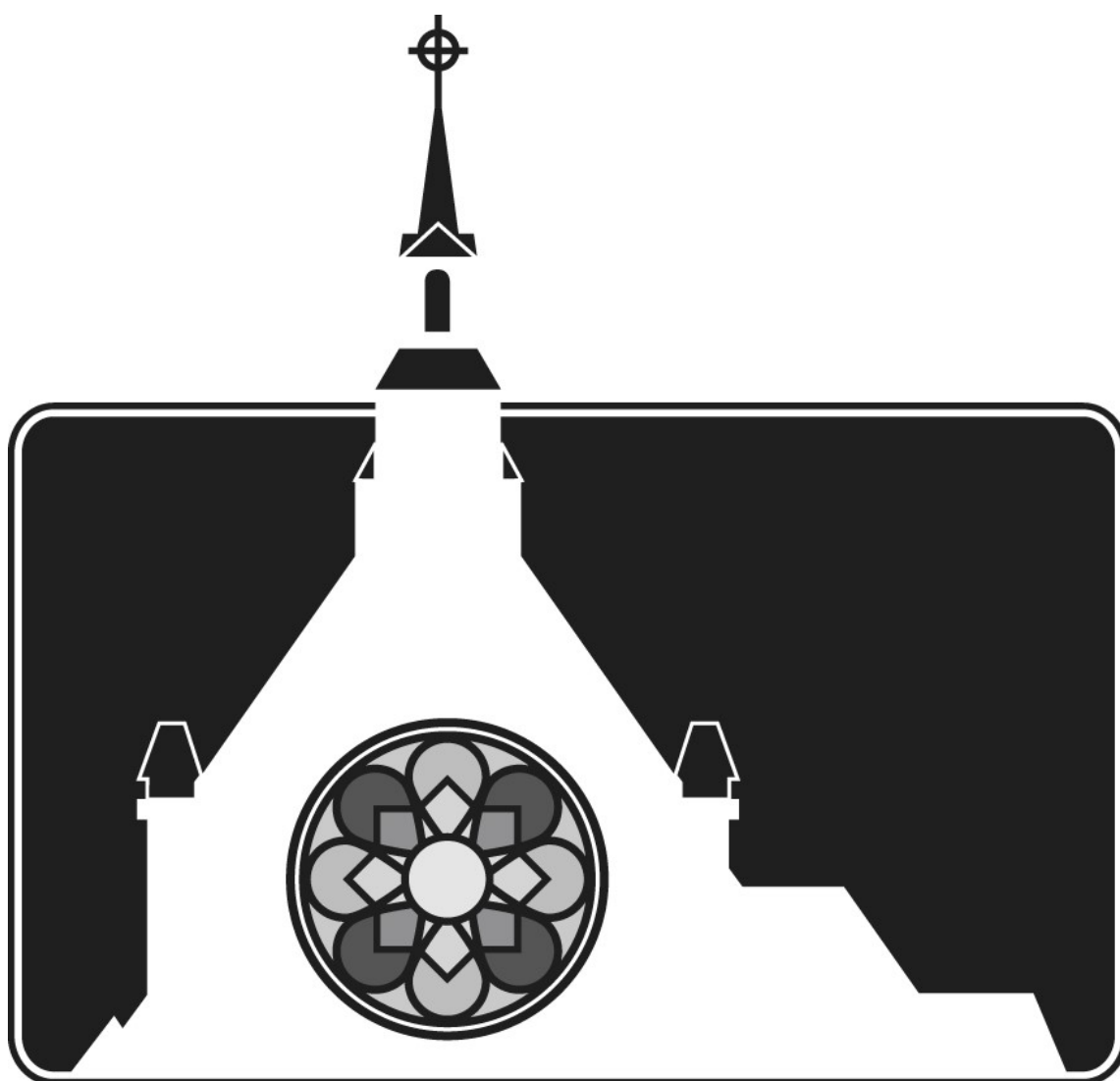




# FIRST BAPTIST

## CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
August 18, 2024

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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## GREETING

Xan Morgan

## RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Joy, wonder, delight -

Many: Doubt, peace, restlessness -

One: Sorrow, contentedness, anxiety -

Many: Confidence, hope, pardon:

One: We lay our hearts, full of these things, before our God.

Many: Unburdened and awaiting,

One: Let us worship God.

## PRELUDE

*Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten*

Craig Phillips

(Who Lets Only Dear God Rule)

(b.1961, American)

## \*INVOCATION

Theodora Danciu

(\*If you are able, please stand)

## \*HYMN 145

Morning Has Broken

*BUNESSAN*

## \*THE PSALM

Psalm 139

Harvey Slaughter

## \*GLORIA (Hymn 72, sung twice)

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

## OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 55:1-2, 10-12

Harvey Slaughter

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 5<sup>th</sup> grade will head to Summer

Children's Ministry in the upstairs play space.)

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Xan Morgan

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Jesus Loves Me*

Lyrics: Anna Arner, David Rutherford  
Music: William Bradbury  
Chris Grapentine, soloist

\*GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:1-12

Lydia Wylie-Kellermann

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Love in a Time of Climate Change

Lydia Wylie-Kellermann

SILENT REFLECTION

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Xan Morgan

OFFERING OF GIFTS

All Good Gifts

John Michael Tebelak &  
Stephen Schwartz  
Chris Grapentine, soloist

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

*OLD 100TH*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Xan Morgan

\*HYMN 92

For the Beauty of the Earth

*DIX*

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rolf Bouma

Greeting: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

BENEDICTION

Rolf Bouma

POSTLUDE

*Menuet Gothique*  
from *Suite Gothique, Op.25*

Léon Böellmann  
(1862-1897, French)

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God  
in loving memory of Harry and Ruth Humphries, Dana's parents.*

*~ Dana and Paul Larson ~*

The rosebud on the lectern is in celebration of the birth of **Mae Hwang Withington** to Christine Hwang and Jeff Withington.

We pray for Jackie Snyder-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.

Prayers of the People adapted from *This Sweet Earth: Walking with Our Children in the Age of Climate Collapse* by Lydia Wylie-Kellermann.

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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 Lydia Wylie-Kellermann. 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: Lydia Wylie-Kellermann** is a writer, editor, activist, and mother. She is the director of Kirkridge Retreat and Study Center and author of *This Sweet Earth: Walking with our Children in a Time of Climate Collapse*. She lives with her partner and two boys in Bangor, Pennsylvania.

**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).

**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!

**Partners for Children's Ministry.** We need a robust team of volunteers who help make Children's Ministry possible here at FBCA2 this fall! Please reach out to Xan Morgan (xan@fbca2.org) as soon as possible to express your willingness to serve and to discuss which role - lead teacher, support teacher, children's choir volunteer, nursery caregiver - is best for you. You'll be partnering with many experienced volunteers! Thank you in advance!

**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](http://www.fbca2.org)) and social media. Please contact Jillian Mast (jgloverdvm@gmail.com) or Xan Morgan (xan@fbca2.org) with any questions.

**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 Train links below to sign up to provide either home-cooked meals or restaurant deliveries/gift cards. Delivery instructions and other details are available in Meal Train. Christine Hwang and Jeff Withington's baby, Mae Hwang Withington, arrived on Thursday, August 8th just after midnight. Please sign up at [mealtrain.com/trains/wm78ow](http://mealtrain.com/trains/wm78ow) to bring a meal or have one delivered to this new family of three. And Jackie Snyder-Powdhar is currently hospitalized awaiting the delivery of her and Brandon's baby in several weeks. Please sign up at [mealtrain.com/trains/87w558](http://mealtrain.com/trains/87w558) to provide meals for Brandon and Niko during this challenging time.

### Calendar

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| 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           |
| September 8 | Coming Home Sunday               |

September 14      Youth Group Retreat