



St. James the Less
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THE WORSHIP OF GOD
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 13, 2024
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP
FBC SANCTUARY
11:00 A.M.

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As far as service goes, it can take the form of a million things. To do service, you don't have to be a doctor working in the slums for free, or become a social worker. Your position in life and what you do doesn't matter as much as how you do what you do.

— Elisabeth Kubler-Ross

Gathering Music

“Here I Am to Worship”

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Matt Sturtevant

Prelude

“Fond Hope”

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LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

* Call to Worship

Shane Schenkel

Leader: Here at the feast of God's holy word,

People: eyes and ears are opened

Leader: so that we may all be made glad and filled with hope.

People: Let us worship with hope!

* Hymn of Praise (CONGR 41)

“There's a Wideness in God's Mercy”

WELLESLEY

* 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 268)

“The Bond of Love”

SKILLINGS

* Gospel Reading

Rev. Cristina Adams

Matthew 5.17–20

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Children's Sermon

Rev. Cristina Adams

SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Call to Prayer (CONGR 392)

“Open Our Eyes”

OPEN OUR EYES

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

Unison Discipline of Confession

Almighty and compassionate God, every day, in our desire to attain our wants, avoid discomfort, and shun those we do not know or love, we show ourselves to be unworthy of your gifts of life. Of this we are sorely aware, and we ask your power to renew us in body and spirit, that we will be able, through your help, to walk in the way you intend for us. Forgive us and lead us.

Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Just as Jesus made the deaf to hear and the mute to speak, our merciful God lifts our burdens from us, removes the failures of our past, and turns us to new life. You are forgiven. Walk in peace.

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.

RETURNING OUR GIFTS IN GRATITUDE

Moment for Mission

World Mission Offering

Sentences of Stewardship

Offertory

"Draw Me Close"

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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. Matthew Sturtevant
James 2.1-9, 14-18

Ministry of Music

"Thy Word"

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Sermon

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

"Faith without Works: Caring for Others with Your Actions"

* Hymn of Response (CONGR 649)

"Christ, You Call Us All to Service"
IN BABILONE

- * Life of the Church
- * Benediction

Postlude “Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven”
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The flowers on the altar this morning are given for the greater glory of God.

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Matthew Sturtevant
Assoc. Pastor for Children, Youth, & Families: Rev. Cristina Adams
Liturgist: Shane Schenkel • Organist: Evelyn Falen • Chancel Choir Director: Mark Robinson
Livestream Video Crew: Brandon Gillette, Glenn Prescott • Sound: Marylee Southard
YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Hannes Combest

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Local Church: First Regular Missionary Baptist
American Baptist Churches, USA: Executive Min. Rev. Miriam Méndez,
serving the American Baptist Churches of New Jersey
International Ministries Global Servants: Alise & Mark Juanes, serving in Thailand

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