



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

13th Sunday after Pentecost
August 27, 2023

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Xan Morgan

PRELUDE

Quam Dilecta
"We Love Thine Alter, Lord"

Henry Coleman
(1888-1965, English)

*INVOCATION

(*If you are able, please stand)

JodyLynn Wood

*HYMN 117

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

*THE PSALM

from Psalm 121

JodyLynn Wood

One: I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where will my help come?

All: My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

One: The Lord will not let your foot be moved; the One who keeps you will not slumber or sleep.

All: The Lord is your guard; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

One: The Lord will keep you from all evil. The Lord will keep your life.

All: The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forward and forevermore

*GLORIA (Hymn 72, sung twice)

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

EPISTLE READING

Romans 12:1-2

Paul Simpson Duke

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

CONGREGATIONAL SONG (Hymnal 147, v. 4) All Things Bright and Beautiful

ROYAL OAK

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful: the Lord God made them all.

God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.

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all things wise and wonderful: the Lord God made them all.

TIME AS CHILDREN

Xan Morgan

(Following Time as Children, kids (through 2nd grade) will head to Summer Children's Ministry in the upstairs play space.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Xan Morgan

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

***GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 5:43-48

JodyLynn Wood

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Over My Head

arr. John Bell

Coley Roberts, Lucy Thompson, and Isaac Thompson, *soloists*

SERMON

A Changed and Changing Mind

Paul Simpson Duke

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Laudamus Te from *Gloria*

Antonio Vivaldi

Coley Roberts and Bonnie Kidd, *sopranos*

***HYMN (see insert)**

Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated

HENDON

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Greeting: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Choral with Interludes (Excerpt)

Courtlandt Palmer
(1872-1951, American)

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
in appreciation of our wonderful church family,
especially all your prayers and support this year.*

~ David, Maryann, and Lauren Bowen ~

We pray for Eva Kelly, Jill Damon, Betty Gerstler, Mary Margaret Hatt, Marilyn Marsh, Esther Floyd, David Gregg, Grange Burnside, Mrs. Essie Slaughter, Marjorie Minor, Simona Butler, Tom and Terri Rubenstein, John Rowe, Fay Key, and Jackie.

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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.

Children and Youth are an important part of our life together at First Baptist Church. Worshipful Play Bags are available as you enter the sanctuary. Nursery care is available for children (infants through 3 yrs) on the top floor. Children (through 2nd grade) leave for time together in our Children's Ministry play space following Time as Children. Please pick up your kids after worship and before heading to Fellowship Time. If you are visiting and would like more information about Children and Youth Ministry, please connect with Xan Morgan (xan@fbca2.org).

Our Youth Group activities begin on Sunday, September 10. All families with youth going into grades 6-12 are invited to a gathering at the Morgan home (2614 Page Court) on Sunday, September 10 at 5:00 PM. We'll have dinner, roast s'mores, and kick off the new school year. If you can attend, please RSVP to Valerie Francia (valerie@fbca2.org) by Sunday, September 3. Teens are also invited to an overnight retreat at the Howell Nature Center on September 23-24. They will be participating in an immersive Global Gateway program to learn more about food preparation in nature and global food inequities. If your teen can attend, **please RSVP to Jillian Mast (jgloverdvm@gmail.com) by August 31 to save their spot.**

Please join us for Coming Home Sunday on September 10th. This will be a festive regathering of our community after summer travels and summer schedules. Children's Church School (following Time as Children) will kickoff, too! During Fellowship Time, we'll celebrate with cake and punch.

The Gathering is our campus ministry on Wednesday nights from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. It's a safe, open space where undergraduate and graduate students can explore and express their questions and their doubts, learn from others, and be supported in their personal faith and growth. The Gathering will be at Festifall on the Diag on Aug 30 from 2:30 to 5:00 and 6:00 to 8:30 PM to meet students who might be interested in joining this year. If you're interested in being a part of this ministry, contact Paul Duke. The first Gathering will be on Wednesday, September 6, in the campus center living room.

We welcome back the Sanctuary Choir today. If you are interested in joining the choir, please reach out to Bonnie Kidd. Thursday evening rehearsals, 7:00pm, will start back up on September 7th.

New Adult Formation Class. The new church programming year begins September 10. All adults are invited to a new series of discussions, based on some of the important commitments that define our church. As most of you have seen, a large sign just inside the East Washington entrance has the heading "We Seek To," and then lists ten of our commitments. The first of these is to Follow Jesus. The other nine name particular components of how we seek to do this as a church community.

The new Adult Formation series is called "We Seek To...," and will focus on various aspects of three of the nine, beginning with: "Respect All People." The sessions are bound to be illuminating and inspiring. Please join us!

Our next Shared Suppers evenings are September 9 and 10. The Board of Care and Community sponsors this opportunity for our FBC Family to gather and get to know one another better. What better way to do that than around a table? We gather in smallish groups (6-8ish) in homes for Shared Suppers. The groups will be different every time so folks can interact with those they may not know so well. If you are interested in being on the list of participants, email Mary Davis or stop by the Ministry Station at church to leave your name and email. Being on the list only indicates interest, not a commitment to come. You will be contacted for availability about two weeks before each supper. Of course, everyone won't be able to come every time. Children/youth are welcome to participate. Shared transportation can also be arranged.

The FBC Ladies' Book Club will next meet on Tuesday, September 12th at 6:30pm to discuss *The Trees* by Percival Everett. Paula Burton will be hosting the group. All ladies are welcome! Please contact Janice Stumpf or Mary Gregg if you have any questions.

Join us for Midweek Bible Study! Starting on September 13, the group will meet on Wednesdays at 1:00pm in the memorial lounge. They continue to study the Gospel of Luke, led by Dr. Astrid Beck.

Our AD LIBITUM Concert Series begins the season of its 11th year on Friday, September 29, at noon. The "Organ" concert will feature organ music from Poland, Czech, Norway, Denmark and Sweden. It will be a great opportunity to hear music by composers, whom we do not get to hear often, such as Mieczysław Surzyński, Einar Traerup Sark, Oskar Lindberg, Sverre Eftestol, Jiří Střejc and Bent Lorentzen. Our guest organist Józef Kotowicz teaches organ and improvisation at the Fryderyk Chopin Music University in Białystok, Poland and is often invited to play in festivals in the countries which will be featured in the concert and many others. This is a free concert and open to the public. Mark your calendar and invite your friends and neighbors.

Art on a Journey Exhibition. You're invited to attend the Art on a Journey Art Show at the Ann Arbor District Library Downtown Branch. The Art on a Journey Art Show displays artwork created by homeless and formerly homeless people. The exhibit runs from August 1 to September 14 in the lower-level display case area. All artwork is for sale (cash only). Artists donate 10% of what they sell to Journey of Faith's homeless ministry. When homeless artists create and sell their art, they gain much needed financial support while making sense of the world and finding meaning and purpose in it — it's a journey we're all on. Learn more at <https://www.artonajourney.gallery/>

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



Calendar

September 7	Choir Rehearsal @7:00p
September 9 & 10	Shared Suppers
September 10	Coming Home Sunday!
September 12	Ladies Book Club @6:30p
September 13	Wednesday Bible Study @1:00p
September 23-24	Youth Overnight Retreat at Howell Nature Center
September 29	Ad Libitum Concert @12:00p