



First Baptist Church

AMES

November 22, 2020

9:45 a.m. Worship

Zoom link: <https://tinyurl.com/fbcames-zoom>

Meeting ID: 302 054 4990, Passcode: 381038

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Jere Maddux

Call to Worship

Psalm 95

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn

“We Gather Together”

Dutch folk song

**We gather together to ask the Lord’s blessing;
He chastens and hastens his will to make known;
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.**

**Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the fight we were winning;
Thou, Lord, was at our side; all glory be thine!**

**We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,
And pray that thou still our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!**

Scripture Reading

Genesis 29:16-35

Kay O’Brien

Sermon

“Getting Leah”

Rev. Dr. Randall O’Brien

Virtual Choir Anthem

“Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”

Smith

*During the choir anthem you may enter expressions of thanksgiving
as well as prayer concerns in the Zoom chat window*

A Litany of Thanksgiving

adapted from the Book of Common Prayer

After each expression of thanksgiving, the congregation sings:

**Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise**

Closing Hymn

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Rinkart/Crüger

**Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

**O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
to keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills of this world in the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
the Son and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.**

Benediction • Postlude

Church School: classes meet today at 11:00 am

Virtual Coffee Shop and Mid-Week Devotion do not meet this week.

Advent at Home Kit Drive-Through Pickup – Next Sunday 1:30-2 pm

Hanging of the Greens (on Zoom) – Next Sunday 2 pm

Pulpit guest: We are delighted to welcome guest preacher Randall O’Brien, a newer member of our church. He is an ordained minister and retired religion professor and college president. And Kay’s husband!

The **church office** is closed this week. For pastoral care needs you may contact deacon of the week Joyce Davidson.

Together by Grace: Thank you for your continuing support of our church! Your gifts along with stewardship pledges may be mailed to the church at 200 Lynn Ave. 50014 (attn.: Financial Sec.). You may also contribute online [via our website](#). [Narrative Budget](#) [Pledge Card](#)

Please email the church office or use the Zoom chat to sign up for an **Advent at Home Kit** that includes devotions, activities, a Christmas carol booklet, and more! You can pick up the kit next Sunday afternoon or we can deliver a kit to you. If you live out of town, we can send a portion of the kit electronically.

When you pick up your Advent kits, we encourage you **to drop off food and paper products for MICA**. See the Spire for details on items needed.