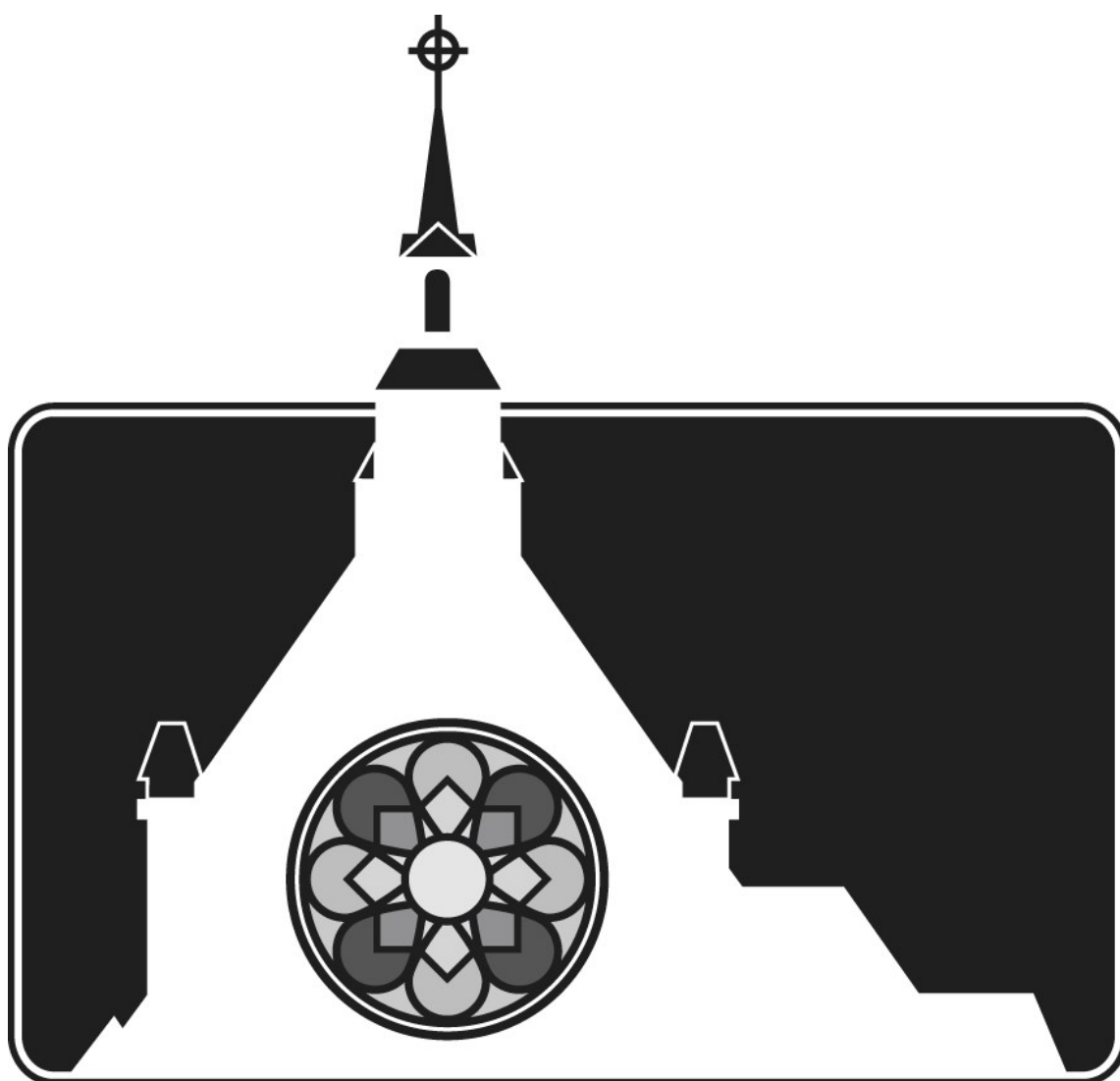




FIRST BAPTIST

CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

10th Sunday after Pentecost
July 28, 2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING

Robbie Stapleton

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Robbie Stapleton

One: To know the warmth of love,
Many: to have the assurance that someone cares,
One: to be confident of our worth,
Many: to be bold to love in return,
One: to be washed over with grace,
Many: to be accepted as we are:
One: This is to know a bit of God.
All: Then let us worship our God.

PRELUDE

Give Me Jesus African American Spiritual
Richard Billingham (b.1934, American)

*INVOCATION

Gwen Mills

(*If you are able, please stand)

*HYMN 103

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

*THE PSALM

from Psalm 146

Gwen Mills

One: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.
Many: When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.
One: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God,
Many: who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them;
All: who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.

*GLORIA (Hymn 72, sung twice)

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

EPISTLE READING

1 John 2:15-17

Gwen Mills

One: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

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

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

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

SPECIAL MUSIC *To the Sky* Carl Strommen
Samuel Spotts, soloist

To the sky from the earth in lofty flight,
From the hills so green in the blush of spring.
So away with thee shall I fly, shall I fly,
From this place to a land so far away.
Softly now with the dawn I will ride with the wind,
O'er the hills through the mist on the wings of thee.
Spirit fly, spirit fly to the cloud up above.
Spirit fly to a place beyond the sky.
Spirit fly, spirit fly to a place on the high.
Softly now with the dawn I go with thee.

***GOSPEL READING** John 6:1-15 Valerie Francia
One: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON Not Your King Valerie Francia

SILENT REFLECTION

CALL FOR THE OFFERING Valerie Francia

OFFERING OF GIFTS *Jesu, the Very Thought of Thee* arr. by James Easson
Samuel Spotts, soloist

Jesu, the very thought of Thee, With sweetness fills my breast; But sweeter far Thy face to see, And in Thy presence rest.	Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame Nor can the mem'ry find A sweeter sound than Thy blest Name, O Saviour of mankind!
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Jesu, the very thought of Thee
With sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far Thy face to see,
And in Thy presence rest.

But what to those who find?
Ah! this nor tongue nor pen can show;
The love of Jesus, what it is
None but His loved ones know.

O Hope of ev'ry contrite heart,
O Joy of all the meek,
To those who fall how kind Thou art!
How good to those who seek!

Jesu, our only joy be Thou,
As Thou our prize wilt be;
Jesu, be Thou our glory now,
And through eternity. Amen.

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

OLD 100TH

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Valerie Francia

***HYMN** (see insert) They'll Know We Are Christians

ST. BRENDON

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Valerie Francia

Greeting: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

BENEDICTION

Valerie Francia

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in C Major Johann Ludwig Krebs
(1713-1780, German)

*The chancel flowers are given as a reminder of God's love
to all those who have known grief.*

~ The Mills Family ~

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.

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 Valerie Francia. 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: Valerie Francia has served on the staff of FBCA2 since August 2023 as the Associate for Youth Ministry and Communications. In this role, she has led faith formation and activities for the Youth Group as well as supported other staff members with writing and graphic design. She has a BA and MA in Communications. Her ministry training has been mostly informal and on the job, volunteering in churches, detention centers, and in the community, as well as taking courses in the Bible and religious trauma recovery.

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!

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).

We are hiring! FBC is searching for a compassionate and reliable individual to fill the position of Childcare Supervisor. The Childcare Supervisor provides a safe, nurturing environment for infants and children during church activities and helps coordinate nursery volunteers. Please help spread the word to any great candidates! The job posting may be

found on our website (www.fbca2.org) and social media. Please contact Jillian Mast at jgloverdvm@gmail.com with any questions.

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 3 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!

School Supplies for Community Action Network. Last year, thanks to the amazing generosity of so many of you, we were able to provide backpacks stuffed with supplies to hundreds of students in time for their first day. This is such an important drive because for some families, this time of year causes a financial strain having to purchase all their kids need to be prepared for school. Together, we can ease the financial burden of purchasing backpacks and school supplies, ensuring CAN families are able to prioritize their basic needs without sacrificing educational materials!

There are two ways you can get involved based on what's most convenient for you:

- Visit the Amazon registry using this link and select the items you wish to contribute. When you proceed to checkout, be sure to select "Community Action Network's Gift registry Address". The items will get shipped right to CAN where they will be sorted and delivered to each site in time for our Back to School events in mid-August. (Backpacks and supplies needed by August 15, 2024)
- You may also make a financial donation and let us do the shopping. Sue Ellen will accept donations until August 11 and then apply those donations to the Amazon registry. Please submit your donations by mail (FBC, 517 E Washington, 48104) or in the offering, with checks made out to Sue Ellen Glover.

Calendar

July 27-August 4	Youth trip to AMOS in Nicaragua
August 3	Ann Arbor Pride (12:00 to 9:00p)
August 6	FBC Ladies' Book Club @7:00p

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