



*"Can I not do with you as this potter has done? declares the Lord.  
Behold, like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand..."*

JEREMIAH 18:5-6 ESV

The Worship of God ✦ October 15, 2023 ✦ The 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

## THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

October 15, 2023 ✕ 11:00 AM

✕ *The Season of the Church Year: The 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Rev. Anita Thompson

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PIANO PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE

Mr. Lee Taylor Rose & Miss Carson Rose, Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 113:1-3

Mrs. Jayne Frei

INTROIT

*From the Rising of the Sun*  
The Sanctuary Choir & Congregation

arr. Bruce Greer

## From the Rising of the Sun

(Psalm 113)

From the ris - ing of the sun to the go - ing down  
of the same, the name of the Lord shall be  
praised. From the ris - ing of the sun to the  
go - ing down of the same, the name of the Lord shall be  
praised. So praise ye the Lord.  
Praise ye the Lord. From the  
ris - ing of the sun to the go - ing down of the same,  
the name of the Lord shall be praised.

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of eight staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. Chord symbols (G, D, C, D7, G7, Am7, Em7, Bm7, Dsus) are placed above the notes to indicate the harmonic structure. The score begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "From the ris - ing of the sun to the go - ing down of the same, the name of the Lord shall be praised. From the ris - ing of the sun to the go - ing down of the same, the name of the Lord shall be praised. So praise ye the Lord. Praise ye the Lord. From the ris - ing of the sun to the go - ing down of the same, the name of the Lord shall be praised."

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mrs. Frei

+HYMN OF PRAISE 319

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

LOBE DEN HERREN

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CHILDREN'S TIME & BLESSING Rev. Dr. Dennis Bazemore

People of God, what is our prayer for these children?

**Our prayer is that they grow up to be like Jesus—strong and brave,  
full of grace and truth, and that we will help them.**

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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Romans 12:1-2

Mr. Brayden Conboy

In Pew Bible, page 196 of New Testament

This is the word of God for the people of God;  
**thanks be to God.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Thompson

+HYMN 405

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

BRADBURY

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+PRAYER FOR THE OFFERING

Mr. Conboy

OFFERTORY

+DOXOLOGY

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jeremiah 18:1-6

Dr. Bazemore

In Pew Bible, page 881 of Old Testament

This is the word of God for the people of God;  
**thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Lessons Learned from Clay*

Dr. Bazemore

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INVITATION

*It is our tradition to offer a time of response near the end of worship. A response may take the shape of a profession of faith in Jesus Christ and desire to be baptized, a request for church membership, or the sharing of a prayer concern or praise which may be communicated with the congregation or safely kept between the sharer and minister. Please respond as you feel led during the Hymn of Response.*

+HYMN OF RESPONSE 493

*Have Thine Own Way, Lord*

ADELAIDE

+BENEDICTION

Dr. Bazemore

+CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

*As the chimes strike three times—in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—our corporate worship ends, and our opportunity begins to be the presence of Christ in the world, through the power of the Holy Spirit.*

RECESSIONAL OF THE LIGHT

PIANO POSTLUDE

*Please be seated for the postlude.*

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

*Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Pat Byrd in memory of her husband, John "Henry" Byrd, Jr.*

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OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Anita D. Thompson  
*Associate Pastor*

Rev. Dr. Dennis Bazemore  
*Interim Pastor*

Rev. Dr. Jesse J. Croom  
*Pastor Emeritus*

Mrs. Leah Newsome  
*Music Associate/Pianist*

Mr. Brayden Conboy  
*Youth Minister*