



## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Christ the King Sunday  
In-Gathering Sunday  
20 November 2022

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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## GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In a world of exile and separation, this church is a place of homecoming and hope.

**People: We come to this place together to hear the good news.**

Leader: We come to hear the good news of God saying to us yet again, "For surely I know the plans I have for you, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."

**People: We gather to claim the promise and to worship our faithful God.**

Leader: We gather to be made ready to be sent back out into the world to share good news, to help, to heal, to be a blessing in a world of exile.

**All: Let's worship with joy and love!**

## PRELUDE

*Variations on "Now Thank We All Our God"*

Robert Lind  
(b. 1940)

## \*INVOCATION

Samuel Spotts

(\*If you are able, please stand)

Leader: Let us pray:

**All: God of majesty, you love us more than we can imagine. In Jesus Christ you reconciled the whole world to you and claim us as your own, so that we may live as Christ's body on earth. We give you thanks for the lives we have been given. We pray in your holy name, great Trinity of Love. Amen.**

## \*HYMN 280

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*ST. THEODULPH*

## \*THE PSALM

from Psalm 100

Samuel Spotts

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**People: Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.**

Leader: Know that the Lord is God. God made us, and we belong to God.

**People: We are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.**

Leader: Enter the Lord's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise;

**People: Give thanks to the Lord, bless God's name.**

Leader: For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever,

**ALL: And God's faithfulness is to all generations.**

## \*GLORIA (Hymn 72, sung twice)

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, Gloria! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Georgia Chotas

## OLD TESTAMENT PROCLAMATION

Jeremiah 29:10-11

**All: I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. For surely I know the plans I have for you, says God, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.**

## STEWARDSHIP INVITATION AND IN-GATHERING

Xan Morgan

## BLESSING OF OUR COMMITMENTS

(Children (through 5th grade) leave for Church School.)

### ANTHEM

*I Know de Lord's Laid His Hands on Me*

Arr. by H.T. Burleigh  
Coley Roberts, *soprano*

*O I know de Lord, I know de Lord, I know de Lord's laid His hands on me.  
O I know de Lord, I know de Lord, I know de Lord's laid His hands on me.  
Did ever you see de like before? I know de Lord's laid His hands on me.  
King Jesus preachin' to de poor. I know de Lord's laid His hands on me. Refrain.  
O wasn't that a happy day. I know de Lord's laid His hands on me.  
When Jesus wash'd my sins away. I know de Lord's laid His hands on me. Refrain.*

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord's Prayer ("debts") on hymnal page 896

### \*GOSPEL READING

Luke 23:36-43

Paul Simpson Duke

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

### SERMON

*King Jesus*

Paul Simpson Duke

### SILENT REFLECTION

### OFFERING OF GIFTS

*Let Us Cheer the Weary Traveler*

Arr. by HT. Burleigh  
Bonnie Kidd, *soprano*

*Let us cheer the weary traveler, cheer the weary traveler  
Let us cheer the weary traveler along the heavenly way.  
I'll take my gospel trumpet and I'll begin to blow,  
And if my Savior helps me, I'll blow wherever I go. Refrain  
And if you meet with crosses and trials on the way,  
Just keep your trus' in Jesus and don't forget to pray. Refrain*

### \*HYMN 327

Crown Him with Many Crowns

*DIADEMATA*

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Greeting: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

*Now Thank We All Our God*

Sigfrid Karg-Elert  
(1877-1933)

*The flowers are given to the glory of God  
and in memory of Grace Diels  
who would have celebrated her 100th birthday on November 14.*

*~ Scott Diels & Mary Davis ~*

We pray for Mary Margaret Hatt, Esther Floyd, Marilyn Marsh, Stacey Simpson Duke, Laura Parmelee, Maria Pierantozzi, Sandra Deline, Allison Lovell, Mrs. Essie Slaughter, Ulysses Slaughter, Jr., Mia Jermano, Tom and Terri Rubenstein, John Rowe, Fay Key, Leah Grange, and Kris Ledyard Arges.

We welcome back **Thomas Strode** as our organist this morning. Dr. Strode retired in 2019 from his position as Director of Music at St. Paul Lutheran Church and School, Ann Arbor.

**We're glad you're here!** Please take a moment to fill out the Connection Card in your bulletin and place it in offering plate when it comes by later in the service. You can indicate any prayer requests you have and let us know if you'd like a name tag and/or our bi-weekly communication about the life of the church.



You may place your offering in one of the plates when they are passed. Or make your offering online using this QR code or via PayPal (@fbca2), and place a Connection Card indicating so in the offering plate.

Church service hearing aids are available at the back of the sanctuary.

**After the worship service**, please join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall as we connect with one another with coffee and snacks.

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Xan Morgan, *Director of Community Life*

Bonnie Kidd, *Sanctuary Choir Director*

Dr. Shin-Ae Chun, *Organist*

Coley Roberts, *Children's Choir Director*

Lee Foley, *Facilities Manager*

Kat Becker, *Administrator*

**Children and Youth are an important part of our life together at First Baptist Church.** All children are welcome in worship. Worshipful Play Bags are available as you enter the sanctuary. Nursery care is available for children (infant through 3 yrs) on the top floor. Children (through 5th grade) leave for Church School following our Stewardship In-Gathering.

Following worship most Sundays, children (Young 5s-K) have Children's Choir with Coley Roberts and younger children (birth-4s) are invited to have supervised time in our play space. Today, however, we will not have Children's Choir. Please pick up your kids after worship in the Children's Ministry wing. Youth (grades 6-12) are invited to join adults for Fellowship Time following worship and then head down to the Youth Room (directly underneath the Sanctuary) for Youth Group, 11:30a- 12:30p. If you are visiting and would like more information, please connect with Xan Morgan ([xan@fbca2.org](mailto:xan@fbca2.org)) about Children's Ministry or Pastor Stacey Simpson Duke ([staceyduke@gmail.com](mailto:staceyduke@gmail.com)) about Youth Ministry.

**Sermon Discussion and Group Sharing.** Sundays, 11:30a-12:30p. Each week, Pastor Paul facilitates conversation on the themes, questions, implications, and possible applications of the sermon just preached in the Sunday service. It's a free-flowing discussion in which all ideas, perspectives, questions, and concerns are welcome. Opportunity is also given each week for participants to offer personal sharing if they wish, so that we can know and support each other better. Join us in the Memorial Lounge for this time of thoughtful discussion and connection.

**Join us for Night Prayer on Tuesdays, 8:30pm,** on our church Facebook page ([facebook.com/fbca2](https://facebook.com/fbca2)).

**Campus Ministry on Wednesdays** at 5:30p in the Memorial Lounge. Subscribe to the weekly e-newsletter at <https://bit.ly/2N0FYGa>

**Decorating the Sanctuary for Advent and Christmas.** Please join the Board of Worship after the service today at 11:30a to help get the sanctuary ready for Advent.

**Join us on Sunday, November 27th for Countdown to Christmas, our drive-thru Advent event with dinner to-go from Tios!** You'll receive an Advent kit with 4 weeks of beautiful crafts to do at home, as you countdown to Christmas. You're invited to bring non-perishable food and snacks for school kids over the winter break and folks who are experiencing homelessness. Please register at the Connection Station in the hallway or online at [fbca2.org/connect](https://fbca2.org/connect). You will be asked to indicate a 15 minute arrival time slot during the event which begins at 5:00p and ends at 7:00p. Questions? Connect with Xan Morgan ([xan@fbca2.org](mailto:xan@fbca2.org)) or Julia Cooper ([juliamary@outlook.com](mailto:juliamary@outlook.com)).

**Food and Supplies Collection for the Hikone Community.** For more than 10 years we have collected food and other supplies for our friends in the Hikone community and the need is even greater since we began this ministry. From Community Action Network's (CAN) Nov newsletter: The need for food assistance *DOUBLED* in our community [since the beginning of the pandemic], and we continue to operate our food programs at 200% pre-pandemic levels because the need remains.

Needs include: Kid-friendly foods that they can serve themselves (high protein/low sugar items such as microwave cups and cans with pop-tops, cereal, oatmeal, canned pasta, mac-and-cheese, chili, peanut butter, soup, tuna, granola and protein bars, fruit cups, juice/milk boxes, sports drinks, vitamin water, etc. Your financial donations will be used for personal hygiene products, fresh produce, detergent, TP and paper towels, and gift cards which are distributed by the Community Director for emergency needs. We also appreciate any gently used books for children/youth and sturdy cardboard boxes.

In 2021, our congregation collected over \$1700 in financial donations as well as two truckloads (and a few carloads) of food and supplies. So far this fall, we are far behind that level of giving.

- Bring your donations each Sunday through December 11. (only 3 more Sundays!)
- We will also receive your donations at the **Countdown to Christmas** Advent drive-through event on November 27.
- If you'd prefer to let us do the shopping, mail your financial donation to the church before December 4 or place in the offering plate. Please address the check and the envelope to Sue Ellen Glover, 517 E Washington, Ann Arbor 48104.
- We can pick up your donations from your home. Just contact Sue Ellen [gloverse@hotmail.com](mailto:gloverse@hotmail.com) or call the church office and leave a message with Kat.

We need all donations by **December 11** in order to sort, box, and deliver to Hikone on December 13.

**Our AD LIBITUM Concert Series** will present two concerts in December celebrating the Advent and Christmas season. "Telling" Part 1 on Thursday, December 1, at 12 :15 pm will feature "Christmas Music from the 20th Century-Present." Long-time music contributors to the Ann Arbor community, Gail Jennings, Andrew Jennings, Tom Strode And Shin-Ae Chun will play seasonal music on the organ, violin and piano (including a piano duet). "Telling" Part 2 on Thursday, December 8, at 12:15 pm will present "Christmas Organ Music and Paintings." Along with the organ music performed by Shin-Ae Chun, inspiring paintings will be introduced by our own church member Grace Vandervliet (Curator for Museum Teaching and Learning at the UMMA). Both concerts are free and open to the public. Mark your calendar. Invite your friends and neighbors.

Seek, serve, and grow with us! More information about these opportunities at [fbca2.org/connect](http://fbca2.org/connect) or use the QR code to the right.



## Calendar

November 20	Decorating the Sanctuary for Advent @11:30a
November 21	FBC Men's Book Club @7:00p
November 24/25	Church Office & Buildings Closed
November 27	Countdown to Christmas Advent Event
December 1	Ad Libitum Concert @12:15p
December 8	Ad Libitum Concert @12:15p

### Poinsettia Order Form

Please order \_\_\_\_\_ poinsettia(s) for the Christmas services at \$20 each, and list as such in the bulletin:

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_

I have enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_ as payment for the poinsettia(s).

**Please have paid orders to the office by Monday, December 12.**

**Thank you!**