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THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
JULY 27, 2025  
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP  
FBC SANCTUARY  
11:00 A.M.

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*Luther observed that God's knowledge is hidden under opposites; thus reason on its own cannot make sense of what God has revealed without faith in the cross as its starting point. He claimed we see a paradox in the cross—God's power displayed in weakness, God's wisdom hidden under foolishness, grace under judgment, sovereignty under humble submission, and life under the death of the crucified Christ.*

—Bonnie L. Pattison

Gathering Music

"Heavenly Sunlight"

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Cristina Adams

Prelude

"O Worship the King"

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LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

\* Call to Worship

Chad Johnston

Leader: As followers of Jesus, we are called

**People: to bless those who persecute us;**

Leader: to rejoice with those who rejoice, and mourn with those who mourn;

**People: to live in harmony with others and not be arrogant.**

Leader: As disciples of the Prince of Peace, we are called

**People: to not repay anyone evil for evil;**

Leader: to, as far as possible, live peaceably with all;

**People: to feed our enemies when they are hungry and offer a drink when they are thirsty.**

Leader: Ours is a hard and holy calling, friends. And so we gather.

**People: We gather for prayer and study.**

Leader: We gather for singing and silence.

**People: We gather for encouragement and support.**

**All: We gather for worship.**

\* Hymn of Gathering (CONGR 450 vss 1-2)

"With Water Freely Flowing"

MERLE'S TUNE

Celebration of Baptism of Andrew Lord

Hymn of Response (CONGR 450 vs 3)

"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!**

\* Responding in Peace (CONGR 289 vs 3)

“The Servant Song”  
GILLARD

Children’s Sermon

## SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Call to Prayer

“What an Awesome God”

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Hearing Our Joys and Concerns

Rev. Cristina Adams

Prayers of the People

One: Wherever the pride of a few causes harm to many, gracious God,

**Many: bring your justice.**

One: To those who feel resentment of all that is asked of them, gracious God,

**Many: bring your peace.**

One: To those who do not receive fair payment and appreciation for their service, gracious God,

**Many: bring your justice.**

One: In every place where people enact violence against each other, gracious God,

**Many: bring your peace.**

One: To every heart that is reluctant to share from the bounty you provide, gracious God,

**Many: bring your justice.**

One: To those who step out toward conflict despite their fear, gracious God,

**Many: bring your peace.**

One: Gracious God, may your justice rule our world, may your peace guard our hearts, and may the prayer your Son taught us guide our actions:

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 383)

“Near to the Heart of God”  
McAFEE

## RETURNING OUR GIFTS IN GRATITUDE

Testimony of Faith

Andrew Lord

Sentences of Stewardship

Offertory

“In the Garden”

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\* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH WITH HOPE

\* Gospel Reading

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant  
Matthew 10.12–15, 34–39

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant  
“Peace with Others: Peacemakers Are Honest”

\* Hymn of Invitation (CONGR 692)

“Let Truth and Mercy Find Here”  
AURELIA

\* Life of the Church

\* Benediction

Postlude

“Praise Be To God Op. 68 No. 10”  
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*The flowers on the altar 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 • Worship Band Director: Mark Robinson

Livestream Video Crew: Brandon Gillette, Susan Pauls • Sound: Marylee Southard

YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Kylee Johnston

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Local Church: Vintage Church

American Baptist Churches, USA: Rev. Dr. Steve Van Ostran, serving the

American Baptist Churches of the Rocky Mountains

International Ministries Global Servants: Lanutemjen & Onenlemla Ao, serving in India

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