



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

24th Sunday after Pentecost
November 12, 2023

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Xan Morgan

PRELUDE

Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend, BWV 709
(Lord Jesus Christ, Turn to Us)

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750, German)

*INVOCATION

(*If you are able, please stand)

Kat Becker

*HYMN 662 (stanzas 1-2, 4-5)

Stand Up and Bless the Lord

ST. MICHAEL

*THE PSALM

Psalm 116:12-18

One: What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

Many: **I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord;
I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of the people.**

One: O God, I am your servant; you have made me free.

All: **I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanks and call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of the people.**

*GLORIA (Hymn 72, sung twice)

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

EPISTLE READING

Romans 12:1-2

Kat Becker

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

CONGREGATIONAL SONG (see insert)

This Is the Day

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TIME AS CHILDREN

(Following Time as Children, kids (through 5th grade) will leave for Church School.)

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

Paul Simpson Duke

ANTHEM

O Jesus, I Have Promised

Sally Gardens English Folksong
arranged by Thomas Keesecker

O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end; Be now and always near me,
my Savior and my friend.

I shall not fear the journey if you are by my side, nor wander from the pathway if
you will be my guide.

Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ever near.

I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear.

My foes are ever near me, around me and within; but Jesus, then draw nearer and
shield my soul from sin.

O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you that where you are in glory your

servants shall be too.

And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end; Oh give me grace to follow, my Savior and my friend. We lift our hearts in praise.

OLD TESTAMENT READING from Joshua 24:1-3, 14-28 Paul Simpson Duke
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON *Yes, and Yes Again* Paul Simpson Duke

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS I Will Arise Kenneth Dake

I will arise, go to Jesus.

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;

Jesus, ready, stands to save you, full of pity, love, and pow'r.

I will arise and go to Jesus; He will embrace me in his arms;
in the arms of my dear Savior, oh, there are ten thousand charms.

Come, ye thirsty, come and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;

true belief and true repentance, ev'ry grace that brings you nigh.

I will arise and go to Jesus; He will embrace me in His arms;
in the arms of my dear Savior, Oh, there are ten thousand charms.

***HYMN** (see insert) I Have Decided to Follow Jesus *ASSAM*

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Greeting: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *This Is My Father's World and He's Got the Whole World in His Hand*
Brant Adams
Instrumentation by Shin-Ae Chun
Charlie Duke, acoustic guitar
Emmanuel Morgan, electric guitar
Shin-Ae Chun, keyboard

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
in honor of Mary Fay Grange's Birthday today.*

~ Robbie & Bill Stapleton ~

We pray for David Lamkin, Paul Larson, Beth Foster, Marlene Francis, Lois Wilson Crabtree, 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, and Fay Key.

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 (infants through 3 years). Children (through 5th grade) leave for Church School following Time as Children. During Children's Choir today, kids will join the Adult Formation class to share picture books they enjoy. Childcare will be provided for children until the end of 2nd hour in the upstairs Play Space. If you would like more information about Children's Ministry, please connect with Xan Morgan (xan@fbca2.org).

Youth (grades 6-12) are invited to join adults for Fellowship Time following worship and then head to the Memorial Lounge for the Adult Formation class which is in the middle of our "Listening to Children" series. We look forward to hearing from the teens. 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..." Our Adult Formation series called "We Seek To," draws from the list of commitments included on the sign at our East Washington Street entrance. Today we continue our 3-week exploration on the theme: "We Seek to Listen to Children" led by Xan Morgan. 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.**

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.

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.

Let's Decorate for Advent and Christmas! The Board of Worship invites you to be part of decorating the Sanctuary for Advent and Christmas on November 26 after worship. Grab a coffee/snack and come back upstairs. Since there are no 2nd hour classes that day, you won't miss a thing.

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 Entrekin 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, Tchaikovsky, 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.

Ordering Poinsettias for the Christmas Eve services. Poinsettias will be \$20 each and we list the people being honored and remembered in the bulletins on Christmas Eve. The deadline will be **December 6** to get your order in. More information on how to order will be in the newsletter.

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 14	The Gathering @5:30p
November 15	Bible Study @1:00p
November 16	Choir Rehearsal @7:00p
November 17	Parent's Night Out @5 – 8:00p
November 23 & 24	Thanksgiving Break (church office & buildings closed)
November 26	Sanctuary Decoration @11:30a
December 1	Ad Libitum Concert @12 noon
December 3	Advent Event @4:00-6:00p