



THE WORSHIP OF GOD
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 3, 2023
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP
FBC SANCTUARY
11:00 A.M.

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Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours.
- Teresa of Avila

Gathering Music

"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Cristina Adams

Prelude

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

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WE WITNESS THROUGH PRAISE

* Call to Worship

Joanna Gilette

Psalm 82

Leader: God has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods he holds judgment:

People: "Give justice to the weak and the orphan..."

Leader: maintain the right of the lowly and destitute...

People: rescue the weak and needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."

All: Rise up, O God, judge the earth, for all the nations belong to you!

* Hymn of Gathering (CONGR 477)

"We Are Called to Be God's People"

AUSTRIAN HYMN

* 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 1-2)

"Go to the World!"

SINE NOMINE

Go to the world! Go into all the earth. Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth, baptizing as the sign of our rebirth. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go into every place. Go live the Word of God's redeeming grace. Go seek God's presence in each time and space. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Children's Sermon

WE WITNESS THROUGH PRAYER AND STEWARDSHIP

Hearing our Joys and Concerns

Susan Pauls

Unison Discipline of Confession

Merciful God, day by day we have failed to believe in your presence and your promised forgiveness. We have not trusted in your power to give the riches we cannot see. We have not honored our sisters and brothers as heirs of your desired peace. We have not forgiven others or ourselves. Give us the wisdom and faith to be your body on earth, that we may rejoice in the presence of your saving bounty, to the glory of your ascended Son.

Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

By the power of the Holy Spirit, as a witness to the death and resurrection of Christ Jesus and the assurance of pardon in Jesus' name, I proclaim to you the forgiveness of all your sins, that with renewed life you may serve this creation and the people of God in peace and strength. God is with you.

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Wendy Wheeler

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

"Shout to the North"

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* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

WE WITNESS THROUGH PROCLAMATION

New Testament Reading

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant
Acts 1.1-11

Meditation

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

"Be My Witnesses...in Jerusalem"

Family Promise
FP Leadership Team

Witnessing in Song

"Wood and Nails"

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"Be My Witnesses...in Judea and Samaria"

Bethel Neighborhood Center
John Pauls

WE WITNESS AT TABLE

Invitation to the Table

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

Celebration of the Bread and Cup

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* Hymn of Invitation (CONGR 269)

"We All Are One in Mission"
COMPLAINER

Life of the Church

Benediction

Postlude

"Postlude in D"

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*The flowers on the altar this morning are given for the greater glory of God by: The memorial funds of Miss Julia Willard
& Mrs. Katherine Eddy.*

*A red rose on the altar celebrates the birth of Arthur Theodore Rodenberg, born Aug. 29th. 8 lbs, 11 oz, 21 in. long, to
Abram & Emily Rodenberg and big sister, Eleanor.*

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Liturgist: Joanna Gillette Organist & Chancel Choir Accompanist: Evelyn Falen

Special music: FBC Worship Band

Livestream Video Crew: Brandon Gillette, Brenda Schenkel Sound: Shane Schenkel

Welcome Table: Laura McCorkill YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Jenny Purvis

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

John Mathis, upcoming scan/biopsy

Local Church: Vintage Church

*American Baptist Churches, USA; Region Exe. Min. Rev. Dr. James E. McJunkin, Jr., serving churches in the
Philadelphia Baptist Association*

International Ministries Missionaries: Sarah & Luis Matos, serving in Mexico

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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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