



*Hannah before Eli the High Priest
Malnazar & Aghap'ir, Armenian illuminators, 1638-39*



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
AN AMERICAN BAPTIST CONGREGATION

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 28, 2024
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP
FBC SANCTUARY
11:00 A.M.

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Gathering Music

“The Heart of Worship”
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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Prelude

“Andante” (from Piano Concerto)
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LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

* Call to Worship

Pat Transue
Adapted from “Canticle of the Turning”

Leader: When the world feels upside down,

People: “our hearts will sing of the day you bring,” Lord.

Leader: When the world feels chaotic,

People: “let the fires of your justice burn.”

Leader: When the world feels grief,

People: “wipe away our tears,...the world is about to turn.”

* Hymn of Gathering (not in hymnal)

“Canticle of the Turning”
STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

* 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 355, vs. 2)

“We Praise Thee, O God”
REVIVE US AGAIN

* Gospel Reading

Rev. Cristina Adams
Luke 1.46–55

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Children’s Sermon

SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Hearing Our Joys and Concerns

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

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

Unison Discipline of Confession

Lord, we confess that too often we want things to be easy, instead of embracing the complexities of life, that we tend to ignore and push aside our feelings, rather than acknowledging and listening to them, and that we are quick to try to cheer people up and offer platitudes, instead of sitting with them in their hardship. You gave us our feelings and we need your help to process them well. Be with us as we navigate the complexity of our emotions and guide us to act faithfully.

Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Christ Jesus, who laughed and cried, felt anger and fear, uncertainty and joy, listens when we confess and forgives us of all wrongdoing. Take heart and sin no more, knowing you are forgiven by a God who understands.

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

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RETURNING OUR GIFTS IN GRATITUDE

Moment for Mission—Homeless Resource Center (DARE)

Brett Hartford

Sentences of Stewardship

Offertory

"Draw Me Close"

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* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH WITH HOPE

Old Testament Reading

Rev. Cristina Adams
1 Samuel 1.1–20

Sermon

Rev. Cristina Adams
"All the Feelings: Hannah"

* Hymn of Invitation (CONGR 57)

"Be Still My Soul"
FINLANDIA

Life of the Church

A Sending Blessing for the Rodenberg Family

Benediction

Postlude

“Marche de Fete”

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The flowers on the altar this morning are given by Caroline & Joel Sturtevant.

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Matthew Sturtevant

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

Liturgist: Pat Transue • Organist: Evelyn Falen

Organ Solo: Levi Grassy

Livestream Video Crew: Matthew Johnston, Brenda Schenkel • Sound: Shane Schekel

YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Susan Pauls

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Local Church: Christ Community Church

American Baptist Churches, USA: Executive Min. Rev. Patty Bilyeu, serving

American Baptist churches in the Great Rivers Region

International Ministries Global Servants: Annie & Jeff Dieselberg, serving in Bangkok, Thailand

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