



Volcan Cerro Negro, Leon, Nicaragua



THE WORSHIP OF GOD
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 10, 2023
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP
FBC SANCTUARY
11:00 A.M.

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One cannot 'witness' to an idea or a doctrine. One is a 'witness' of a fact, an event, the actions and words of a person. The witness for which the disciples are empowered is the concrete announcement of what God has done in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

- Justo Gonzalez

Gathering Music

"They'll Know We Are Christians"

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Prelude

"In a World Where Love Abides"

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WE WITNESS THROUGH PRAISE AND PROCLAMATION

* Call to Worship

Hannes Combest

Leader: Sing a song of thanksgiving.

People: Declare God's wondrous deeds.

Leader: For the Lord dwells among the people;

People: the glory of God abides with us.

* Hymn of Gathering (CONGR 648)

"Stir Your Church, O God, Our Father"

MADILL

* 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 481, vs 3-4)

"Go to the World!"

SINE NOMINE

Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray; the nights of tears give way to joyous day.

As servant church, you follow Christ's own way. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go as the ones I send, for I am with you 'til the age shall end, when all the hosts of glory cry "Amen." Alleluia. Alleluia.

New Testament Reading

Rev. Cristina Adams

Acts 1.8-14

Children's Sermon

Rev. Cristina Adams and Dava Cooper

Call to Mission

“Compassion Hymn”

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Be My Witnesses...to the Ends of the Earth

Memphis Mission Trip
FBC Youth and Leaders

WE WITNESS THROUGH PRAYER AND STEWARDSHIP

Hearing our Joys and Concerns

Tim Bonner

Unison Discipline of Confession

Lord God, while we were still slaves to sin, you died for our salvation. Yet we still worship the false gods of the world, forgetting that you are Lord. Loving worldly wealth, we have not loved you with our whole heart nor loved our neighbors as ourselves. Trusting worldly strength, we have not trusted your word nor followed the Word-made-flesh. Forgiving by worldly norms, we have not shown mercy to others as you have shown mercy to us. Forgive us, yet again.

Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ 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.

Sentences of Stewardship

Offertory

“The Light of the World is Jesus”

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* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

(Those wishing to attend Children's Church may leave now.)

WE WITNESS THROUGH MISSION

“Be My Witnesses...to the Ends of the Earth”

“AMOS Partnership”
Dava Cooper and Mission Team

Meditation

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant
“Where is Your Mission?”

* Hymn of Invitation (CONGR 658) (Evelyn organ)

“Let Your Heart Be Broken”
WYE VALLEY (abridged)

Life of the Church

Benediction

Postlude

“A Trumpeting”

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Leta Bruchmiller, Stella Zimmer & Mrs. Ollie Bruchmiller*

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Liturgist: Hannes Combest

Organist & Chancel Choir Accompanist: Evelyn Falen

Director of Worship Music & Chancel Choir Director: Mark Robinson

Flute accompaniment: Carol Watgen

Livestream Video Crew: Steve Yoder, Jim Lord

Sound: Shane Schenkel

Welcome Table: Nancy & Tim Bonner

YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Kylee Johnston

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Local Church: Westside Presbyterian Church

American Baptist Churches, USA; Region Exe. Min. Rev. Edgardo Caraballo, serving in Puerto Rico

International Ministries Missionaries: Ricardo Mayol-Bracero, serving in Guatemala

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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*