

# Children's Ministry Sunday



First Baptist Church of Ann Arbor  
April 21, 2024

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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GREETING

Xan Morgan

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: With eyes to see,

Many: **And ears to hear,**

One: With lips to sing,

Many: **And hands to help:**

All: **Let us worship God with our whole being!**

PRELUDE

*I Hear the Welcome Voice*

Arr. by Hwa-Pyung Oh

\*INVOCATION

(\*If you are able, please stand)

\*HYMN 122

God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale

*ROEDER*

\*THE PSALM

from Psalm 91

One: Live under the protection of God Most High

Many: **and stay in the shadow of God All-Powerful.**

One: Then you will say to the Lord,

Many: **"You are my fortress, my place of safety;**

One: **you are my God, and I trust you."**

Many: **God will spread her wings over you**

All: **and keep you secure.**

\*GLORIA (Hymn 72, sung twice)

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

\*GOSPEL READING

John 10:11-18

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

*When I Think About God I Want to...*

Children's Choir  
Coley Roberts, Guitar  
Heather Reed

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**     1 John 3:16-24

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Sonatina No. 1 in C Major*     Theodore Latour (1766-1837)

Allie Yan, piano

*O Fortuna*

Carl Orff (1895-1982)

Gwen Mills, recorder

**CONGREGATIONAL SONG**     His Name Is Wonderful  
(Hymnal 174)

*HIS NAME IS WONDERFUL*

**TIME AS CHILDREN**

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[Children are invited to come forward. Following Time as Children, kids (through 1<sup>st</sup> grade) will leave for Church School]

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Paul Simpson Duke

(Lord’s Prayer (“debts”) on hymnal page 896)

**SERMON**

*Love Finding Form*

Paul Simpson Duke

**SILENT REFLECTION**

**OFFERING OF GIFTS**

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

Dale Wood

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need your tender love and care.  
In your pleasant pastures feed us, for our use your fold prepare.  
We are yours; in love befriend us, be the guardian of our way.  
Lord, keep your flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray.  
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Savior, lead us; much we need your care.  
Early let us see your favor, early let us do your will.  
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, we are yours! You have loved us, love us still.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, with your love our spirits fill.  
Savior, lead us, love us still.

\***DOXOLOGY** (Hymnal 95)     Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*OLD 100TH*

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN 383 (vv. 1-4) This is a Day of New Beginnings

*BEGINNINGS*

## \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Greeting: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*I Love to Tell the Story*

Arr. by Joel Raney

We pray for David Gregg, Mervyn Juchartz, Joyce Robbins, Esther Floyd, Marlene Francis, Eva Kelly, Jill Damon, Betty Gerstler, Marilyn Marsh, Katherine Cartee, Keith Maurer, the McLeod family, Mike Kelly, Beth Granberry, Grange Burnside, the Sanford family, Simona Butler, John Rowe, and Fay Key.

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God  
in loving memory of Cousin Mark Eggleton on his birthday,  
with love for his family and friends left behind.*

*~ Carolyn Hillebrand, Suzanne Knight, Nancy Paul, Bill, and Jane White ~*



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

## Calendar

April 24	Bible Study @1:00p The Gathering @5:30p
April 25	Choir Rehearsal @7:00p
April 28	Blessing of New Members Annual Program Meeting @11:15a FBCA2 goes Bowling @5:00p
May 4	ABWM Breakfast @9:30a
May 12	Youth Ministry Sunday
May 17	Ad Libitum Concert @12:00p
May 18	Retirement Party @4:00p

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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.

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

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 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).

**A Singing Church: Hymns of Our Faith** - This series is a celebration of hymns! Led by Sorbie Richner, with occasional help from Paul Duke, we will explore questions like: What do hymns do for us, and why are they so important? What is the character of a hymnal? What are our favorite hymns and why? What are the qualities of good hymn tunes and hymn texts, and how do they work? What can we

learn from the history of hymns and the different eras and cultures they've come from. And much more. One of the sessions will be a hymn-sing, and singing will be featured as part of many of the sessions. This series promises to be enlightening and inspiring. Come join us!

**Annual Program Meeting and Proposed Updates to Church Constitution.** Next Sunday, April 28th after worship, we look forward to celebrating our ministry together as we honor the past 23 years with Pastors Paul and Stacey as our leaders. We will be voting on the approval of three items - the annual financial meeting minutes, the board slate for this coming year, and the slight revisions to the Constitution. Electronic copies were shared in our newsletter email; you can find a hard copy of each of these documents at the ministry station in the hallway. Everyone is invited to stay after the meeting for a potluck lunch. The Board of Care and Community will provide chicken, rolls, and beverages. If your last name begins with A-D, please bring fruit or a dessert. If your last name begins with E-M, please bring a salad or vegetables. If your name begins with N - Z, please bring potato, rice, or pasta dish. We look forward to this time together!

**Interested in becoming a member of FBCA2?** Next Sunday, April 28th, we welcome and bless new members of our church family. Membership is about responding to God's call to take the next step in your spiritual journey, and to belong to a community of people who are striving together to do the work of God's limitless love with purpose and passion. By becoming a member of First Baptist Church, you are making a commitment to partner with us as we seek together to claim, cultivate, and proclaim the good news of God's love for our world. Your commitment will make a positive difference in your life, in the life of this church, and in the world around us. If you are interested in becoming a member on the 28th, please connect with Xan Morgan ([xan@fbca2.org](mailto:xan@fbca2.org)).

**FBCA2 goes BOWLING!** Join the FBCA2 church family as we go bowling next Sunday, April 28th at Station 300 from 5-7p! We hope many of you will be able to join in on this fun, intergenerational outing. The cost for this event is \$15/person or \$40/family which will include 2 hours of bowling, shoe rental, pizza, and pop. Church is able to cover the cost of bowling as needed. Please RSVP ([fbca2.org/connect](http://fbca2.org/connect)) by the end of today so we can plan accordingly.

**American Baptist Women's Ministries Breakfast.** On Saturday, May 4, at 9:30a, we will be having a breakfast for our women to have a discussion and decision on our involvement with our state and national American Baptist Women Ministries organization. We hope to see you for fellowship and input on what our involvement will look like in the future. I will also talk a bit about our annual weekend conference at the DeWitt retreat center in June. Please RSVP to Carolyn Grapentine by phone, text or email ([csgrape@aol.com](mailto:csgrape@aol.com)).

**Our AD LIBITUM Concert Series** will present the season's final concert "Well-Tempered Clavier, Book 1 (Fugues Nos.1-15)" on Friday, May 17 at noon. J.S. Bach composed 48 pairs of prelude and fugues in 12 major and 12 minor keys which were assembled in two books. Alice Van Wambeke, Gail Jennings and Shin-Ae Chun will perform these beautifully composed fugues on harpsichord, organ and piano. It will be a unique experience to hear these fugues on three different keyboard instruments. This concert is free and is open to the public. Refreshments will follow. Mark your calendar and invite your friends and neighbors!

**2024 Scholarships Available.** Scholarships are available from the Chester and Violet Loucks and Fullerton funds for post-secondary education and for church camp attendance. For an application, please contact Mary Davis ([madrad@umich.edu](mailto:madrad@umich.edu)). The deadline for receipt of applications is May 15.

**Paul's Retirement Party!** Join us on Saturday, May 18 (4-6p), for a church-wide, intergenerational gathering to celebrate Paul's next season of life and thank him for his 23 years of faithful service to our church community! The party will be hosted at the home of Susan Schilperoort and Christopher Kendall (3435 Cottontail Lane) and will include a catered meal. Gluten free and vegetarian options will be provided. Please RSVP online ([fbca2org/retirement](https://fbca2org/retirement)) or at the ministry station by Sunday, May 12.