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THE WORSHIP OF GOD
ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 9, 2026
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP
FBC SANCTUARY
11:00 A.M.

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Despite the pressure to rush from one thing to the next, there is room to take a breath. It's a pause that reminds us who we are outside of what we do and what we achieve. This is what it means to rest. It is here we will find freedom. It is here we will find peace.

– Morgan Harper Nichols

Gathering Music

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. John Williams

Prelude

Theme from “Finlandia”

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LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

* Call to Worship

Joanna Gillette
Psalm 46

Leader: God is our refuge and strength,

People: a very present help in trouble.

Leader: Therefore we will not fear,

People: though the earth should change, though the mountains shake...

Leader: “Be still and know that I am God!”

People: The LORD of hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Leader: Let us worship the LORD.

* Hymn of Praise (CONGR 611)

“He Hideth My Soul”
KIRKPATRICK

* 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 341 v 5)

“For the Beauty of the Earth”
DIX

Children’s Sermon

Rev. Cristina Adams

SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Call to Prayer

“Reverie”

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Faith at Rest

Rev. Bob Johnston

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

Hearing Our Joys and Concerns

Unison Discipline of Confession

We confess, Lord, that often we fail to follow your call to rest, to love our neighbors as ourselves, and to further your kingdom in this world. We fill our days with our own agendas and do not love you with our whole selves. We get caught up in believing our worth comes from what we do and forget that our worth comes from being beloved by you. Teach us to rest in you, lead us to love, and forgive us whenever we fall short.

Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe in the good news of the gospel: God's love is so great for us that our sins are forgiven as far as the east is from the west. 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

"The King of Love, My Shepherd Is"

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RETURNING OUR GIFTS IN GRATITUDE

Sentences of Stewardship

Offertory

"Enchantment"

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* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH WITH HOPE

* Gospel Reading

John 5.18

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Morgan Aspinwall
"The Work of Rest"

* Hymn of Invitation (CONGR 383)

"Near to the Heart of God"

McAFEE

* Life of the Church

* Benediction

Postlude

“Triumphal March Op. 56”

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The flowers on the altar today are given for the glory of God by contributions from memorials given for that purpose.

TODAY IN WORSHIP

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

Guest Preacher: Morgan Aspinwall

Liturgists: Rev. John Williams & Joanna Gillette

Organist & Accompanist: Evelyn Falen • Vocal Soloist: Olumide Afolabi

Handbell Quintet: Evelyn Falen, Becky Harris (Director), Caitlin Horton, Anne Johnson, Linda Randel

Piano Accompanist for Handbells: Marylee Southard

Livestream Video Crew: Brenda Schenkel, Glenn Prescott • Sound: Brandon Gillette

YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Laura McCorkill

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Local Church: Story Hill Church

American Baptist Churches, USA: Rev. Jacqueline Saxon, serving the

Mid-American Baptist Churches Association (Iowa & Minnesota)

International Ministries Global Servant: Shigemi Tomita, serving in Japan

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Unison Discipline of Confession & Assurance of Pardon written by Pastor Cristina Adams. Used by her permission.

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