



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

25th Sunday after Pentecost
November 19, 2023

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP Xan Morgan

PRELUDE *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship* American Melody
setting by Don Hustad

*INVOCATION Celia Mlynarek
(*If you are able, please stand)

*HYMN 102 Now Thank We All Our God *NUN DANKET*

*THE PSALM Psalm 36:5-10 Celia Mlynarek

One: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

Many: **Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgements are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.**

One: How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

All: **They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

One: For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

All: **O continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your salvation to the upright of heart.**

*GLORIA (Hymn 72, sung twice)

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 43:1-3a, 4-5a Celia Mlynarek

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

CONGREGATIONAL SONG (see insert) This Is the Day *THIS IS THE DAY*

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

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

ANTHEM *Like a River Glorious* Benjamin Harlan

Like a river glorious is God's perfect peace, over all victorious in its bright increase.

Perfect, yet it floweth fuller ev'ry day; perfect, yet it groweth deeper all the way.

Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blessed; finding, as He promised, perfect peace and rest.

Hidden in the hollow of His blessed hand, never foe can follow, never traitor stand,

Alice Van Wambeke, recently retired, has been organist and choir director at St. James Episcopal Church in Dexter for the past twenty-four years. She has held organist/choir director positions at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, and at Holy Trinity Chapel at Eastern Michigan University. She is an active accompanist and substitute organist locally. She has played organ and harpsichord on several Ad Libitum Series Concerts at First Baptist, and she will be performing on the Bach Well-Tempered Clavier Ad Libitum concert in May.

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). Children (through 5th grade) leave for Church School following Time as Children. Children's Choir (PreK-5th grade) meets from 11:30-noon. You may pick up your children at 11:30 from their Church School classrooms, at 12:00 from the choir room, or at the end of 2nd Hour programming (12:30) back in the classrooms. 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 newly-renovated Youth Room below the sanctuary 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 wrap up our 3-week exploration of what it means to be a church that listens to children in our "We Seek To..." adult formation series today. Our focus today, led by Xan Morgan, will be how we live out this commitment as a worshipping community. We hope you join us! Thank you to all the children, teens, and adults who gathered last week as we heard stories from our youngest members and listened to advice from members of our youth group. Our final "We Seek To..." series of the year will focus on our commitment to "share what we have." There will be no adult formation class on Sunday, November 26th.

Monday, November 20, is Transgender Day of Remembrance. You are invited to a vigil to remember and honor the transgender people, gender-variant individuals, and those perceived to be transgender who have been murdered this past year. The vigil is hosted by First United Methodist and First Baptist and will be held on First United Methodist's front steps on State Street from 12:15-12:45p. We will learn a bit about the history of Trans Day of Remembrance, pray a prayer of confession, name aloud those who have died this year, and end with a benediction of hope.

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 – 11 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 next Sunday, 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.

Hello Bakers! The AB Women's Ministries will be holding their annual Bake Sale on Sunday, Dec 10th. If there are any bakers who would like to contribute, please bring your cookies, candies, breads, cakes, pies, etc. on Saturday, Dec 9th, between 10am and 12 noon. We will have a crew to accept and set out for the sale on Sunday. Mark it on your calendar!

Those who would like to benefit from the Bake Sale – get ready to feast your eyes on a great selection of goodies!! We have had a great selection of small size and family size baked goods for daily consumption or for family gatherings during the holidays. Mark it on your calendar! See you there. If more information is needed, connect with Carolyn Grapentine (csgrape@aol.com).

The FBC Ladies' Book Club will next meet on Tuesday, December 5th at 7 pm. Maryann Bowen has graciously agreed to host our discussion of *Late Migrations* by Margaret Renkl. Please do not hesitate to contact Janice Stumpf or Mary Gregg if you have any questions. All ladies are welcome!



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 Wednesday, December 6. Thank you!

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 20	Trans Day of Remembrance Vigil @12:15p at FUMC
November 23	Thanksgiving Day – 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
Dec 11-18	Host Overnight Rotating Shelter
Dec 18-29	Host Daytime Warming Shelter