



"Peaceable Kingdom"
John August Swanson



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THE WORSHIP OF GOD
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 17, 2024
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP
FBC SANCTUARY
11:00 A.M.

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Shalom is the breadth, depth, climate, and smell of the kingdom of God....We become peacemakers when we, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, catch glimpses of shalom, and pull our friends to stand in our line of vision so that they too can see the beauty of the kingdom.

—Osheta Moore

Gathering Music

“They’ll Know We are Christians by Our Love”

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Cristina Adams

Prelude

“With Peace and Joy”

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LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

* Call to Worship

Chad Johnston
Psalm 16

Leader: Bless the Lord who counsels and guides us.

People: Because we keep the Lord ever before us, we shall not be moved.

Leader: Rejoice! Let your hearts be glad! Let your spirits rejoice and your bodies rest secure.

People: For God does not give us up to death, but shows us the path of life.

All: Praise the Lord!

* Hymn of Praise (CONGR 437, vss. 1–4)

“How Wide the Love of Christ”
FESTAL SONG

* 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 437, vs. 5)

“How Wide the Love of Christ”
FESTAL SONG

* Gospel Reading

Rev. Cristina Adams
Matthew 5.9

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

Hearing Our Joys and Concerns

Rev. Matt Sturtevant

Unison Discipline of Confession

God of grace, all around us are wars, and rumors of wars, and we are afraid for ourselves and our world. We follow after false leaders and grasp for whatever security we can find. Forgive us, Lord, for we are quick to forget that all of life is in your hands. Renew our hope, increase our courage, and keep us watchful for the signs of your just and peaceful reign that is to come.

Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news! Our guilty hearts have been washed clean! Live in peace, forgiven and freed.

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 472)

"Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus"
LEMMEL

RETURNING OUR GIFTS IN GRATITUDE

What FBC Means to Me

Nathan Huguley

Offertory

"Sweet Peace"

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* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

(Those attending Children's Church may leave now.)

PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH WITH HOPE

Old Testament Reading

Rev. Cristina Adams
Isaiah 2.1-5, 11.1-9

Ministry of Music

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Sermon

Rev. Cristina Adams
"Peacemaking in a Culture of Violence"

* Hymn of Invitation (CONGR 691)

"For the Troubles and the Sufferings"
PELAS DORES DESTE MUNDO

- * Life of the Church
- * Benediction

Postlude “Let the Earth Rejoice!”
Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice, and let them say among the nations, “The Lord reigns!”
1 Chronicles 16:31
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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: Chad Johnston • Organist: Evelyn Falen • Chancel Choir Director: Mark Robinson
Livestream Video Crew: Susan Pauls, Jim Lord • Sound: Marylee Southard
YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Jenny Purvis

REMEMBER IN PRAYER
Local Church: Grace Evangelical Presbyterian
American Baptist Churches, USA: Rev. Dr. James E. McJunkin Jr.,
serving churches of the Philadelphia Baptist Association
International Ministries Global Servants: Eric & Yuree Lembke, serving in Thailand

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* In-person worshippers are invited to stand as able