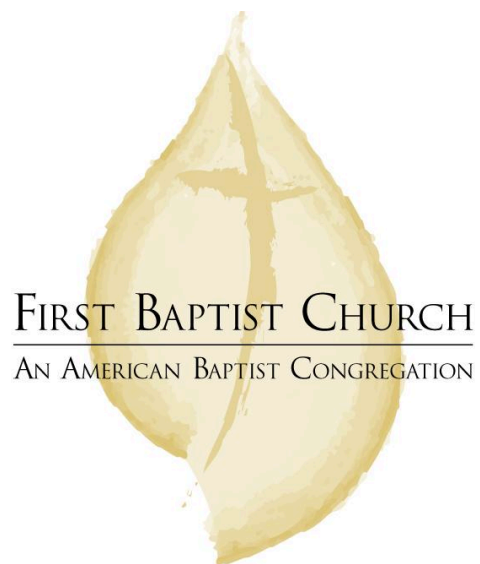




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THE WORSHIP OF GOD
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 12, 2024
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP
FBC SANCTUARY
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Embodiment is a coming home, a remembering of our wholeness, and a reunion with the fullness of ourselves.

—Hillary L. McBride

Gathering Music

“Forever”

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“I Could Sing of Your Love Forever”

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Prelude

“Siciliano”

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LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

* Call to Worship

Shane Schenkel

Leader: We have heard the story, O God,

People: and now we pray for the grace to stand firm in it,

Leader: to take up our part in the story you are still telling—

People: the story of life that overcomes,

Leader: love that reaches beyond the borders we thought were solid,

People: grace that saves and saves and saves.

Leader: Let us worship God.

* Hymn of Gathering (CONGR 427)

“We’ve a Story to Tell”

MESSAGE

* 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”

CREATION SINGS

* Gospel Reading

Shane Schenkel

Mark 12.26–27

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Children’s Sermon

SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Call to Prayer

“His Love for Me”

Music: Patricia Mock, arr. Brian Buda. Words: F.M. Eastwood.
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Hearing Our Joys and Concerns

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Unison Discipline of Confession

You have given us so many witnesses, living God, and we are grateful for all who have shared your good news with us. The circle has widened more and more, until it includes even us. We confess that sometimes we have left people out, choosing to forget their part and focusing instead on the ones we easily understand and agree with. We confess, too, that it can be hard to trust the witness of others, instead longing for our own certainty. Forgive us when we have done mental gymnastics to explain away your mystery. Forgive us when we avoid the tangible implications of your life, death, and resurrection. Forgive us for focusing only on this life or the next despite your kingdom that spans all of life and invites us in even now.

Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

In Christ Jesus, God has promised to forgive us and reconcile us to God and each other. With joy, receive that assurance of pardon.

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 397)

“Come, Holy Spirit”
CHAPLIN

RETURNING OUR GIFTS IN GRATITUDE

God At Work: What FBC Means to Me

Melisa Lord

Offertory

“Offertory in G”

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* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

(Those attending children’s church may leave now)

PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH WITH HOPE

New Testament Reading

Rev. Cristina Adams
1 Corinthians 15.35–49

Sermon

Rev. Cristina Adams
“Of Dust and of Heaven”

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

* Hymn of Invitation (CONGR 214)

“The Day of Resurrection!”
LANCASHIRE

* Life of the Church

* Benediction

Postlude

“Maestoso in A Major”

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The flowers on the altar today are given by the memorials of Mrs. A.E. Sluss & Mrs. E.L. Hayes.

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Matthew Sturtevant

Assoc. Pastor for Children, Youth, & Families: Rev. Cristina Adams

Liturgist: Shane Schenkel • Chancel Choir Director: Mark Robinson • Guitarist: Glenn Prescott

Organist & Chancel Choir Accompanist: Evelyn Falen • Livestream Video Crew: Steve Yoder, Joanna Gillette

Sound: Brandon Gillette • YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Kylee Johnston

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serving churches in the American Baptist Churches of the South Region

International Ministries Global Servants: Lanutemjen & Onenlemla Ao, serving in south India

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