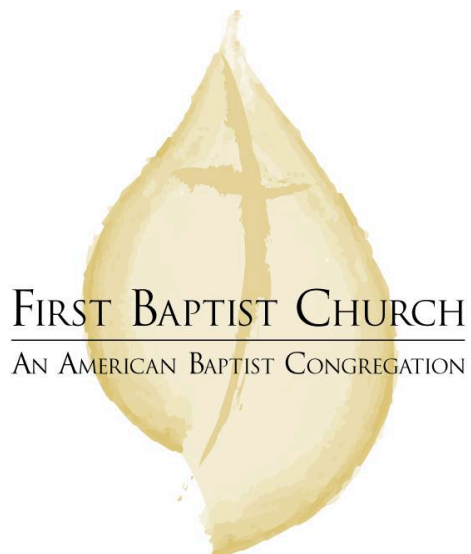


"The Disciples Eat Wheat on the Sabbath"
Watercolor painting by James Tissot



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The room is quiet. You're not feeling tired enough to sleep or energetic enough to go out. For the moment there is nowhere else you'd rather go, no one else you'd rather be. You feel at home in your body. You feel at peace in your mind. For no particular reason, you let the palms of your hands come together and close your eyes. Sometimes it is only when you happen to taste a crumb of it that you dimly realize what it is that you're so hungry for you can hardly bear it.

– Frederick Buechner, *Sabbath*

Gathering Music

“Wonderful Words of Life”

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Prelude

“Arioso”

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LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

* Call to Worship

Rev. John Williams

Psalm 33

Leader: All who are righteous, shout with joy to our God!

People: Let us sing a new song!

Leader: Praise God and give thanks, with organs, with guitars, with all kinds of instruments!

People: Play your best with joy!

Leader: Because our Creator's word is right, and everything God does is done for our good.

People: Let your faithful love surround us, O God!

* Hymn of Gathering (CONGR 302)

“Come Away from Rush and Hurry”

PROMISE

* 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 (chorus only)

“Celtic Alleluia”

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Children's Sermon

SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Hearing Our Joys and Concerns

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

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

Unison Discipline of Confession

Merciful God, your word and your promises come to us when our hearts are full with rejoicing and when our hearts fall with sorrow for our failings. The gifts you have given us we have not shared with our neighbors. By overt acts and by omission, we diminish your creation. We deceive ourselves about our true nature, and we do not honor your desire for Earth and all her creatures. We beg your mercy. Forgive us. Help us to amend our lives in accord with your admonitions. Show us the pathway toward healing and give us peace.

Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Jesus was delivered to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification. God has poured out love upon us, and we have received forgiveness for our sins. We can now live in peace!

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

Call to Stewardship

"Come, All Christians, Be Committed"

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Sentences of Stewardship

Offertory

"'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

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* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH WITH HOPE

* Gospel Reading

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Luke 6.1-11

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

"Jesus and Sabbath: A Failed Experiment or Misunderstood Concept?"

CELEBRATING THE TABLE OF GRACE

Call to Communion (CONGR 303)

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

HOLY MANNA

Invitation to the Table

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Celebration of the Bread

“Come, Share the Lord”

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Celebration of the Cup

“In This Very Room”

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* Hymn of Invitation (CONGR 519)

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

ASH GROVE

* Life of the Church

* Benediction

* Postlude

“Fugue in C Major” (The “Fanfare” Fugue)

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The flowers on the altar today are given for the greater glory of God.

TODAY IN WORSHIP

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

Liturgist: Rev. John Williams • Director of Worship Music: Mark Robinson

Organist: Evelyn Falen • Vocal Soloist: Pat Transue

Livestream Video Crew: Steve Yoder, Susan Pauls • Sound: Glenn Prescott

YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Kylee Johnston

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Local Church: Rev City Church (formerly Mustard Seed)

*American Baptist Churches, USA: Executive Min. Rev. Patty Bilyeu,
serving the American Baptist Churches of the Great Rivers Region*

International Ministries Global Servants: Kathy & Tim Rice, serving in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

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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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