



THE WORSHIP OF GOD
NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 8, 2023
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP
FBC SANCTUARY
11:00 A.M.

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Children and adults must be together, God says, as they enact the core liturgies of God's people, those practices that bind the community together. And each has a role in the call and response through which stories of God's faithfulness are recounted again and again.

—David Csinos

Gathering Music

"Timeless Tribute"

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Prelude

"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

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* Call to Worship

Joe Karnes

Leader: From generation to generation,

People: our God is the Lord.

Leader: For our ancestors, yes, and also for us, here, today,

People: our God is the Lord.

Leader: In the stories of old, and the story we are still living,

People: our God is the Lord.

Leader: Listen — not just with your ears but with your whole self:

People: our God is the Lord, and we will love God with all our being.

LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

* Hymn of Praise (CONGR 5)

"Come, Great God of All the Ages"

ABBOT'S LEIGH

* 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 318, v. 4)

"For All the Love"

ENGLEBERG

**For all the hope that sheds its glorious ray along the dark and unknown future way,
and lights the path to God's eternal day, Alleluia!**

* Gospel Reading

Mark 12.28-31

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

People: Thanks be to God!

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

Children's Sermon

SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Call to Prayer

"Give Me Jesus"

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Hearing our Joys and Concerns

Unison Discipline of Confession

God of all times and places, you have created a people and made us one with each other and with you. We confess that we rarely think of ourselves as one human family, even today let alone across the ages. We benefit from things our ancestors have done, without thinking of the cost borne by others in your family or the earth. We choose not to think of how our choices affect the future we will never see. Forgive us when we disconnect ourselves from responsibility to both past and future. Forgive us our self-centeredness and our unwillingness to recognize the gift of being one part of your story. Forgive us when we see your way of life as only a set of rules by which we can judge others but not ourselves. Help us to hear and obey, learning your care and compassion for all your people and your world.

Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

God's grace is the same, yesterday, today, and tomorrow. God's love is for all of God's children. Know that you are forgiven and free, in the promise of grace and love.

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 404)

"I Need Thee Every Hour"
NEED

RETURNING OUR GIFTS IN GRATITUDE

Sentences of Stewardship

Offertory

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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. Matthew Sturtevant
Deuteronomy 5.1-21; 6.4-9

Sermon

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant
"A Shared Life"

* Hymn of Invitation, (CONGR 509)

“Trust and Obey”
TRUST AND OBEY

Life of the Church

Benediction

Postlude

“Allegro from Violin Sonata Op. 5 No. 3”
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TODAY IN WORSHIP

Liturgist: Joe Karnes

Organist & Chancel Choir Accompanist: Evelyn Falen

Director of Worship Music & Chancel Choir Director: Mark Robinson

Livestream Video Crew: Brenda Schenkel, Brandon Gillette

Sound: Chad Johnston

YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Kylee Johnston

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Local Church: First Church of the Nazarene

American Baptist Churches, USA; Rev. Dr. James Mitchell Harrison, serving churches of the South

International Ministries Missionaries: Debbie & Keith Myers, serving in central 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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