



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Ascension of the Lord
May 21, 2023

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP Xan Morgan

PRELUDE *Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bonds* J.S. Bach
(Hymn #319)

***INVOCATION** Piper Morgan
(*If you are able, please stand)

***HYMN 101** From All That Dwell Below the Skies *DUKE STREET*

***THE PSALM** from Psalm 47 Piper Morgan

One: Clap your hands, all you people. Shout to God with loud shouts of joy.
Many: **For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great ruler over all the earth.**
One: Sing praises to the Lord sing praises. Sing praises to our Sovereign – sing praises!
Many: **God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.**
All: **God is sovereign over the nations!**

***GLORIA** (Hymn 72, sung twice)
Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, Gloria! Alleluia! Alleluia!

EPISTLE READING Ephesians 1:15-23 Piper Morgan
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS: DJ, HEATHER, DANNY, AND LINCOLN REED

Congregation: We gladly welcome you into this church home. We pledge to learn with you, to serve with you, and to grow with you in the family of Jesus Christ.

New Members: We accept your welcome and offer our lives to love and serve with you to the glory of God.

Congregation: We are all made richer in faith because of your joining us. May the Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us all to be good friends to each other and fully faithful to the calling of God on our lives together.

CONGREGATIONAL SONG (Hymn 558, v2) We Are the Church *PORT JERVIS*
(Children 5th grade and younger come forward while we sing)

TIME AS CHILDREN Xan Morgan
(Children are invited to come forward. Following Time as Children, kids (through 5th grade) will leave for Church School).

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Paul Simpson Duke
Lord's Prayer ("debts") on hymnal page 896

ANTHEM

Amazing Grace

Words: John Newton

Music: Alan Price

Chris Grapentine, *bass-baritone*

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 1:3-11

Paul Simpson Duke

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Farewell, and Venture On

Paul Simpson Duke

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Prayer of St. Francis

Music: Chris Grapentine
Chris Grapentine, *bass-baritone*

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.
Where there is injury, pardon.
Where there is doubt, faith.
Where there's despair, let me sow hope.
Where there is darkness, let me sow light.
And where there is sadness, joy!

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled
As to console,
To be understood as to understand,
And to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive.
For it is in pardoning that we are pardoned.
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

***HYMN 578**

God of Love and God of Power

UNSER HERRSCHER

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Greeting: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune in D

David Johnson

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
in celebration of our wedding anniversary.*

~ Bob & Kristin Reynolds ~

We pray for Joyce Robbins, Jill Damon, Betty Gerstler, Mary Margaret Hatt, Marilyn Marsh, Esther Floyd, Lauren Bowen, David Gregg, Jay Arnett, Grange Burnside, Graham DePriest, Fred Vanosdall, Mrs. Essie Slaughter, Simona Butler, Allison Lovell, Mia Jermano, Tom and Terri Rubenstein, John Rowe, Fay Key, and Jackie.

Our organist, **Dr. Shin-Ae Chun**, is on leave. We welcome **Gale Kramer** to the organ this morning. Gale Kramer retired in 2007 after thirty years as organist of the Rice Memorial Organ at Metropolitan Methodist Church in Detroit. During fifteen years of that time, he was the organist for Temple Beth El in Bloomfield Hills. Before that, he served nine years as organist of Ann Arbor's First Congregational Church.

We're glad you're here! Please take a moment to fill out the Connection Card in your bulletin and place it in an 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.

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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 Time as Children.

Following worship, children (Young 5s-5th grade) have Children's Choir with Coley Roberts and younger children (birth-4s) are invited to have supervised time in our play space. Care is provided for children until 12:30. 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 contact Xan Morgan (xan@fbca2.org).

Our Adult Spiritual Formation series is "Journeys Worth Sharing." On Sundays through June 4 (with the exception of the Memorial Day weekend), some members of our congregations will share stories of their own faith experience. Two people will speak each week, telling of how their faith has developed and changed through the years. We will hear of the challenges some of them have faced, perhaps their doubts and triumphs, their spiritual practices and insights, and what their faith means to them now. Ample time will be given each week for questions and group discussion. This series promises to be thought-provoking and inspiring and will provide a great opportunity to get to know each other better. Please join us!

Welcome New Members: DJ, Heather, Danny, and Lincoln Reed. The Reed Family has lived in Michigan for 12 years. D.J. is a native of Chicagoland and has served in church ministry for more than 25 years in 4 congregations, most recently as the pastor of Chilson Hills Church in Howell for 11 years. Currently, D.J. serves as a hospital chaplain in Pontiac. His interests include psychotherapy, Chicago sports, trees, sketching, and video editing. DJ has been working hard to polish and expand his Spanish-speaking skills, much to the amusement of his family. Heather is a native of Lancaster County, PA and has lived with D.J. in three other states besides Michigan (Illinois, California, and Texas). She will from time to time show off her musical skills by singing, playing the piano and the French horn. Heather is an accomplished seamstress and sewing instructor at Washtenaw Community College. Currently, she is a STEM teacher for Light of the World Academy in Pinckney. Heather loves introducing her family to foods with strong flavors. Dark Chocolate, curry, feta cheese, Reuben sandwiches and anchovies are some of her favorites (not combined!). Danny will be finishing his Junior year at Charyl Stockwell Preparatory Academy in Brighton. He loves games, games, and more games. Board, card, strategy, escape the room, Dungeons and Dragons and especially video games are Danny's passion. Danny hopes to study Computer Science in college and become a programmer in the video game industry. Danny, however, has recently picked up a new hobby: Pie making (The chocolate pie is his greatest creation)! Lincoln is completing his 8th grade year at Light of The World Academy in Pinckney. Lincoln is a trusted leader and babysitter, but he is also passionate about caring for animals including his two huge rabbits, Luna and Midnight, his gecko, Toothless, and our two massive cats, Winston and Jerry. Lincoln is becoming increasingly skilled at basketball, and he has played several lead roles in theater productions including Alice in Wonderland, Schoolhouse Rock, Seussical and his latest part, Mr. Frog in Frog and Toad: The Musical. The Reed Family is so pleased to consider Ann Arbor our new church home!

Hope serves our neighbors with the most need. Located in Ypsilanti, it provides food, health and dental care, mental health care, pharmacy and laundry services, and daily hot meals to the area's poorest residents at no cost. Our church is holding a food drive for the next three months to fill and replenish Hope Clinic's pantry. For the month of May, we are requesting non-food groceries, hygiene items (toilet paper and feminine hygiene), laundry, and cleaning supplies. You may also go to Hope Clinic's website to purchase through their Amazon wish list. You may drop donations off at church on Sunday morning. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Campus Ministry is on summer break and will resume in September. Subscribe to the weekly e-newsletter at <https://bit.ly/2N0FYGa>.

Volunteering Together at the Ann Arbor Summer Festival. Let's have some fun and spread some love while we volunteer together at the A² Summer Festival! On Wednesday, June 21 from 5-7:45p, you're invited to join folks from FBCA2 to greet attendees at Top of the Park and offer guidance regarding compost, recycling, and landfill items to help reach the Festival Footprint goals! All ages are welcome; **sign up at fbca2.org/connect**! Volunteers under the age of 10 yrs do not need to officially sign up but are invited to come with their families! **After we are done volunteering, you are invited to stick around and enjoy the festival with those who are gathered. Some of us, the Youth Group in particular, will be staying to watch Inside Out on the big screen at 10:00p.**

Join us for Midweek Bible Study! Wednesdays at 1:00p in the memorial lounge. The group is studying the Gospel of Luke, led by Dr. Astrid Beck.

Scholarships Available. Applications are available for the Chester & Violet Loucks and Fullerton scholarships which are awarded to members of the FBC family in support of post-secondary education and church camp. Applications are available from Mary Davis (madrad@umich.edu) and are due by June 1.

SAVE THE DATE. Our FBC Habitat for Humanity workdays are July 29 and August 11. Contact Scott Diels (hscottdiels@gmail.com) for more information.

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



Calendar

May 21	"Journeys Worth Sharing" discussion group @11:30a in the Lounge`
May 24	Bible Study @1:00p in Lounge
May 25	Sanctuary Choir rehearsal @7:00p
May 29	Memorial Day – Church Buildings & Office Closed
June 11-17	Church Camp
June 18	Baptism Sunday
June 21	Volunteering at Ann Arbor Summer Festival and Youth Movie Night
June 28	Board Retreat