



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

14th Sunday after Pentecost
August 25, 2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING

Xan Morgan

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: As the sun rises in the morning,

Many: **As the cool breeze ushers in the evening,**

One: As the heat of the noonday sun spreads across the land:

Many: **God is present with us.**

One: Let us worship God.

PRELUDE

Down Ampney
(Come Down, O Love Divine)

Mark Sedio
(b.1954, American)

*INVOCATION

(*If you are able, please stand)

Amanda Shutko

*HYMN 139

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

*THE PSALM

from Psalm 111

Amanda Shutko

One: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

Many: **The works of God's hands are faithfulness and justice; all God's commandments are sure.**

One: They stand fast forever and ever, because they are done in truth and equity.

Many: **God sent redemption to God's people; commanded God's covenant for ever; holy and awesome is God's name.**

One: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; those who act accordingly have a good understanding;

All: **God's praise endures forever.**

*GLORIA (Hymn 72, sung twice)

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 43:1-5, 15-19

Amanda Shutko

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

SPECIAL MUSIC *Over My Head* - arr. John L. Bell

Over my head, I hear music in the air; Oh, when the world is silent...
Over my head, I hear music in the air; And when I'm feeling lonely...
Over my head, I hear music in the air; Now when I think on Jesus...
There must be a God somewhere.

***GOSPEL READING** Luke 17:11-19 Gretchen Sanewsky
One: The Word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON Walking the Doorway Gretchen Sanewsky

SILENT REFLECTION

CALL FOR THE OFFERING Gretchen Sanewsky

OFFERING OF GIFTS *Thee We Adore*
- T. Frederick H. Candlyn

Thee we adore, O hidden Savior, thee
Who in thy sacrament are pleased to be;
Both flesh and spirit in thy presence fail,
Yet here thy presence we devoutly hail.

O blest memorial of our dying Lord,
Who living bread to men doth here afford!
O may our souls forever feed on thee,
And thou, O Christ, forever precious be.

Fountain of goodness, Jesu, Lord and God,
Cleanse us, unclean, in thy most cleaning flood;

Increase our faith and love, that we may know
The hope and peace which from thy presence flow.

O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see,
May what we thirst for soon our portion be,
To gaze on thee unveiled, and see thy face,
The vision of thy glory and thy grace.

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Gretchen Sanewsky

***HYMN 102** Now Thank We All Our God *NUN DANKET*

***PASSING OF THE PEACE** Gretchen Sanewsky
Greeting: May the peace of Christ be with you.
Response: **And also with you.**

BENEDICTION Gretchen Sanewsky

POSTLUDE *Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho* Joel Raney
(b.1956, American)

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
in honor of teachers and students embarking on the 24'-25' school year.*

~ Amanda Shutko ~

We pray for Jackie Snyder-Powdhar, Caspian Powdhar, 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.

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 Rev. Gretchen Sanewsky. 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).

Our guest preacher today: Rev. Gretchen Sanewsky, and her daughter Kylen, have been members of First Baptist for 10 years. Gretchen spent 23 years of her career as a Pastor, serving churches in New York State, and most recently served as Pastor of First Baptist Church of Jackson. Immediately following her ministry in Jackson, she was the Director of Outreach for Huron Valley PACE serving older adults with chronic health conditions. Gretchen is currently the Executive Director of The Arc of Northwest Wayne County, a nonprofit providing advocacy and support to people with disabilities. She is a native of Canada but has spent many years in New York State and Michigan. She has three young adult children.

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) 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).

Youth Group Retreat. All youth—rising 6th through 12th graders—are invited to a day trip to the beach in Saugatuck, MI on September 14. More details to come, but we're planning a fun day of swimming, boating, hiking, and beach volleyball. The group plans to leave from the church at 8:00a and return in the evening around 10:00p. Please let Valerie Francia (valerie@fbca2.org) know if you can attend!

The Gathering is our campus ministry on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. It's a safe, open space where undergraduate and graduate students can explore and express their questions and their doubts, learn from others, and be supported in their personal faith and growth. If you're interested in being a part of this ministry, contact Xan Morgan for details. If you can help with a meal for the group, contact Janice Stumpf. The first Gathering will be on Wednesday, September 4, in the campus center living room.

Meal Trains. We have two opportunities to express our love and support for young families in our church community by providing meals over the next several weeks. Please use the Meal Trains found at fbca2.org/connect to sign up to provide either home-cooked meals or restaurant deliveries/gift cards. Delivery instructions and other details are in each Meal Train. Christine Hwang and Jeff Withington's baby, Mae Hwang Withington, arrived on Thursday, August 8th just after midnight. Please sign up to bring a meal or have one delivered to this new family of three. Jackie Snyder-Powdhar is currently hospitalized following the early delivery of Caspian who will be in the NICU for some weeks. Please sign up to provide meals for Brandon, Jackie, and Niko during this challenging time.

Our next Shared Suppers evenings are September 14 & 15. The Board of Care and Community sponsors this opportunity for our FBC Family to gather and get to know one another better. What better way to do that than around a table? We gather in smallish groups (6-8ish) in homes for Shared Suppers. If you are

interested in being on the list of participants, email Mary Davis or stop by the Ministry Station at church to leave your name and email. Being on the list only indicates interest, not a commitment to come. You will be contacted for availability about two weeks before each supper. Children/youth are welcome to participate. Shared transportation can also be arranged.

Come One, Come All! The choir has openings for singers in every section. We have wonderful singers with us now, but we need to build each of our sections, soprano, alto, tenor, and bass. We have section leaders to help you learn your parts too! If you love to sing, or know anyone who does, can read some music (don't need to be an expert), want to worship God through music, desire to help the congregation sing the hymns more fully, and have lots of fun, you could be in the choir! I will admit it takes commitment though, but don't we want to give our best in the worship of the living God? We rehearse together each Thursday night from 7pm to 8:30pm. We sing around 120 pieces per season. We rehearse on Sunday mornings starting at 9:15am until the end of the worship service at 11:15am. We sing the Christmas Eve Festival of Lessons and Carols Service from King's College, Cambridge. If you or anyone you know would like to join us, please let me know, come to a practice, see how you do, experience singing in the choir! You might find you love it and think, "why have I waited so long? This is GREAT!" You can see me on any Sunday after worship if you would like to chat about it! Think about it. Pray about it. Here is a famous quote from Shakespeare that I edited long ago: To sing or not to sing, there is NO question!!!! - Bonnie Kidd, Choir Director

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



Calendar

August 26	Board of Outreach @7:15p
August 27	Board of Trustees @5:30p
September 2	Labor Day – Church office closed
September 4	The Gathering @5:30p
September 5	Choir Rehearsal @7:00p
	Executive Council @7:00p
September 8	Coming Home Sunday
September 14	Youth Group Retreat
	Shared Supper
September 15	Shared Supper

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