



THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
OCTOBER 27, 2024  
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP  
FBC SANCTUARY  
11:00 A.M.

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*Love somebody who does not deserve it.*  
— Wendell Berry

Gathering Music

“Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It”

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Cristina Adams

Prelude

“He Leadeth Me”

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LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

\* Call to Worship

Neal Purvis

Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times,

**People: God’s praise will continually be in my mouth.**

Leader: My soul boasts in the Lord,

**People: let the humble hear and be glad.**

Leader: O magnify the Lord with me,

**People: let us exalt God’s name together!**

\* Hymn of Praise (CONGR 285)

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

TUNE: CWM RHONDDA. Last verse organ accompaniment by Janet Linker.  
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\* 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

Neal Purvis

Mark 10.46–52

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

“The Prayer of St. Francis”

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

Hearing Our Joys and Concerns

Rev. Cristina Adams

Unison Discipline of Confession

**Merciful God, we have not been humble. We have discouraged others from seeking you. We have not sought your wisdom. Forgive us, O God, and teach us to boast only of you. Help us to celebrate when others seek after you. Give us the light of your wisdom and ways, through Christ our Lord.**

Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*People of God, the Lord hears, forgives, and saves. Therefore, be reconciled to one another and walk humbly before God.*

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

Dava Cooper

Sentences of Stewardship

Offertory

**"How Deep the Father's Love For Us"**

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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

James 3.13-18, 4.7-10 (CEB)

Sermon

Rev. Cristina Adams

**"Seeking Wisdom in Unprecedented Times"**

We Listen: "Manifesto: The Mad Farmer Liberation Front" by Wendell Berry

**We Sing: "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" (CONGR 635) verse 1**

We Listen: "Loving Lord, You are Here" by Cristina Adams

**We Sing: "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" (CONGR 635) verse 2**

We Listen: "A Prayer for Tired, Angry Ones" by Laura Jean Truman

**We Sing: "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" (CONGR 635) verse 3**

We Listen: "Don't Hesitate" by Mary Oliver

\* Hymn of Invitation (CONGR 74)

“There is a Balm in Gilead”  
BALM IN GILEAD

\* Life of the Church

\* Benediction

Postlude

“Lead On O King Eternal”

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*The flowers on the altar this morning are given for the greater glory of God.*

#### TODAY IN WORSHIP

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

Liturgist: Neal Purvis • Organist: Evelyn Falen • Chancel Choir Director: Mark Robinson

Livestream Video Crew: Steve Yoder, Brandon Gillette • Sound: Glenn Prescott

YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Susan Pauls

#### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Local Church: First (United Methodist) Church

American Baptist Churches, USA: Acting Interim Executive Min. Rev. Patricia Duckworth,  
serving the American Baptist Churches of Mission Northwest

International Ministries Global Servants: Nora & Pieter Kalkman, serving in Europe & the Middle East

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Poems in today's sermon:

“Manifesto: The Mad Farmer Liberation Front” from The Country of Marriage by Wendell Berry, © 1973 Harcourt;  
“A Prayer for Tired, Angry Ones” from A Rhythm of Prayer by Laura Jean Truman, edited by Sarah Bessey, © 2020 Convergent  
Books; and “Don't Hesitate” from Swan by Mary Oliver, © 2010 Beacon Press.

Every member of First Baptist Church, like every disciple of Christ, is commissioned to participate in Christian ministry.  
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