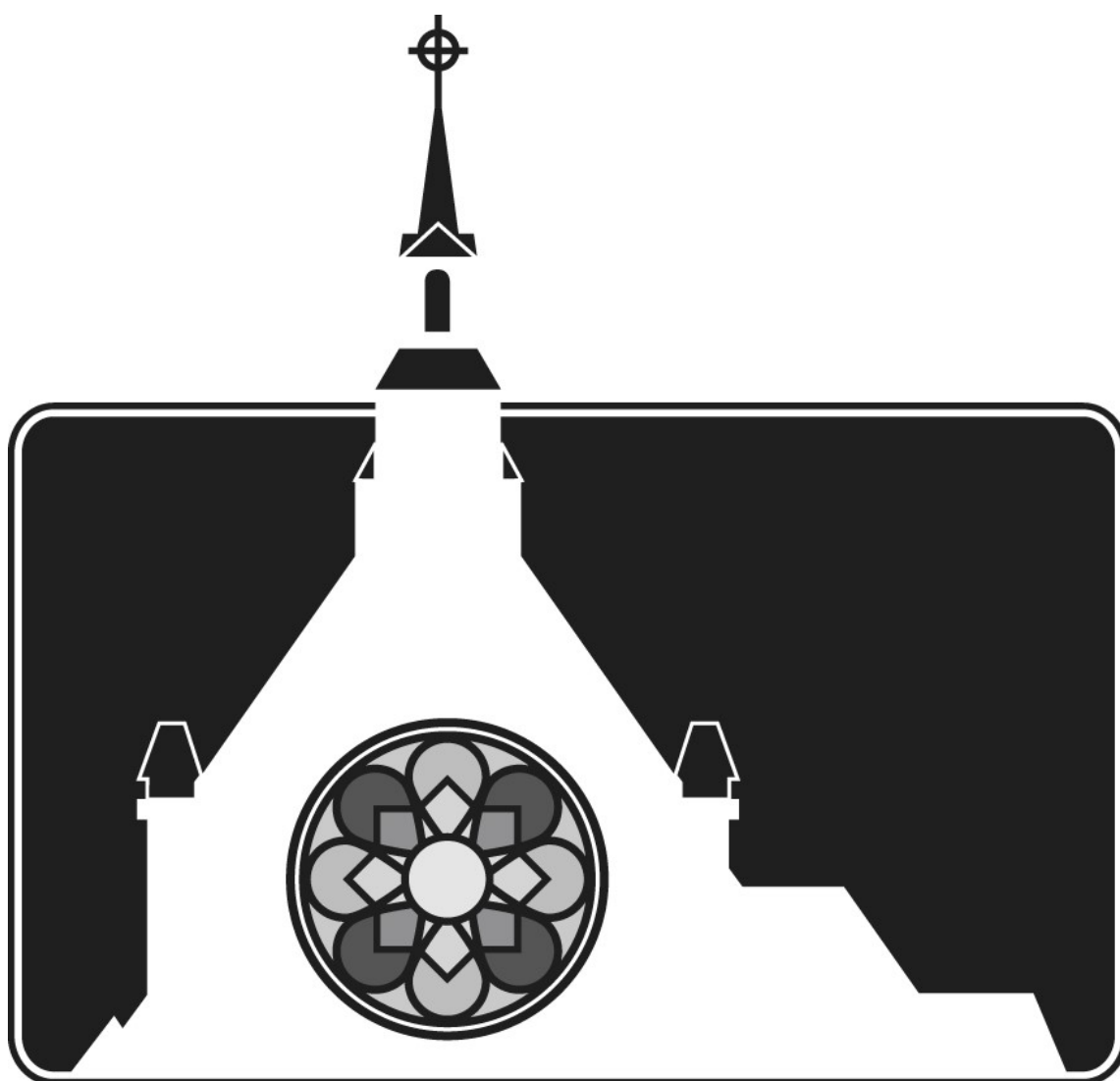




FIRST BAPTIST

CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

12th Sunday after Pentecost
August 11, 2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING Mary Davis

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP Mary Davis

One: Welcome, friend and stranger -

Many: **welcome, honored guest.**

One: We gather as a community to worship God,

Many: **to be reminded of God's goodness,**

One: to be reminded of the call to be a part of that goodness.

All: **Let us worship God.**

PRELUDE *Nicaea* Calvin Hampton
(Holy, Holy, Holy) (1938-1984, American)

*INVOCATION Theodora Danciu
(*If you are able, please stand)

*HYMN 420 Breathe on Me, Breath of God *TRENTHAM*

*THE PSALM from Psalm 34 Theodora Danciu

One: I will bless the Lord at all times;

Many: **God's praise shall ever be in my mouth.**

One: I will glory in the Lord; let the humble hear and rejoice.

Many: **Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;
let us exalt God's name together.**

One: Taste and see that the Lord is good;

All: **happy are they who trust in him!**

*GLORIA (Hymn 72, sung twice)

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

*GOSPEL READING Matthew 16:13-20 Rolf Bouma
One: The Word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God!**

CONGREGATIONAL SONG Spirit of the Living God *LIVING GOD*
(Hymnal 393)

TIME AS CHILDREN

Sandy Bouma

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rolf Bouma

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Sure On This Shining Night

Morten Lauridsen

Jeremy Bon & Coley Roberts, duet

Sure on this shining night
Of star made shadows round,
Kindness must watch for me
This side the ground.

Sure on this shining night
I weep for wonder
Wandering far alone
Of shadows on the stars.

The late year lies down the north,
All is healed, all is health.
High summer holds the earth.
Hearts all whole.

SERMON

Lessons in Rock Formation

Rolf Bouma

SILENT REFLECTION

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Rolf Bouma

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Wir glauben all an einen Gott, BWV Anh.69

J.S. Bach

(We All Believe in One God) (1685-1750, German)

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

OLD 100TH

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rolf Bouma

*HYMN (see insert) Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

AUSTRIA

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rolf Bouma

Greeting: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

BENEDICTION

Rolf Bouma

POSTLUDE

Allegro
from *Organ Concerto in B-flat Major, Op. 4, No. 2*

G.F. Handel
(1713-1780, German)

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of Roberta Smith Grange,
angel mother of Robbie & Bill Stapleton and Mary Fay Grange.*

We pray for Mary Margaret Hatt, 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.

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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 Rolf Bouma. 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).

Our guest preacher today: Rolf Bouma is an ordained minister (emeritus), retired in 2019. He served churches in Grand Rapids (MI), Framingham (MA), and Ann Arbor (the Campus Chapel). He has a J.D. from UofM, an M.Div and Th.M from Calvin Theological Seminary, and a PhD. from Boston University, focusing on eco-theology. Since 2004, he has taught in UofM's Program in the Environment. He continues to teach half-time, lecturing in environmental ethics as well as in ecology and religion. His ordination is in the Christian Reformed Church (CRC). As of mid-June 2024, his ministerial status in the CRC is as of one suspended because his credentials are held by the Ann Arbor CRC, a church which deigned to "protest" the CRC denomination's restrictive position on human sexuality. Rolf and Sandy have appreciated being a part of the First Baptist community these past 5-7 years. They have three children (all married), and four grandchildren.

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

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 via our website at fbca2/connect 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 to 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

August 14	Board of Care & Community @5:30p
August 26	Board of Outreach @7:15p
August 27	Board of Trustees @5:30p
September 2	Labor Day – Church office closed
September 5	Choir Rehearsal @7:00p