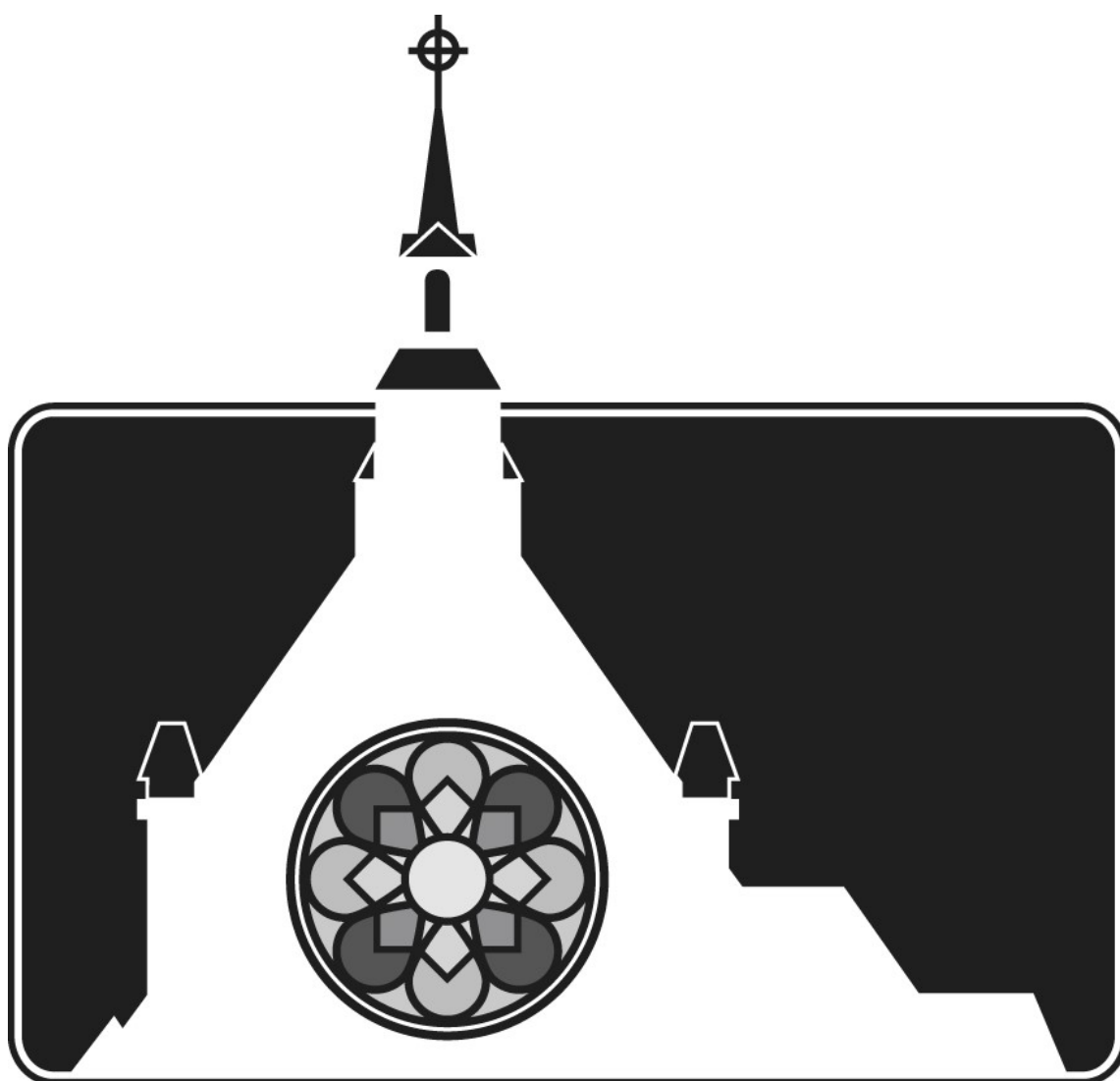




FIRST BAPTIST

CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

9th Sunday after Pentecost
July 21, 2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING

Xan Morgan

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In love and joy God calls us together.

Many: And so we meet this day, as friends, as neighbors,
as siblings in Christ.

One: Called together by God, we bring our offerings to God:

Many: Our songs, our hearts, our prayers, our lives.

One: Grateful for this opportunity to give and receive,

All: let us worship God.

PRELUDE

Pastorale

Isaac V. Flagler
(1844-1909, American)

*INVOCATION

Chris Silva

(*If you are able, please stand)

*HYMN 405

Seek Ye First

SEEK YE

*THE PSALM

Psalm 143:8

Chris Silva

One: Let me hear of your steadfast love in the morning,

Many: for in you I put my trust.

One: Teach me the way I should go,

All: for to you I lift up my soul.

*GLORIA (Hymn 72, sung twice)

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

EPISTLE READING

1 John 5:1-6

Chris Silva

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

CONGREGATIONAL SONG All Things Bright and Beautiful (Hymnal 147; v. 4)

ROYAL OAK

TIME AS CHILDREN

Xan Morgan

(Following Time as Children, kids through 5th grade will head to Summer Children's Ministry in the upstairs play space.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joe Stapleton

(Lord's Prayer ("debts") on hymnal page 896)

SPECIAL MUSIC VI. *Meine Seele hört im Sehen*, HWV 207 G.F Handel

Louisa Laidlaw, flute, Katie Sucha, soprano
and Noreen Wolcott, organ

Meine Seele hört im Sehen,
Wie den Schöpfer zu erhöhen,
Alles jauchzet, alles lacht.
Höret nur,
Des erblüh'ndend Frühlings Pracht
Ist die Sprache der Natur,
Die sie deutlich durchs Gesicht
Allenthalben mit uns spricht.

*My soul hears, through seeing
How all things rejoice and laugh
To magnify the Creator.
Hark!
The blooming spring splendor
Is the language of nature,
Which you clearly through the face
Speak to us everywhere.*

*GOSPEL READING

Matthew 4:1-11

Joe Stapleton

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Doubting Doubt

Joe Stapleton

SILENT REFLECTION

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Joe Stapleton

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Be Thou My Vision

Traditional Irish Melody
arr. by Gary Lanier

Louisa Laidlaw, flute & Noreen Wolcott, piano

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

OLD 100TH

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Joe Stapleton

*HYMN (see insert)

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

ASSAM

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Joe Stapleton

Greeting: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

COMMISSIONING OF YOUTH FAMILIES GOING TO NICARAGUA

Valerie Francia

BENEDICTION

Joe Stapleton

POSTLUDE

Jesus Loves Me

Donald Hustad
(1918-2013, American)

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
in celebration of the arrival of our niece,
Madison Elora Wolcott, who arrived July 15th.*

~ Sam & Louisa Laidlaw ~

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

Call to Worship written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog,
Hold Fast to What Is Good. Used with permission.

Church service hearing aids are available at the back of the sanctuary.

Please join us for Fellowship Time under the Washington St. portico after worship. We'd love to connect with you!

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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.



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 Joe Stapleton. 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@fbca2.org) as needed.

Our guest preacher today: Joe Stapleton is an ordained minister with a Master of Divinity from Duke Divinity School. He is from Ann Arbor originally but now lives in Durham, NC, with his wife, Kelsea, and his two kids, Rose and Will. He is an English teacher at a public school in Durham and a militant in his teacher's union, the Durham Association of Educators (DAE).

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 Ministry (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).

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 congregation's financial commitment. 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).

Ann Arbor Pride. As a Welcoming and Affirming church, we have a commitment to offering a counter-witness to the messages of condemnation, exclusion, rejection, and even hatred the LGBTQ+ community has historically received from churches and from Christians. We'll be hosting a table at Ann Arbor Pride on Saturday, August 4 between noon and 9:00p to help offer a public witness to love and welcome for all, especially for those who have not felt welcomed elsewhere. Stop by our FBCA2 tent and spin the Gift Wheel!

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



Calendar

July 26	FBC Workday with Habitat for Humanity
August 4	Ann Arbor Pride (12:00 to 9:00p)