

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

*Seeking the peace and well-being of the city*

November 12, 2023 11:00 a.m.

Twenty-Fourth  
Sunday after  
Pentecost



## PRELUDE

Hymn Medley

arr. N. Olanday

## GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

## CALL TO WORSHIP

## \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#110 We Come, O Christ, to You

DARWALL'S 148th

C
 $\frac{G}{B}$ 
C
Am
 $\frac{Em}{G}$ 
F
 $\frac{C}{E}$ 
 $\frac{G7}{D}$ 
C
G

1 We come, O Christ, to you, true Son of God and man; by  
 2 You are the Way to God, your blood our ran - som paid; in  
 3 You are the liv - ing Truth, all wis - dom dwells in you, the  
 4 You on - ly are true Life, to know you is to live the  
 5 We wor - ship you, Lord Christ, our Sav - ior and our King; to

C Am D  $\frac{D}{C}$   $\frac{G}{B}$  C  $\frac{G}{D}$  D7 G C F  $\frac{G7}{D}$

whom all things con - sist, in whom all life be - gan: in you a -  
 you we face our Judge and Mak - er un - a - fraid; be - fore the  
 source of ev - ery skill, the one e - ter - nal True! O great I  
 more a - bun - dant life that earth can nev - er give. O ris - en  
 you our youth and strength a - dor - ing - ly we bring: so fill our

C  $\frac{G}{B}$  C  $\frac{F}{A}$   $\frac{C}{G}$  F E Am  $\frac{Dm}{F}$   $\frac{C}{G}$  G7 C

lone we live and move, and have our be - ing in your love.  
 throne ab - solved we stand: your love has met your law's de - mand.  
 Am! in you we rest, sure an - swer to our ev - ery quest.  
 Lord! we live in you: in us each day your life re - new!  
 hearts that all may view your life in us, and turn to you!

WORDS: Margaret Clarkson (1915-)  
 MUSIC: John Darwall (1731-1789)

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DARWALL'S 148th  
 6.6.6.6.4.4.8.

### \*INVOCATION AND 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 trespasses,  
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
 And lead us not into temptation,  
 but deliver us from evil.  
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
 and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord,  
we confess that we fail to live as Kingdom people.  
We delay seeking reconciliation while we wait for a perfect time.  
We put off doing deeds of kindness  
while we wait for a more convenient time.  
We neglect spending time in prayer  
or reading your Word because we are too busy.  
Forgive us Lord. Reorder our priorities.  
Help us to live faithfully in the present.  
Help us to live confidently in the certainty  
that you will return when the time is right.

(Silence for personal confession and reflection)

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### \*GLORIA PATRI

R. Goodson

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and  
Ever shall be, world without end. Amen

## FIRST READING

Psalms 78:1-7

Page 594, 1st half of NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: **"Thanks be to God"**

## RESPONSIVE READING

One: The Lord says:

Listen to my teaching that you may set your hope in me.

**Many: Incline our ears to discern your Word.**

One: Generations past have told the Good News.

**Many: Open our hearts to receive their stories.**

One: You are now the mentors, the keepers of the stories.

**Many: Empower us to teach the next generations,**

**All: then all will know and set their hope in God,  
and learn to love and follow Him.**

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE

#349 Seek Ye First

(we will sing 2 x)

K. Lafferty

WORDS and MUSIC: Karen Lafferty (1948- ); para. Matthew 6:33, 7:7

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Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al -

D F#m G D G

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God and its  
2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you, seek and

le - lu - ia, al - le -

D G/D D Em7 A7 D F#m

right - eous - ness, and all these things shall be  
ye shall find, knock, and the door shall be

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

G D G D/A G/A A Em7/G A7 D

add - ed un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!  
o - pened un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

# \*HYMN OF MEDITATION

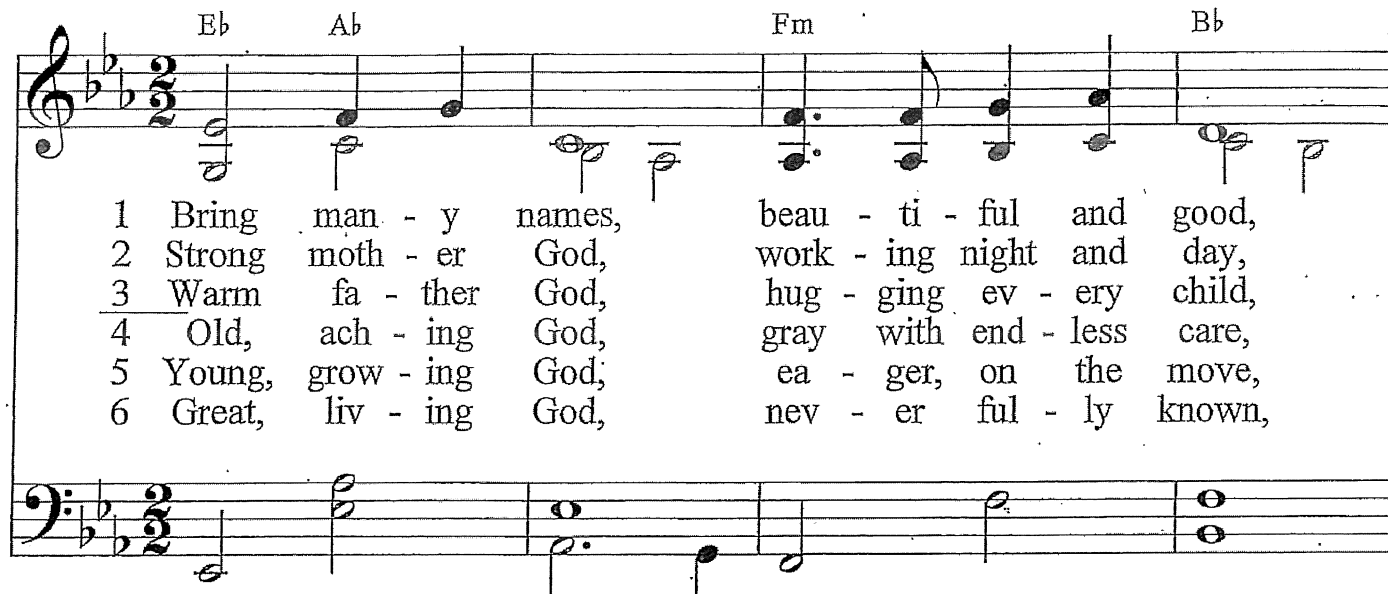
## Bring Many Names

WESTCHASE

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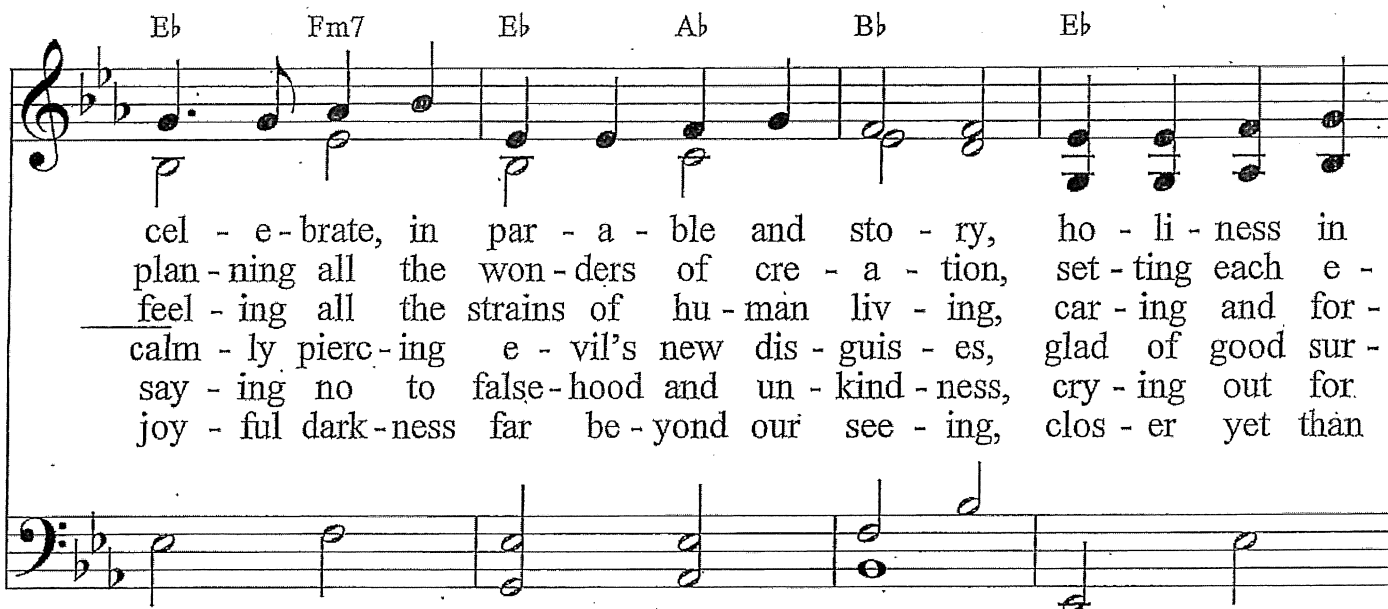
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WESTCHASE

E♭ Ab Fm B♭



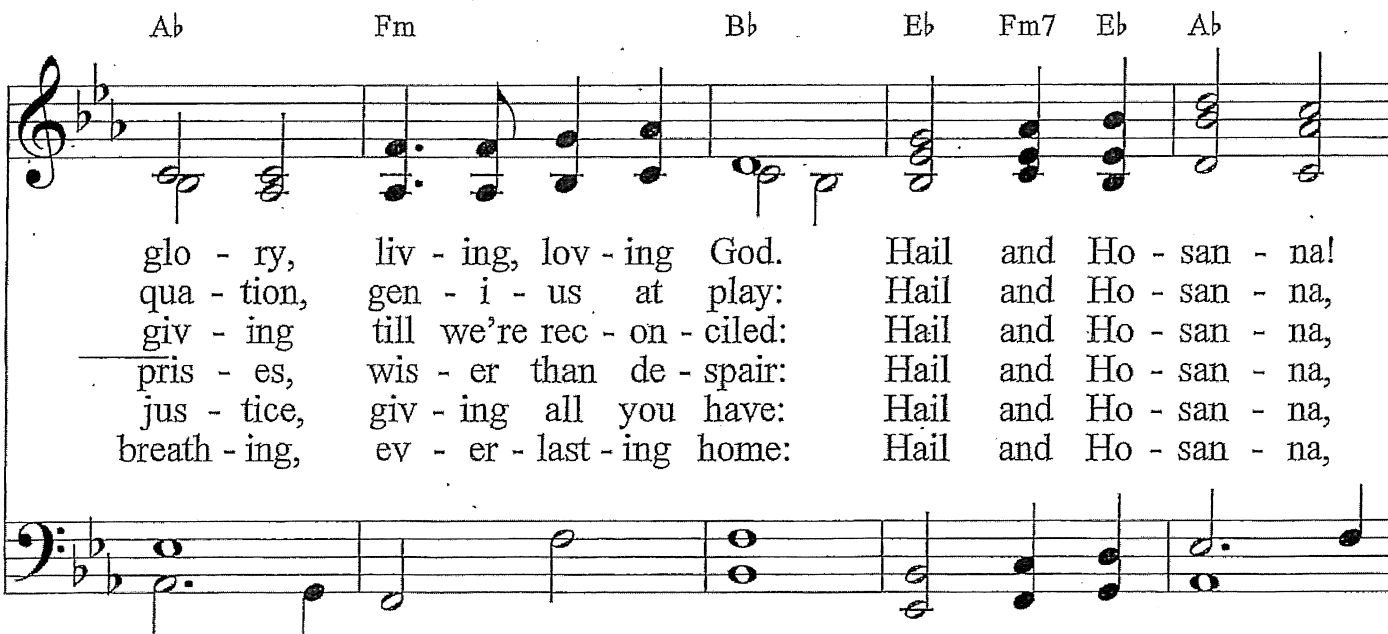
1 Bring man - y names, beau - ti - ful and good,  
2 Strong moth - er God, work - ing night and day,  
3 Warm fa - ther God, hug - ging ev - ery child,  
4 Old, ach - ing God, gray with end - less care,  
5 Young, grow - ing God; ea - ger, on the move,  
6 Great, liv - ing God, nev - er ful - ly known,

E♭ Fm7 E♭ Ab B♭ E♭



cel - e - brate, in par - a - ble and sto - ry, ho - li - ness in  
plan - ning all the won - ders of cre - a - tion, set - ting each e -  
feel - ing all the strains of hu - man liv - ing, car - ing and for -  
calm - ly pierc - ing e - vil's new dis - guis - es, glad of good sur -  
say - ing no to false - hood and un - kind - ness, cry - ing out for  
joy - ful dark - ness far be - yond our see - ing, clos - er yet than

Ab Fm B♭ E♭ Fm7 E♭ Ab



glo - ry, liv - ing, lov - ing God. Hail and Ho - san - na!  
qua - tion, gen - i - us at play: Hail and Ho - san - na,  
giv - ing till we're rec - on - ciled: Hail and Ho - san - na,  
pris - es, wis - er than de - spair: Hail and Ho - san - na,  
jus - tice, giv - ing all you have: Hail and Ho - san - na,  
breath - ing, ev - er - last - ing home: Hail and Ho - san - na,

1-5 | 6

Ebsus4 Eb Ab Bbsus4 Bb Eb Fm Bb7 Eb

Bring man - y names!  
 strong moth - er God!  
 warm fa - ther God!  
 old, ach - ing God!  
 young, grow - ing God!

great, liv - ing God!

**SECOND READING**

Matthew 25:1-13

Pages 28-29, 2nd half of NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

**SERMON**

Rev. Susan Hunter

**CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**Offertory**

When He Cometh Medley

arr. N. Olanday

**\*New Doxology**

Let's praise God for each good thing.

Marco Adria

All creation, shout and sing!

Praise three Persons, yet one Love:

Maker, Saviour, Holy Dove! Amen.

**\*Prayer of Gratitude**

**\*HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY**

#569 God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

G C G/B G/A G D/A G/B C6 G/D D G C/E C Am7

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple  
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn your Christ, as -  
 3 Heal your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to  
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

$\frac{G}{D}$  D7 G C  $\frac{G}{B}$   $\frac{G}{A}$  G  $\frac{D}{A}$   $\frac{G}{B}$  C6  $\frac{G}{D}$  D G  $\frac{C}{E}$

pour your power; crown your an - cient Church's sto - ry, bring its  
 sail his ways! Fears and doubts too long have bound us—free our  
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in  
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion be our

$\frac{G}{B}$  C  $\frac{G}{D}$  D G D  $\frac{G}{B}$  D7  $\frac{D}{F\#}$  G D7 G  $\frac{G}{B}$

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
 hearts to work and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

$\frac{G}{B}$   $\frac{D7}{A}$  G  $\frac{D}{F\#}$  Em7 D  $\frac{G}{B}$   $\frac{D7}{A}$  G C  $\frac{G}{D}$  D7 G

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.  
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

WORDS: Harry E. Fosdick (1878-1969), alt.  
 MUSIC: John Hughes (1873-1932)

CWM RHONDDA  
 8.7.8.7.8.7.7.

## **\*THE BLESSING OF THE COMMUNITY**

**Leader:** May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

## **\*The Sending of the Community**

## **\*Congregational Amen**

*The service of the church into the world - - begins again this week*

## **POSTLUDE**

Oh, How I Love Jesus

arr. N. Olanday

## **\*Please stand, as you are able**

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:

Writing Prayers - Dr Anne Bellamy;

Prayers of the People - Gordon Dinwoodie;

Scripture Reading - Debbie Benson, Greg Schoepp;

Guest Pianist - Nathan Olanday;

Video & Sound Technician - Evan Adnams.

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## **FBC Ministry Team:**

Rev. Dr. Ryan Sato, Senior Minister (on Sabbatical)

Rev. Jeremy Keay, Minister of Youth, Young Adults, Outreach

Dawn Stiles, Minister of Children and Families

Dr. Evelyn Grieger, Minister of Music

Jerrold Eilander, Organist / Choir Accompanist

*As we attempt to provide comfortable spaces for all and we have some members who have severe scent sensitivities, we ask that people refrain from wearing perfumes and colognes on Sunday morning to church. Thank you for helping us care for one another.*

— FBC Council