



Old and New Fences in Jessamine County, Kentucky



THE WORSHIP OF GOD
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 20, 2026
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP
FBC SANCTUARY
11:00 A.M.

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Sabbath challenges the theology of progress by reminding us that we are already and always on sacred ground. The gifts of grace and delight are present and abundant; the time to live and love and give thanks and rest and delight is now, this moment, this day. Feel what heaven is like; have a taste of eternity. Rest in the arms of the divine. We do not have miles to go before we sleep. The time to sleep, to rest, is now. We are already home.

— Wayne Muller

Gathering Music

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” with “Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring”
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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Prelude

Allemanda from “Concerto Grosso No. 10”
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LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

* Call to Worship

Pat Transue
Psalm 105

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord! The Lord hears the cries of the people.

People: Give thanks to the Lord.

Leader: The works of the Lord are great. Remember what God has done.

People: Give thanks to the Lord.

Leader: God has done miracles, and the Lord always remembers God's covenant.

All: Give thanks to the Lord! Glory and praise is due to the Lord!

* Hymn of Praise (CONGR 319)

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN. Accom. on last verse: Arr. Frederick Swann. © 1985 Tarzana
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* 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

“Celtic Alleluia”
CELTIC ALLELUIA

* Gospel Reading

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant
Matthew 5.17–20, 48 (The Message)

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Children's Sermon

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Call to Prayer

"Celtic Laud"

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Hearing Our Joys and Concerns

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Unison Discipline of Confession

Gracious God, we have sought after things, but we have not sought after you. We have expected generosity, but we have not shown generosity. We have failed to remember all that you have done. Forgive us and fill our hearts with gratitude. Help us to share our gifts and strengthen our legs so that we can run after you, O God.

Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

People of God, our sins are forgiven; we are reconciled to God. Let us therefore love one another with gratitude in our hearts and praise on our lips.

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 (CONGR 59)

"My Lord Is Near Me All the Time"

FOREST PARK

RETURNING OUR GIFTS IN GRATITUDE

Sentences of Stewardship

Offertory

"Abide With Me" with Chopin's "Etude" Op. 10 No. 3

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* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH WITH HOPE

New Testament Reading

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Hebrews 4.4-5, 9-11

Sermon

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

"A Student of Sabbath"

* Hymn of Invitation (CONGR 566)

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Tune: ST. ANNE. Accomp. on last verse: Arr. Frederick Swann. © 1985 Tarzana Music Co./Fred Bock Music Company. Used by permission. CCLI #20126570

* Life of the Church

* Benediction

Postlude

“Rigaudon”

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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: Pat Transue • Organist & Accompanist: Evelyn Falen

Chancel Choir Flute Accompanist: Carol Watgen

Director of Worship Music & Chancel Choir: Mark Robinson

Livestream Video Crew: Susan Pauls, Anne Johnson, Kelly Johnson • Sound: Scott Lamb

YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Laura McCorkill

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Local Church: 360 Church

American Baptist Churches, USA: Executive Minister Rev. Mark Mahserjian-Smith, serving the

American Baptist Churches of Pennsylvania & Delaware

International Ministries Global Servant: Faye Yarbrough, serving in South Africa

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* In-person worshippers are invited to stand as able