

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

August 16, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

Twelfth
Sunday after
Pentecost



PRELUDE

Partita on "I'll Praise My Maker"

R.J. Powell

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

INTROIT

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy
Corey Seibel, baritone

WELLESLEY

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath

OLD 113th

WORDS: Isaac Watts (1674-1748); adapt. John Wesley (1703-1791), alt.; para. Psalm 146

MUSIC: Strasburger Kirchenamt, 1525; attr. Matthaus Greiter (ca. 1500-1550); harm. V. Earle Copes (1921-)

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1 I'll praise my Mak - er while I've breath, and when my
2 Hap - py are those whose hopes re - ly on God the
3 The Lord gives eye - sight to the blind, he calms and
4 I'll praise him while he lends me breath, and when my

voice is lost in death, praise shall em-ploy my no-blest powers;
 Lord, who made the sky, and earth, the sea, the night and day;
 heals the trou-bled mind; he sends the wound-ed con-science peace;
 voice is lost in death, praise shall em-ploy my no-blest powers;

my days of praise are nev-er past while life and
 his truth for-ev-er stands se-cure, he keeps his
 he helps the strang-er in dis-tress, the wid-ow
 my days of praise are nev-er past while life and

thought and be-ing last or im-mor-tal-i-ty en-dures.
 prom-ise to the poor, and none who seeks is turned a-way.
 and the fa-ther-less, and grants the pris-oner glad re-lease.
 thought and be-ing last or im-mor-tal-i-ty en-dures.

***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

Merciful God,
We confess that we are like the first disciples —
we lose patience and struggle to sustain compassion
for people who need our help and support.
Like the disciples, a part of us wishes
they would go away and leave us in peace.

Forgive us God in your mercy,
Remind us of your deep love when we are in need.
Your love for all people is what drove you to the cross to die for our sins.

Show us how to live with deep compassion as you have loved us.
Teach us how to be your hands and feet to love others.

(Silence for personal reflection and confession)

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

Psalm 133

Read from the NRSV Bible

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

ANTHEM

Panis Angelicus

C. Franck

English variation by C. Seibel

LITANY

One: May He smile with kindness upon us.

Many: Let the people praise you, oh God.

One: May the whole world celebrate and sing for joy,
because you judge fairly and with integrity
and guide all people near and far.

Many: Let the people praise you, oh God.

One: Our God has richly blessed us, providing for all of our needs.

**All: May God continue to bless us,
and may the whole world come to know and worship God.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Behold, How Pleasant

MIREN QUÉ BUENO

Words: Pablo Sosa 1974; English 1986, alt.

Music: Pablo Sosa 1974; arr. Darryl Nixon 1987

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Unison

Be - hold, how pleas - ant, how good it is!

The first line of musical notation is in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 2/4 time signature. It contains eight measures of music. The lyrics 'Be - hold, how pleas - ant, how good it is!' are written below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllables spanning across measures.

Be - hold how pleas - ant, how good it is! is!

(to verses)

last time

The second line of musical notation continues the melody from the first line. It also has a key signature of two sharps and a 2/4 time signature. The lyrics 'Be - hold how pleas - ant, how good it is! is!' are written below the staff. A bracket labeled 'last time' spans the final two measures. Below the staff, the text '(to verses)' is written.

Verses



How pleas- ant and har- mon - ious when God's peo - ple are to - geth - er:



1 fra - grant as pre - cious oil when run - ning fresh on Aa - ron's beard.
2 fresh like the morn - ing dew that falls on Zi - on's ho - ly hill.
3 there is where God be - stows the bless - ing, life for ev - er - more.

D.C.

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SECOND READING

Matthew 15:21-28

Read from the NRSV Bible

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

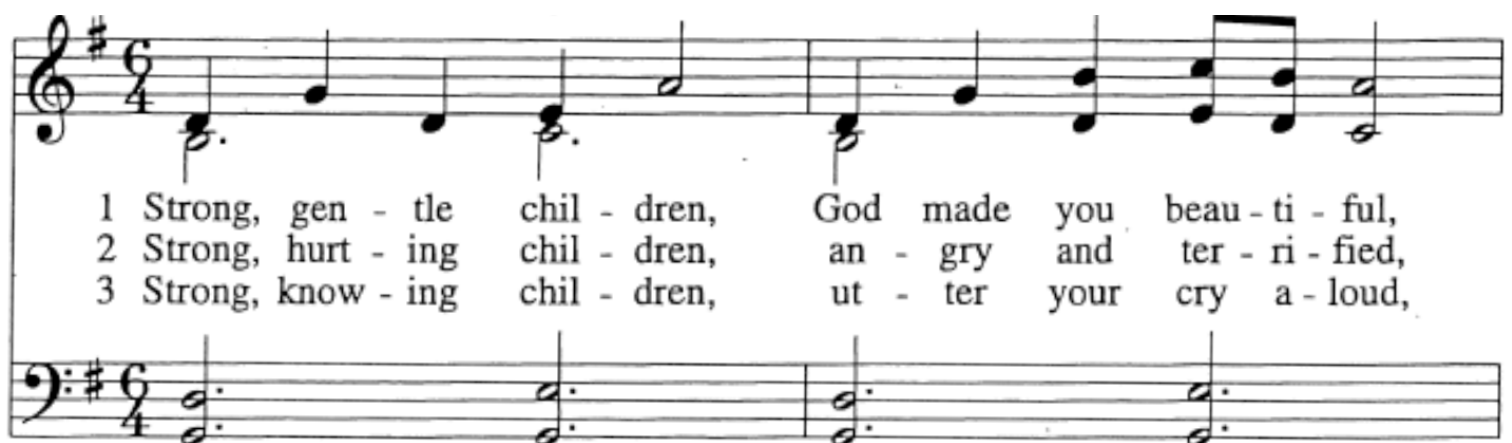
*HYMN OF MEDITATION

Strong, Gentle Children

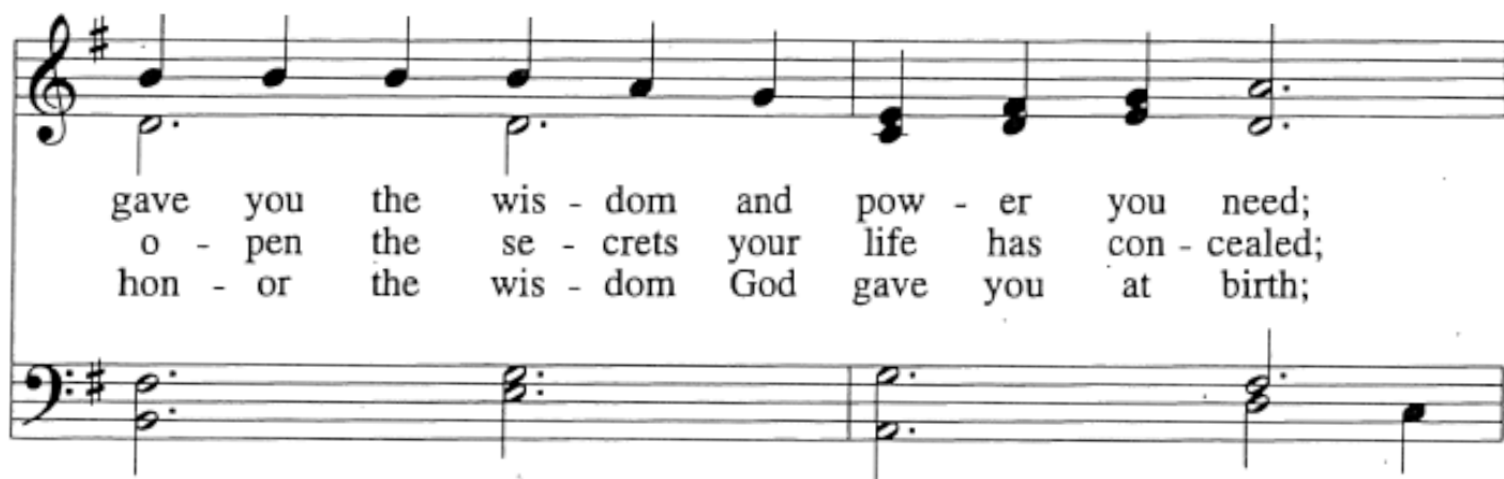
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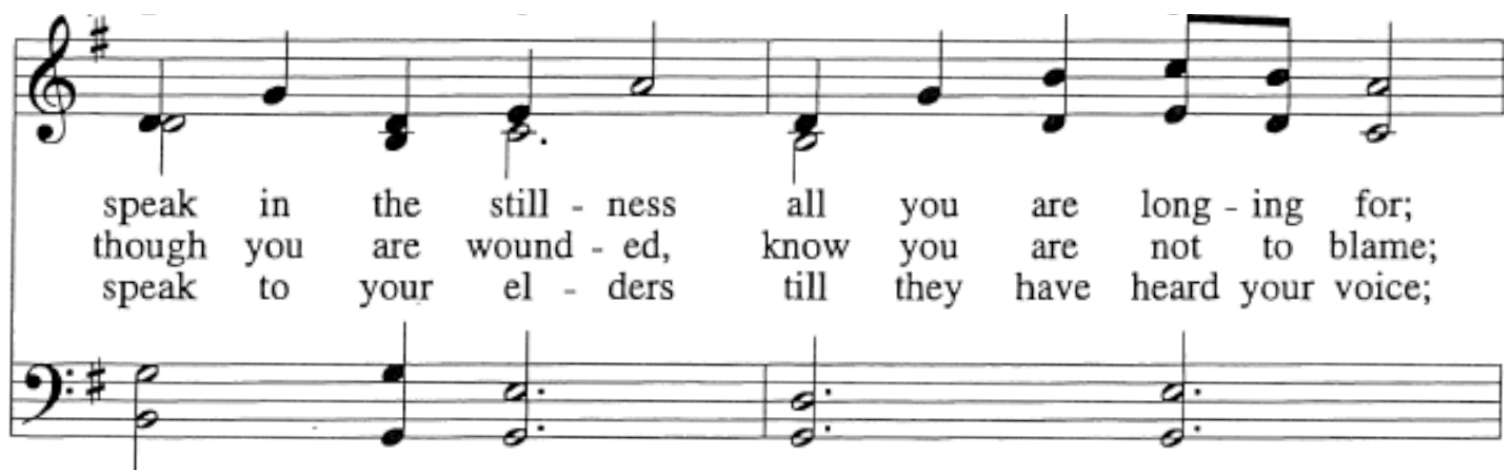
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1 Strong, gen - tle chil - dren, God made you beau - ti - ful,
2 Strong, hurt - ing chil - dren, an - gry and ter - ri - fied,
3 Strong, know - ing chil - dren, ut - ter your cry a - loud,



gave you the wis - dom and pow - er you need;
o - pen the se - crets your life has con - cealed;
hon - or the wis - dom God gave you at birth;



speak in the still - ness all you are long - ing for;
though you are wound - ed, know you are not to blame;
speak to your el - ders till they have heard your voice;



live out your call - ing to love and to lead.
cry out your sto - ry till truth is re - vealed.
sing out your vi - sion of heal - ing on earth.

SERMON

Rev. Jeremy Keay

(Silence for personal reflection)

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Suite No. 5 in E-flat Major BWV 815: Prelude

J.S. Bach

*New Doxology

M. Adria

Let's praise God for each good thing.

All creation, shout and sing!

Praise three Persons, yet one Love:

Maker, Saviour, Holy Dove! Amen.

*Prayer of Gratitude

*HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY

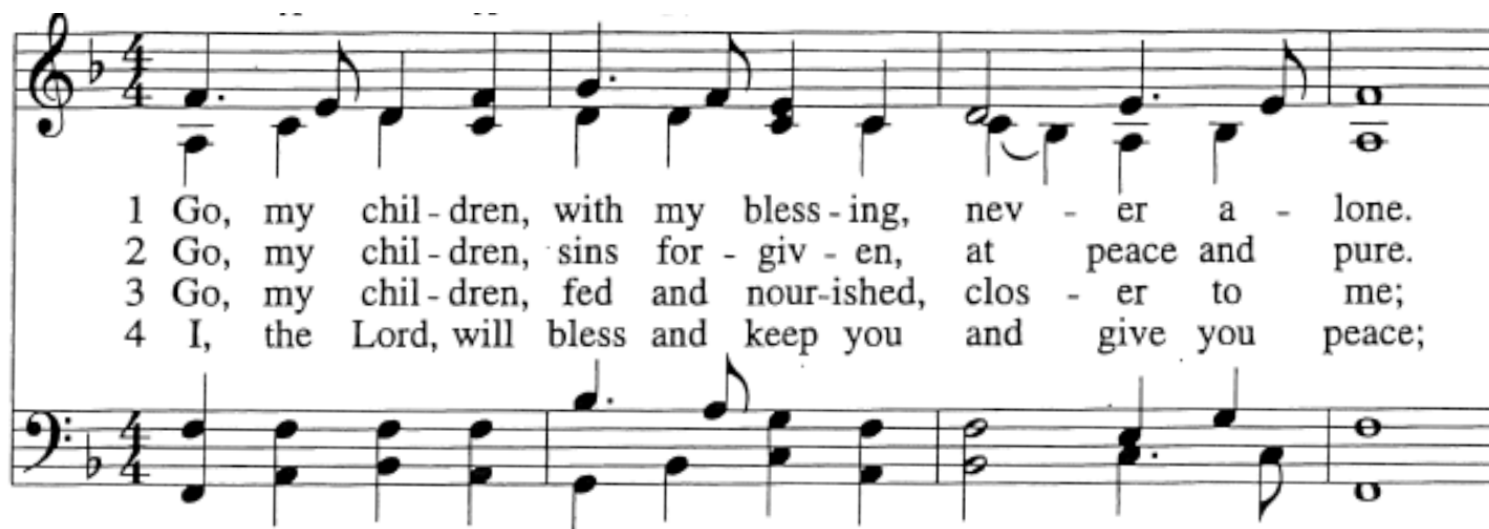
Go, My Children, with My Blessing

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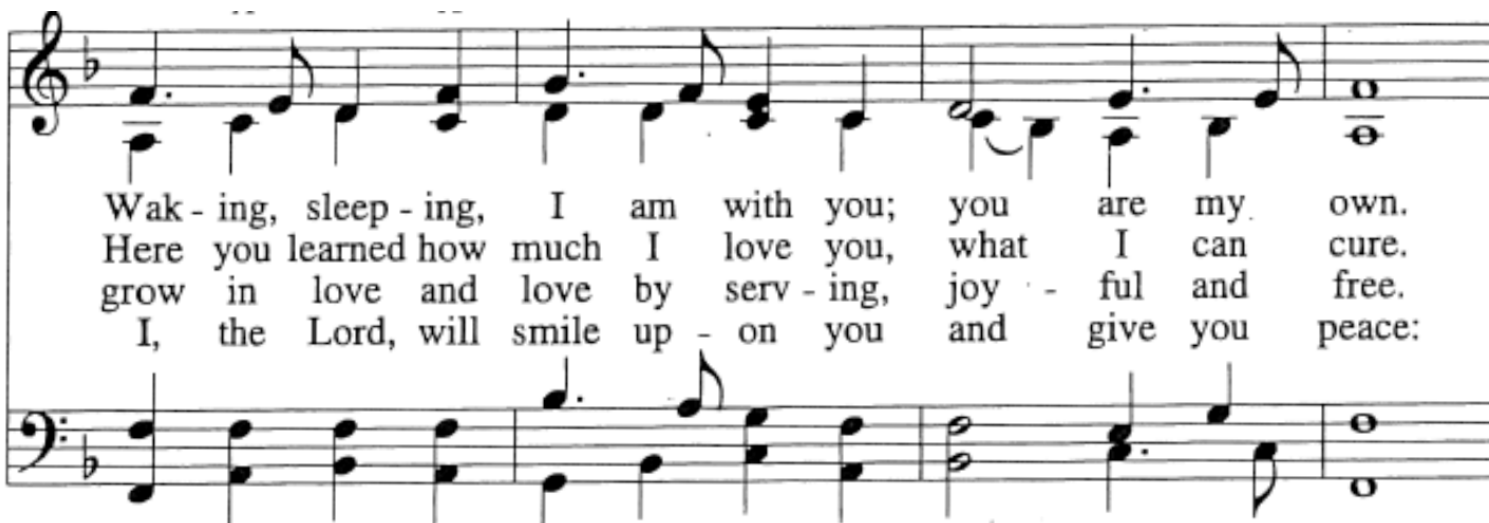
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MUSIC: Welsh melody

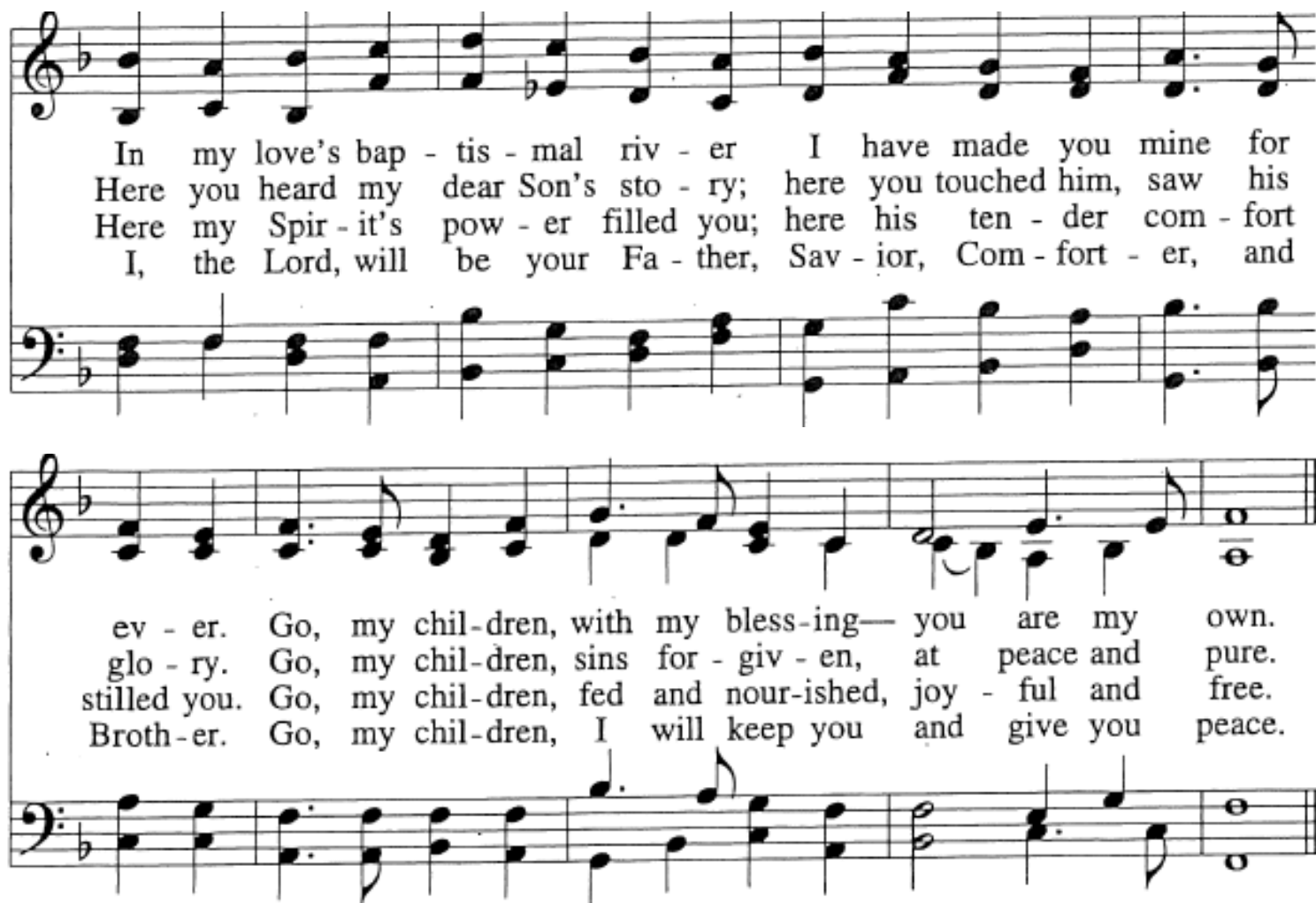
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1 Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev-er a-lone.
2 Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure.
3 Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos-er to me;
4 I, the Lord, will bless and keep you and give you peace;



Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you; you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy-ful and free.
I, the Lord, will smile up-on you and give you peace:



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry; here you touched him, saw his
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you; here his ten - der com - fort
 I, the Lord, will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er, and

ev - er. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing— you are my own.
 glo - ry. Go, my chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
 stilled you. Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, joy - ful and free.
 Broth - er. Go, my chil-dren, I will keep you and give you peace.

***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.

***Sung Benediction**

The Servant Song

R. Gillard

***The Sending of the Community**

***Congregational Amen**

The service of the church into the world – begins again this week

POSTLUDE

I'll Praise My Maker

J. Jones

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

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:
Writing Prayers - Rose Merke;
Leading Worship & Prayers of the People - Gordon Dinwoodie;
Scripture Reading - Gwen Tasker, Warren Tasker;
Guest Soloist - Cory Seibel;
Video & Sound Technician - Evan Adnams.

FBC Ministry Team:

Rev. Jeremy Keay, Senior Minister
Dawn Stiles, Minister of Children and Families (on sabbatical)
Dr. Evelyn Grieger, Minister of Music (on vacation)
Jerrold Eilander, Organist / Choir Accompanist

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— FBC Council