

## Accessibility

First Baptist Church of Ann Arbor strives to be welcoming and inclusive to all. Please do not hesitate to contact us at (734) 663-9376 or [office@fbca2.org](mailto:office@fbca2.org) if you have any questions not answered by the information that follows.

### Accessible Parking

Our parking lot on East Washington Street includes 2 permanent parking spaces requiring a State of Michigan Handicap Permit, one of which is van-accessible. In addition, 5 spaces are designated as “Special Needs Parking” on Sunday mornings. These spots allow access to the church building without steps or other barriers. Alternatively, from this lot, guests may be dropped off a few feet from the covered porch of the entrance. The Liberty Square Parking lot, directly across the street from the church, offers free parking on Sundays. This public parking lot is fully accessible with an elevator and ramps to the sidewalk.



### General Church Layout

Entering the Sanctuary from East Huron Street sidewalk requires climbing 5 steps, with railings, followed by a step at the entrance doors. Once inside, a flight of 10 stairs, with a railing, leads to the Sanctuary. Those with accessibility issues are encouraged instead to enter the building from the main, Washington Street entrance. Double doors on the Washington Street entrance are equipped with an automatic door switch. On Sundays, a wheelchair and walker are available upon request; please ask the greeter at the door for assistance. Once inside the building, an elevator is located to the right, whereas down a short hall are flights of 7-9 stairs that lead to the upper or lower levels. The upper level provides access to the Sanctuary, the church office, classroom wing, and restrooms. The door to the Sanctuary is located at the top of a ramp, towards the north/Huron Street side of the building. Chairs and benches are situated along the path from the entrance to the Sanctuary. From the Sanctuary door, a flight of 7 stairs, with railings, leads to the nursery wing. On the lower level of the building are the Fellowship Hall and adjoining kitchen, Memorial Lounge, Choir and Youth Rooms, and additional restrooms. To the west of the main church building is the Campus Center, with staff offices, meeting space for the Gathering college student group, and the sexton residences. The Campus Center may be accessed by stairs from the upper and lower church levels. In addition, wheelchair access is provided through the gated garden, accessed from the walkway connecting Huron and Washington Streets on the far west side of the property.

### Restrooms

A wheelchair-accessible restroom that includes a changing table is located next to the church office on the upper level. In addition, all-gender restrooms are available along the main hallways of both the upper and lower levels.

### Sanctuary Seating and Vision/Hearing Assistance

The Sanctuary is fully accessible from the door at the top of the ramp on the upper level. There is space for wheelchairs, scooters, walkers, and companion seating in front of the side pews as well as the back of the Sanctuary. Please consult with an usher for assistance. Large-font bulletins and hymns are available from greeters at the entrance to the Sanctuary. Assistive listening devices are available from the ushers. Gluten-free bread is offered in a zip-lock plastic bag during communion services. Non-alcoholic juice is served in communion services.