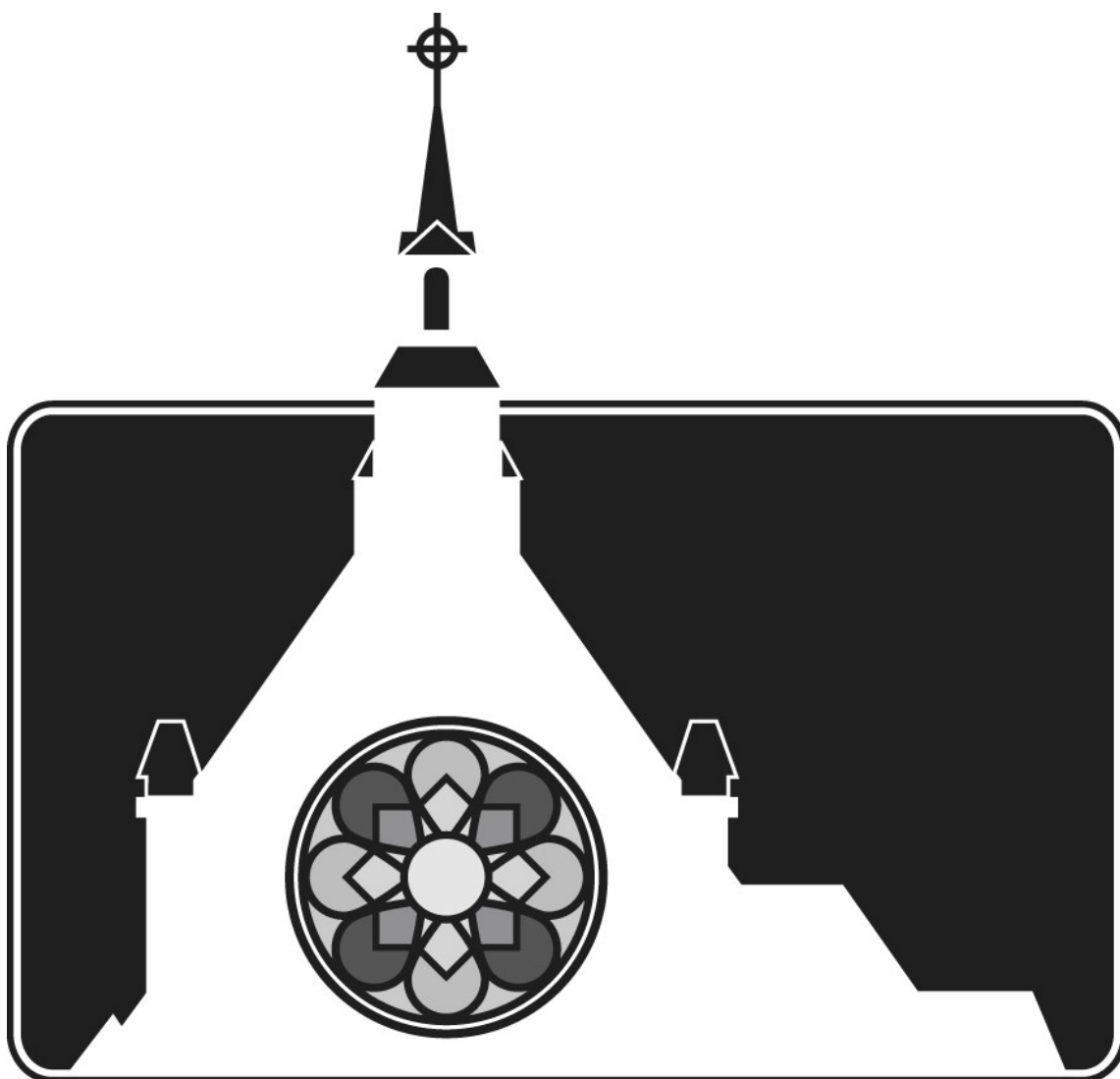




FIRST BAPTIST

CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

5th Sunday after Pentecost
June 23, 2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING

Xan Morgan

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Friends, let us worship God today, for God is great –

Many: God has blessed us with life, with faith, and with community.

One: Let us worship God today, for God is good –

Many: God forgives us, and encourages us, and loves us.

One: Let us worship God today –

Many: Because we are God's people.

All: Let us worship God.

Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog
"Hold Fast to What Is Good". Used with permission.

PRELUDE

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
(Tune: Nettleton)

Aaron David Miller
(b.1972, American)

*INVOCATION

Pony Bush

(*If you are able, please stand)

*HYMN 480 (vv. 1-3) O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

ST. MARGARET

*THE PSALM

Pony Bush

One: O Lord, you have searched me and known me!

Many: You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

One: Search me, O God,

Many: and know my heart!

One: Try me and know my thoughts;

Many: and see if there be any wicked way in me,

All: and lead me in the way everlasting!

*GLORIA (Hymn 72, sung twice)

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

EPISTLE READING

Philippians 2:12-13

Xan Morgan

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 are invited to come forward. Following Time as Children, kids (through 5th grade) will leave for Church School]

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

***HYMN 386** (v.1) Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown *CANDLER*

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 32:19-30 LJ Brazier
One: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON *What's in a Name?* LJ Brazier

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS *Wade in the Water* arr. by Mark Hayes
Lucy Thompson, mezzo soprano

Wade in the water. Wade in the water, children.
Wade in the water, children, God's gonna trouble,
God's gonna trouble, God's gonna trouble the water.
Down in the valley, down on my knees. Wade in the water.
Askin' my Lord to save me please.
Wade in the water. Wade in the water, children.
Wade in the water, children, God's gonna trouble,
God's gonna trouble, God's gonna trouble the water.
Up on the mountain, Jehovah, he spoke. Wade in the water.
Out of his mouth came fire and smoke. Wade in the water.
I heard a rumblin' up in the sky. Wade in the water.
Must-a been Jesus passin' by. Wade in the water.
You gotta wade in the water. You gotta wade in the water, children.
You gotta wade in the water, God's gonna trouble the water.

***DOXOLOGY** (Hymnal 95) Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
OLD 100TH

PRAYER OF DEDICATION LJ Brazier

***HYMN 386** (v.4) Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown *CANDLER*

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

LJ Brazier

Greeting: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

BENEDICTION

LJ Brazier

POSTLUDE *Praeludium in C Major, BWV 137 (Excerpt)* Dieterich Buxtehude
(1637-1707, German)

We pray for Bob Reynolds, Rob Snyder, Mervyn Juchartz, David Gregg, Esther Floyd, Betty Gerstler, Marilyn Marsh, Bill Nummy, Helga Mortensen, John Milbourne, Greg DuBois, Cindy Okarski, Keith Maurer, the McLeod family, Mike Kelly, Beth Granberry, Grange Burnside, the Sanford family, John Rowe, and Fay Key.

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of Carl and Eleanora Larson.*

~ Paul and Dana Larson ~

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.

Transformed during Pastoral Transition. We are in a season of transition as our pastor retired on June 16th. Throughout the summer months, we will welcome guest preachers each Sunday. Today's guest preacher is LJ Brazier. If you are visiting today and would like more information about First Baptist Church, please reach out to Xan Morgan (xan@fbca2.org), our Director of Community Life. We have a pastoral care team in place for those seeking support; please connect with Kat Becker (office@fbca2org) as needed.

Our guest preacher today: LJ Brazier (they/them) is a Spiritual Care Chaplain at Michigan Medicine. Education: BA in religion and Spanish, Stetson University (go hatters!) MDiv, Vanderbilt MS in healthcare management, MSU Broad School Chaplaincy training at Ascension Nashville and Vanderbilt University hospitals Work: Chaplain adult Palliative Care, critical care, high-risk OB. Endorsed by Cooperative Baptist Fellowship... Dog partner Anna (like the Frozen princess) since 2017... Favorite thing since 2020 has been teaching a spiritual care elective for 3rd and 4th yr medical students... Overall, interested in intersections of person/family-centered care, equity, healthcare professionals' formation & resilience Sense of vocation: Always a spiritual child, really developed a connection to Christianity in high school. Loved learning about religion, going deep into biblical history and interpretation in college. Went to div school with the intention of being an academic or working in nonprofits. Learned about hospital chaplaincy my first day in div school, and felt an unavoidable sense of vocation to that ministry, but then went through challenging decade of struggling with that. Volunteer work: Serve on

UM Medical School Admissions Executive Committee, and the governing board for the Pediatric Chaplains Network. Have a habit of volunteering to do home and car repairs and landscape work for friends. Personal: Raised in a swampy part of central Florida, riding horses through the woods, running, playing sports. Raised by a multi-generational family of choice. Married to Rachel, live in Ypsi, have two 9-year old dogs, Anna and Penny. I love running, reading (literary fiction, black futurism, classic sci-fi and fantasy), watching and talking about horror movies; house, landscaping, car, and motorcycle maintenance; and spending times with friends.

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship. We'd love to connect 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) upstairs. Children through 5th grade, leave for Summer Children's Ministry following Time as Children in the Play Space upstairs and should be picked up after worship. 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) during second hour is done for the 2023-2024 school year, but we have some activities planned for the Summer. If you would like more information about what's coming up for Youth Ministry or would like to be added to our email list, please contact Valerie Francia (valerie@fbca2.org).

Board and Staff Retreat. Members of our boards and staff team will gather this Wednesday, June 26th from 5:00-8:00p to connect, reflect, and plan for the coming year. Our interim pastor, Rick Mixon (begins October 1) will be joining us! Questions? Connect with our Moderator, Robbie Stapleton (robbiestapleton@gmail.com) or Xan Morgan (xan@fbca2.org).

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!

Pizza in the Park. Join us Sunday, July 14th for a midsummer, intergenerational gathering of lunch and connection at County Farm Park immediately after worship (11:20ish). We'll have pizza, fruit, and drinks. No need to bring anything, just come! Please RSVP at fbca2.org/pizzainthepark so that we can prepare accordingly. Questions? Connect with Xan Morgan (xan@fbca2.org) or Valerie Francia (Valerie@fbca2.org).

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 Friday workday is July 26th.** The FBC volunteers will work with another congregation to provide labor and perhaps lunches on workdays. If you 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. Please consider making a financial contribution so that we can meet our commitment to the project. 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.com).

Summer Office Schedule. Starting this past Friday, June 21, through to the end of August, the church office and buildings will be closed on Fridays.

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 26	Board/Staff Retreat @5:00p
June 30-July 3	Church Camp for Children and Youth CITs
July 14	Pizza in the Park after worship
July 18-20	Recharge Station during A2 Art Fairs
July 26	FBC Workday with Habitat for Humanity

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