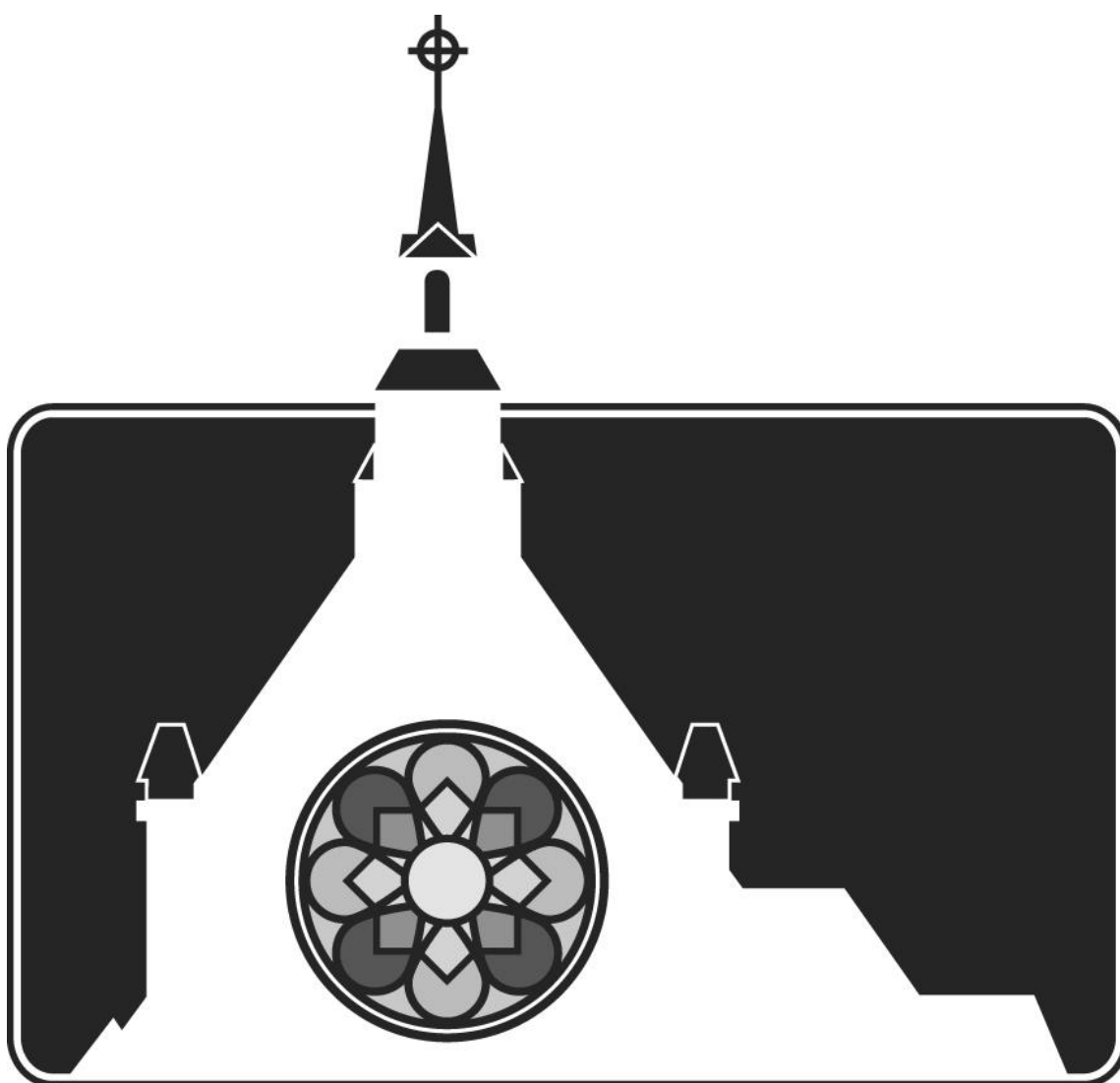




FIRST BAPTIST

CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

2nd Sunday after Pentecost
June 2, 2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Xan Morgan

PRELUDE

The Morning Trumpet

American Melody
arr. by Don Hustad

*INVOCATION

Kat Becker

(*If you are able, please stand)

*HYMN 384

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

BEECHER

*THE PSALM

from Psalm 139:1-11

Kat Becker

One: O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You see my path and my lying down; you know all my ways.

Many: **Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, so high that I cannot grasp it.**

One: Where can I go from your spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

Many: **If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.**

One: If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night,"

All: **even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.**

*GLORIA (Hymn 72, sung twice)

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

EPISTLE READING

2 Corinthians 4:15-21

Paul Simpson Duke

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

CONGREGATIONAL SONG I'm Goin' a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing

(Hymnal 333; verses: sing then dance)

I'M GOIN' A SING

TIME AS CHILDREN

Xan Morgan

(Children 5th grade and younger come forward. Following Time as Children, kids will head to Children's Ministry. Our 2nd-5th graders will be learning about and participating in the ministry of hosting Fellowship Time. They look forward to seeing you downstairs after worship.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Paul Simpson Duke

ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision

- Bob Chilcott
Coley Roberts, soloist

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart.
Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art.
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word.
Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord.
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son.
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou and thou only the first in my heart,
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.
Great Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
Still be thou my vision, O ruler of all.

SERMON

The Treasure in Our Clay

Paul Simpson Duke

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Prayer of St. Francis

Allen Pote
Lucy Thompson & Isaac Thompson, soloists

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.
Where there is injury, thy pardon, Lord. Where there is doubt, let there be faith.
Oh, Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.
Where there's despair, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, let there be light.
Where there is sadness, let there be joy.
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled
as to console.
To be understood as to understand. To be loved as to love.
Oh, Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.
For it is in giving that we receive, and it is in pardoning that we are pardoned.
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Amen.

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

The Cup

Prayer after Communion

*HYMN 557 (verse 1) Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fugue in E minor BWV 855

Johann Sebastian Bach

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of Burne and Phylis White by their family.*

We pray for the family and friends of **Judith Armstrong**. We also pray for **Bob Reynolds, Mervyn Juchartz, David Gregg, Esther Floyd, Betty Gerstler, Marilyn Marsh, Bill Nummy, Helga Mortensen, John Milbourne, Peg & Joe Bradford, Katherine Cartee, Keith Maurer, the McLeod family, Mike Kelly, Beth Granberry, Grange Burnside, the Sanford family, John Rowe, and Fay Key.**

Today's **Fellowship Offering** will go towards **One Great Hour of Sharing** which supports the American Baptist Home Mission Societies efforts to connect with and care for people in need. 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.

Please 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, up through 1st grade, head to Children's Ministry time in the Play Space on the top floor after Time as Children. 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.

You can pick up your children after Children's Choir (preK-5th grade) at 12:00p or at 12:30 in the Play Space when the adult formation class is over. If you are visiting and 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).

Shin-Ae Chun is away visiting family. We welcome **Alice van Wambeke** to the organ this morning. Alice Van Wambeke is recently retired from St. James Episcopal Church in Dexter where she served as organist and choir director for the past twenty-four years. She is currently an organ substitute locally and serves as an accompanist for Ann Arbor Public Schools. She received a Master of Organ Performance at Eastern Michigan University studying with Professor Eric Goldschmidt, and harpsichord study with Professor Emeritus, Edward Parmentier. Ms. Van Wambeke has performed as part of the Ad Libitum Concert Series, and will be playing fugues from Bach's Well-Tempered Clavier as part of next year's Ad Libitum Concert Series at First Baptist Church.

A Singing Church: Hymns of Our Faith. This celebration of hymns meets today and wraps up on June 9th. 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. Come join us!

Baby Celebration! Join us during fellowship time on June 9th for a special Baby Celebration for Christine Hwang and Jeff Withington. We will share in their joy as they await their baby's arrival and offer our blessings. You are welcome to bring a card or gift. Christine and Jeff are registered at babylist.com.

Pastor Paul's Last Sunday with Fellowship Time Celebration. Join us on Sunday, June 16th for worship. Following the service, we'll gather in the fellowship hall to give Paul his gift and to delight in baked goods from Afternoon Delight. We hope you will be able to join us.

Retirement Gift for Pastor Paul. As we near the end of Pastor Paul's tenure with our church, we want to recognize both Paul and Stacey's time with us in a tangible way. Consequently, we invite you to consider donating to a monetary gift. Checks can be made out to Paula Burton and mailed to church (517 E. Washington, Ann Arbor, MI 48104) or transferred to her via Venmo (@pmburton13). The gift will be presented to Paul on June 16th. Questions? Please connect with Cesar Alaniz, Paula Burton, or Arthur Francis.

FBC Ladies' Book Club. The next meeting of the FBC Ladies' Book Club is scheduled for Tuesday, June 18th at 7 pm. We will be discussing *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt. Please contact Janice Stumpf with any questions. All ladies are invited!

Board and Staff Retreat. We look forward to gathering on Wednesday, June 26th from 5:00-8:00p to connect, reflect, and plan with all FBCA2 board members and staff. Our interim pastor, Rick Mixon (begins October 1) will be joining us! Dinner from Jerusalem Garden and childcare will be provided. Please RSVP at fbca2.org/connect. Questions? Connect with Robbie, our Moderator, or Xan Morgan, Director of Community Life.

Meet our Interim Pastor! We are delighted to announce that Rev. Dr. Randle (Rick) Mixon will be joining us on October 1 as our Intentional Interim Pastor. Rick is an ordained American Baptist minister with over 50 years of experience in pastoral ministry, church leadership, and social justice advocacy. He is a long-time member of Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church, in Oakland, CA, the church that ordained him in 1996 as the first openly LGBTQIA+ Baptist to be ordained. Rick has served as interim minister of three congregations, currently serves as Affiliate Professor of Pastoral Care at Berkeley School of Theology and is an emeritus board member of the Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists. Rick will be coming to visit us and to preach on Sunday, June 30th. We hope many of you can be here to meet him!

Habitat for Humanity. This year FBC is joining with some 20 other churches to make a family's home ownership dream come true. As in the past twenty-three years, our support involves providing funds to buy the construction materials, volunteering and sometimes supplying lunches at the work site. Our FBC Saturday workday is June 8th, and our Friday workday is July 26th. The FBC volunteers will work with another congregation to provide labor and perhaps lunches on workdays wish to volunteer on other days, go to the Good News house website: H4H.org/goodnewsgroup for home page and H4H.org/goodnewsvolunteer for signing waivers. Make your check payable to First Baptist Church and note on the memo line that it is the Good News Habitat Houses. For more information and to volunteer with our group, contact: Scott Diels (hscottdiels@gmail.net).

Sunday Parking in the Structure. Beginning this Sunday and continuing each Sunday the city public parking facilities will make an operational change to lower structure and lot gate arms on Sundays. *Parking will still be free on Sundays*, but the gates will be down, and parking patrons will need to pull a ticket to enter the facility. When exiting parking patrons will simply insert their parking ticket into the in-lane exit equipment and the gate will go up.

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



Calendar

June 6	Choir Rehearsal @7:00p
June 8	Habitat for Humanity FBC workday
June 16	Pastor Paul's Last Sunday with Fellowship Time Celebration
June 16-22	Church Camp for the Youth
June 18	Ladies Book Club @7:00p
June 26	Board/Staff Retreat @5:00p
June 30-July 3	Church Camp for Children and Youth CITs

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