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THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
OCTOBER 26, 2025  
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP  
FBC SANCTUARY  
11:00 A.M.

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*...divine revelation does not depend on our spiritual quickness or skill but rather on God's faithfulness. If we don't get it (as indeed the gospels portray Jesus' disciples not getting it most of the time), God will not give up. God will try again, perhaps at another time or in another place or even through a different method. God persists. Remember a time when you sensed God speaking into your life. Did you get it the first time, or did God have to persist? What were some of the attempts God made through others or through life experiences? How has your church experienced the persistence of God?*

– Amy G. Oden

Gathering Music

**"I Will Arise and Go To Jesus"**

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

**Rev. Matthew Sturtevant**

Prelude

**"How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings"**

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LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

\* Call to Worship

**Anne Munsterman**  
Psalm 84

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

**People: My soul longs for the courts of the Lord. My flesh sings for joy to the living God.**

Leader: Happy are those who live in the house of the Lord, ever singing your praise, O God.

**People: Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

\* Hymn of Gathering (CONGR 566)

**"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"**  
ST. ANNE

\* 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 278, v 2)

**"We Are Travelers on a Journey"**  
BEACH SPRING

\* Gospel Reading

**Anne Munsterman**  
John 9.35–39

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Children's Sermon

## SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Faith in Action

Danny Trent

Hearing Our Joys and Concerns

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Unison Discipline of Confession

**No words can express the depth of our need or reveal the extent of our sin. But you know us completely, O God. When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions. You rescue us from evil and clothe us with love. Humbly, we thank you; for no words can express our gratitude for the gift of your salvation.**

Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Sisters and brothers and siblings in Christ, God does not hold our sin against us but pours out abundant grace. Give thanks to God and by the Spirit's power share the gospel far and near: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!*

Morning Prayer and The 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

"Somebody's Calling My Name"

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## RETURNING OUR GIFTS IN GRATITUDE

Moment for Mission

World Mission Offering

Sentences of Stewardship

Offertory

"He Hideth My Soul"

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\* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

*(Those headed to Children's Church may leave now.)*

## PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH WITH HOPE

Old Testament Reading

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

1 Samuel 2.12-17; 2.27-32; 3.1-7; 3.8-13 and 18-20

Sermon

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

"Faith in Action: Samuel"

\* Hymn of Invitation (CONGR 478)

“God is Calling Through the Whisper”  
W ZLOBIE LEZY

Life of the Church

Benediction

Postlude

“Chorale: In Peace and Joy I Go My Way”

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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: Anne Munsterman • Organist & Accompanist: Evelyn Falen

Livestream Video Crew: Susan Pauls, Brenda Schenkel • Sound: Shane Schenkel

YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Kylee Johnston

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Local Church: Fellowship Baptist Church

American Baptist Churches, USA: Exec. Minister Rev. Dr. Michael Friday,

serving the American Baptist Churches of Greater Indianapolis

International Ministries Global Servant: Waleska Febres, serving in Colombia

Faith in Action Partner: Brett Hartford, Executive Director, Homeless Resource Center (Lawrence, KS)

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