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THE WORSHIP OF GOD
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 27, 2026
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP
FBC SANCTUARY
11:00 A.M.

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...God is a God of movement. In the same way the Divine moved to separate things at creation, God can create distance between you and the things that might cause you harm. In the same way the Divine took action to craft new things, God can build opportunities for you. In the same way the Divine moved to place things in order, God can arrange circumstances on your behalf. Although you may not see evidence of it yet, God is on the move and moving in your direction.

– Kimberly Russaw

Gathering Music

“Majesty”

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Cristina Adams

Prelude

“Praise and Thanksgiving”

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LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

* Call to Worship

Joe Karnes

Leader: Praise the Lord who is our provider.

People: The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.

Leader: God brought us out of bondage and has made us free.

People: The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.

Leader: Glorious are the deeds of our God, and mighty are his acts.

All: The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.

* Hymn of Praise (CONGR 312)

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

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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 (CONGR 405, v 1)

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

BRADBURY

* Gospel Reading

Rev. Cristina Adams

Luke 10.38-42

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Children’s Sermon

Rev. Cristina Adams

SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Call to Prayer

“How Beautiful”

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Hearing Our Joys and Concerns

Rev. Cristina Adams

Unison Discipline of Confession

Almighty God, we have been wandering in the wilderness of sin. We have complained in the face of your mercy. We have been selfish and conceited in the face of your sacrifice. We have not done your will. Teach us humility. Teach us gratitude. Infuse your spirit into our beings so that we might be reconciled to you.

Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

People of God, our sins are forgiven. The Lord is loving, and we are reconciled to God. Therefore, let us humble and surrender ourselves to the will of God for the glory of the Lord.

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

“The Lord's My Shepherd”

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* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH WITH HOPE

Old Testament Reading

Rev. Thomas Cobbs
I Kings 19.1-10

Ministry of Music

“Rest”

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Sermon

Rev. Thomas Cobbs
“When You Are Feeling Overwhelmed: H.A.L.T.!”

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* Hymn of Invitation (CONGR 404)

"I Need Thee Every Hour"
NEED

* Life of the Church

* Benediction

Postlude

"Postludium"

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

TODAY IN WORSHIP

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

Guest Preacher: Rev. Thomas G. Cobbs, Sr.

Liturgist & Vocal Soloist: Joe Karnes • Organist & Accompanist: Evelyn Falen

Director of Worship Music & Chancel Choir: Mark Robinson

Livestream Video Crew: Brandon Gillette, Joanna Gillette • Sound: Carson Stoops

YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Margaret Gregory

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Local Church: Anchor Church

American Baptist Churches, USA: Executive Minister Quintin L. Robertson, serving the

American Baptist Churches of the Philadelphia Baptist Association

International Ministries Global Servant: Dilia Zelaya, serving in Honduras

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