



**Be strong and courageous.
Do not be afraid or discouraged,
for the Lord your God is with you
wherever you go.**

Joshua 1:9

*Joshua 1:9
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THE WORSHIP OF GOD
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 5, 2025
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP
FBC SANCTUARY
11:00 A.M.

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Courage is more exhilarating than fear, and in the long run it is easier. We do not have to become heroes overnight. Just a step at a time, meeting each thing that comes up, seeing it is not as dreadful as it appeared, discovering we have the strength to stare it down.

– Eleanor Roosevelt

Gathering Music

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Prelude

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LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

* Call to Worship

Levi Grassy

Leader: In the midst of war and division, we wait for God:

People: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, God’s mercies never come to an end.

Leader: In the midst of devastation and loss, we wait for God:

People: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, God’s mercies never come to an end.

Leader: In the midst of change and uncertainty, we wait for God:

People: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, God’s mercies never come to an end.

All: They are new every morning! Great is your faithfulness, O God!

* Hymn of Gathering (CONGR 48)

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”
FAITHFULNESS

* 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 509 vs 4)

“Trust and Obey”
TRUST AND OBEY

* Gospel Reading

Levi Grassy
Matthew 5.43–47

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

Jane Phelps

Hearing Our Joys and Concerns

Rev. Cristina Adams

Unison Discipline of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that the world suffers because of our sin. We use power against others for our own benefit. We misuse the natural resources of the earth in carelessness and greed. By our habits and apathies, others are subjected to desolation, even despair. Forgive us for making enemies and exiles of those you call us to love and serve. Forgive us for laying waste to the landscape of creation. Forgive us for being complicit in causing others to grieve and to wander without rest. We wait on you, O God. We hope in you. You alone can restore all things, even us.

Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

God, in Christ Jesus, grants us grace, mercy, and peace. Let us hold to the sound teaching of the faith: that God has the power to save us and has given us grace through all the ages. Receive the promise of the treasure of faith entrusted to us, by the Holy Spirit living in us.

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.

RETURNING OUR GIFTS IN GRATITUDE

Sentences of Stewardship

Offertory

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

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* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH WITH HOPE

Old Testament Reading

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant
Joshua 1.1-9

Sermon

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant
"Faith in Action: Joshua"

CELEBRATING THE TABLE OF GRACE

Invitation to the Table

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

Celebration of the Bread

“Remembrance (The Communion Song)”

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Celebration of the Cup

“Communion in Christ”

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* Hymn of Invitation (CONGR 697)

“This is My Song”
FINLANDIA

Life of the Church

Benediction

Postlude

“Finale on a Tonic Pedal”

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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: Levi Grassy • Organist & Accompanist: Evelyn Falen

Worship Band Leader: Mark Robinson

Livestream Video Crew: Brenda Schenkel, Glenn Prescott • Sound: Marylee Southard

YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Susan Pauls

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Local Church: Community Church of God

American Baptist Churches, USA: Exec. Minister Rev. Dr. Trisha Miller Manarin,
serving the District of Columbia Baptist Convention

International Ministries Global Servants: Hermelinda & Jorge Damasceno, serving in the United Kingdom

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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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