



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
AN AMERICAN BAPTIST CONGREGATION

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

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...Meanwhile the world goes on. | Meanwhile the sun and the clear pebbles of the rain | are moving across the landscapes, | over the prairies and the deep trees, | the mountains and the rivers. | Meanwhile the wild geese, high in the clean blue air, | are heading home again. | Whoever you are, no matter how lonely, | the world offers itself to your imagination, | calls to you like the wild geese, harsh and exciting — | over and over announcing your place | in the family of things.
— Mary Oliver

Gathering Music

“His Eye Is On the Sparrow”

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“Exalt Him with Song”

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Prelude

Prelude on “Shall We Gather at the River”

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LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

* Call to Worship

Neal Purvis

Leader: Look to the skies — clear or clouded, God’s handiwork

People: We look up in wonder!

Leader: Feel the rain and hear the thunder

People: We know the power hidden in the deeps!

Leader: Look to the stars — the vast expanse of the heavens

People: We look up and feel so small!

Leader: Feel the wind blowing over waters and land

People: We breathe in the Spirit of creation!

Leader: See the sun rise and set, coloring the world

People: We give thanks for God’s mercies — new every morning!

* Hymn of Praise (CONGR 310)

“Joyful Joyful, We Adore Thee”

HYMN TO JOY

CELEBRATING NEWNESS OF LIFE

Baptism of Aaron Blevins, Lillian Bruffett, and Rachel Bruffett

Hymn of Response (CONGR 450, vs. 1)

“With Water Freely Flowing”

MERLE’S TUNE

* 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.

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

* Responding in Peace (CONGR 20)

"Creation Sings"
CREATION SINGS

* Gospel Reading

Neal Purvis
Matthew 3.13-17

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Response to the Gospel

"Oh, I Want To Know You More"

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Children's Sermon

SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Hearing Our Joys and Concerns

Rev. Cristina Adams

Unison Discipline of Confession

We are a part of your creation, O God, and we confess that sometimes we think our part is bigger than it is. We take up more space than we were given, believe we have more power than we do, demand that everything revolve around us and our needs and wants. Forgive us when we forget that creation is yours, you loved it and called it good before sculpting us from the dust. Forgive us when with our words we claim to love what you have made but with our actions we do it harm.

Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The psalmist proclaims "Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein. Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before God, who will come, who will judge the...world with righteousness and the peoples with truth." Our Creator and Judge has proclaimed that we are forgiven and free!

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 482 vs. 1)

"Here I Am, Lord"
HERE I AM, LORD

RETURNING OUR GIFTS IN GRATITUDE

Moment for Mission

Family Promise
Mary Kaczor, FPL Volunteer Care Committee Member

What FBC Means to Me

Blue Team Members

Sentences of Stewardship

Offertory

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

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* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH WITH HOPE

Old Testament Reading

Blue Team Members

Job 38.3-38

Sermon

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant and Blue Team Members

"Season of Creation: Sky and Water Sunday"

* Hymn of Invitation (CONGR 17)

"This Is My Father's World"

TERRA PATRIS

* Life of the Church

* Benediction

Postlude

Suite from "Water Music" 1. Allegro Vivace

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Stella Zimmer & Mrs. Ollie Bruchmiller.*

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Matthew Sturtevant

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

Liturgist: Neal Purvis • Organist: Evelyn Falen • Vocal Soloist: Joe Karnes

Livestream Video Crew: Susan Pauls, Brenda Schenkel • Sound: Jim Lord

YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Kylee Johnston

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Local Church: Clinton Parkway Assembly of God (360 Church)

American Baptist Churches, USA: Executive Min. Rev. Mark Thompson,

serving the American Baptist Churches of Indiana & Kentucky

International Ministries Global Servant: Kristy Engel, serving primarily in the Dominican Republic

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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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