



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

All Saints Sunday
November 5, 2023

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP Xan Morgan

PRELUDE *In Paradisum deducant te angeli (Gregorian Chant)* Daniel Lesur
(May the Angels Lead You into Paradise) (1908-2002, French)

*INVOCATION Allen Burton
(*If you are able, please stand)

*HYMN 711 (stanzas 1-2, 4-6) For All the Saints *SINE NOMINE*

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE Allen Burton

One: Praise God for the faithful who have gone before us – children of God who showed us the way.

All: **Praise for the generous, the joyous, the dedicated – for all who blessed us with the witness of their love.**

One: Praise for all who did justice and loved kindness and walked humbly with their God.

All: **Mercy met us in their faces; in their lives God's glory shined. Praise for all who will live forever in the Light.**

*GLORIA (Hymn 72, sung twice)

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

EPISTLE READING 1 John 3:1-3 Allen Burton
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

SPECIAL MUSIC *When the Saints Go Marching In* Children's Choir
Coley Roberts, director and Heather Reed, piano

TIME AS CHILDREN Xan Morgan
(Children are invited to come forward. Following Time as Children, kids (through 1st grade) will head to Children's Ministry. On the first Sunday of the month, 2nd-5th graders remain in worship for Stay for the Service Sunday - S3!)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND NAMING OF THE HONORED DEAD Paul Simpson Duke

ANTHEM *At the River* - adapted by Aaron Copland

Shall we gather by the river, Where bright angel's feet have trod, With its crystal tide forever Flowing by the throne of God. Yes, we'll gather by the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river, Gather with the saints by the river That flows by the throne of God.	Soon we'll reach the shining river, Soon our pilgrimage will cease, Soon our happy hearts will quiver With the melody of peace. Yes, we'll gather by the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river Gather with the saints by the river That flows by the throne of God.
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NEW TESTAMENT READING

Revelation 21:1-6a

Paul Simpson Duke

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

A Vision of the Other Side

Paul Simpson Duke

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS

No Night There

- Dan Forrest

God is with us; God is for us; do not be afraid. There shall be no night there, no crying there, God shall wipe away ev'ry tear from their eyes. Even in the valley of the shadow of death, God is with us, I will fear no evil; Lo, I am with you always, even to the end. There shall be no night there. No crying there, God shall wipe away ev'ry tear from their eyes.

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Confession

All: Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Passing of the Peace

Greeting: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

The Lord's Prayer ("debts" - hymnal page 896)

The Bread *Devotional Piece in E-flat Minor* by Dom Paul Benoit

The Cup *Amazing Grace* by George Shearing

Prayer after Communion

*HYMN 557 (verse 1)

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

Carl Haywood
(b.1949, American)

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
in honor of our beloved saints.*

We pray for **Beth Foster, Paul Larson, Mary Gregg, Marlene Francis, Betty Doman, Eva Kelly, Jill Damon, Betty Gerstler, Marilyn Marsh, Esther Floyd, Mervyn Juchartz, David Gregg, Peter & Lani VanEck, Grange Burnside, Mrs. Essie Slaughter, the Sanford family, Simona Butler, John Rowe, Fay Key, and Jackie.**

Today's **Fellowship Offering** will go towards the Fellowship Fund which provides for meeting emergency needs of those within our community. Please give generously.

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.

Join us for refreshments after worship in the fellowship hall. We look forward to connecting with you!

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Children's Ministry. 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 years). If you would like more information about Children's Ministry, please connect with Xan Morgan (xan@fbca2.org)

On the first Sunday of each month it's "S3 - Stay for the Service Sunday" when the 2nd-5th grade class will stay in worship for the whole service. This gives the kids an opportunity to experience and participate in the second half of worship. This is a valuable step in their faith formation as worshipers! They are invited to sit with Xan and their classmates during worship. Following worship, the 2nd-5th graders will attend Fellowship Time with their families until Children's Choir begins at 11:30.

Youth (grades 6-12) are invited to join adults for Fellowship Time following worship and then head to the Children's Ministry Wing for Youth Group, 11:30a- 12:30p. All youth grades 6-12 are invited to enjoy snacks and games and discuss their faith together. If you would like more information about Youth Ministry, please connect with Valerie Francia (valerie@fbca2.org).

Today, in our Adult Formation series, "We Seek To..." We continue our Adult Formation series called "We Seek To," which draws from the list of commitments included on the sign at our East Washington Street entrance. This coming Sunday we begin our 3-week exploration on the theme: "We Seek to Listen to Children" led by Xan Morgan. On November 12th, the children and youth will be our special guests as we create space and time for the adults to listen. We hope you'll join us for this series as we lean into our commitment of listening to children.

Holiday Collection for the Hikone Community. For many years we have collected food and household supplies for our friends in the Hikone housing community which is one of the sites of Community Action Network. We will spend the month of November (through December 3) collecting:

- **Kid-friendly foods:** cereal, oatmeal, canned pasta, mac-and-cheese, chili, peanut butter, soup, tuna, granola and protein bars, fruit cups, juice/milk boxes, etc.
- **Food that isn't usually available in the food pantries:** flour, baking soda and powder, spices, olive and vegetable oil, sugar, macaroni, rice
- **Family Supplies** that can't be bought with food stamps: cleaning supplies, personal hygiene products (period products, deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo)
- **Financial donations:** Your financial donations will be used for fresh produce, laundry detergent, toilet paper and paper towels, and gift cards.
- **Gently used books for children and youth:** These are highly valued by the families to use as holiday gifts.
- **Boxes:** We sort and box everything at the church and then transport to Hikone. Your medium-sized Amazon boxes are needed!

Bring your donations each Sunday, beginning November 5 through December 3. Please mail your financial donation to the church before December or place it in the offering plate with a notation it is for Hikone. Please address the check and the envelope to Sue Ellen Glover, 517 E Washington, Ann Arbor 48104. **We need all donations by December 3 in order to sort, box, and deliver to Hikone on December 5.**

FBCA2 Hosts the Overnight Rotating Shelter in December - 25 volunteers needed!

During the cold winter months, the emergency overnight shelter at Delonis is not sufficient for the need in the community. FBCA2 will help fill the gap by hosting the overnight rotating shelter Monday, December 11 through Sunday, December 17. We need 3 volunteers each evening - 1 evening and 2 overnight - to provide hospitality to our guests and someone to cook a meal on Sunday, December 17th. Please connect with Kevin Morgan (ktmorgan@umich.edu) if you have any questions. You can sign up for this important ministry at fbca2.org/connect or at the ministry station in the hallway.

Parents Night Out Fundraiser for Nicaragua. Enjoy a night on the town without the kids on November 17 from 5–8 PM! Drop off your children at the church for supervised childcare, including dinner, games, and crafts provided by our church Youth Group (with adult supervision). Your donations will support our Youth Service Learning trip this summer to Nicaragua in partnership with AMOS Health and Hope. You can RSVP online (fbca2.org/connect) or at the ministry station in the hallway.

COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS: Intergenerational Advent Event

Join us on **Sunday, December 3rd from 4-6 pm** for our annual advent event which is back to happening in person this year! You're invited to explore a variety of stations at your leisure. Stations will include dinner from Noodles & Company, Christmas crafts, and a Story Walk with a nativity petting zoo, too! We're looking forward to our time together; please invite your friends to join us! Please RSVP online (fbca2.org/connect). We are looking for volunteers to staff each station, join the kitchen team, and help with setup and cleanup. Please contact [Xan Morgan](#) if you would like to help in this way.

Our AD LIBITUM Concert Series presents a concert "Music and Poetry on Winter and Christmas" on Friday, December 1 at noon. Heather Entekin will read beautiful, inspiring poems on the theme of winter and Christmas along with music performed by Shin-Ae Chun on the organ and piano. The program includes poems written by Longfellow, Cummings, Frost, Rossetti and more and music composed by Vivaldi, Tchaikofsky, Liszt, Rowley and more. There will also be carol singing which the audience is invited to participate in. This concert will help you prepare yourself for the season of Advent and Christmas in a meaningful way. It is a free concert and open to all. Mark your calendar. Invite your friends and neighbors.

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



Calendar

November 7	The Gathering @5:30p
November 8	Bible Study @1:00p
November 9	Choir Rehearsal @7:00p
November 17	Parent's Night Out @5 – 8:00p
November 26	Sanctuary Decoration @11:30a
December 1	Ad Libitum Concert @12 noon
December 3	Advent Event @4:00-6:00p