mark Robinson

Livestream Video Crew: Jim Lord, Susan Pauls Sound: Marylee Southard

Welcome Table: Kimberly Sturtevant

YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Hannes Combest

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Local Church: Velocity Church of Lawrence

American Baptist Churches, USA; Region Exe. Min. Rev. Mark Click, serving churches in Ohio

International Ministries Missionaries: Lori & Matt Mann, serving in southeast Asia

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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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