

Youth Ministry Sunday



First Baptist Church of Ann Arbor
June 1, 2025

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Emmanuel & Alice

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Piper & Luke

from Psalm 149

One: Praise God!

Two: Sing to our Beloved a new song,
God's praise in the assembly of the faithful.

All: Let us be glad in our blessed Creator;
let the children of God rejoice.

One: Let us praise God's name with dancing,
making melody with tambourine and lyre.

Two: For the Beloved dwells within,
journeying with us through all our lives.

All: Let the faithful exult in glory;
let them sing for joy on their couches.

PRELUDE

Alleluia, Sing to Jesus
(Tune: Hyfrydol)

Paul Manz

OPENING PRAYER

Asher

*HYMN 62 (vv. 1-3) *All Creatures of Our God and King* *LASST UNS ERFREUEN*
(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 3:12-17

Lincoln

One: The Word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC

Sanctuary

Randy Scruggs & John W. Thompson
Emmanuel, Asher, & Piper

SCRIPTURE READING

Ecclesiastes 3:1, 4-7

Asher, Jack, & Alice

One: The Word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks be to God!

*GLORIA (Hymn 72, sung twice)

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

TIME AS CHILDREN

Lex and Cat

(Children 5th grade and younger come forward. Following Time as Children, kids (through 1st grade) will head to Children's Ministry. On the first Sunday of the month, 2nd-5th graders remain in worship for Stay for the Service Sunday - S3!)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lincoln, Luke, & Lex

The Lord's Prayer ("debts" - hymnal page 896)

SERMON

Dancing with God

Emmanuel

INVITATION TO GIVING

Celia

OFFERING OF GIFTS

For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour, of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For each perfect gift of thine, to our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above you heavenly hosts;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rick

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

Rick & Jillian

Invitation to the Table
The Bread
The Cup
The Prayer of Blessing

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Greeting: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

CELEBRATION OF GRADUATES

Jillian & Rick

Andrew, Emmanuel, Isaac

***HYMN (see insert)**

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

LINDSTEAD

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Arr. by Charles W. Ore

(Tune: Converse)

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
in celebration of the FBCA2 Youth
and in loving memory of Ron Gregg on his May birthday.*

~Mary Gregg ~

We pray for Marlene Francis, Jon VanderVliet, Grange Burnside, David Gregg, Joan Blunt, Becky Lepley, Bob Reynolds, Peg & Joe Bradford, Rob Snyder, Roberta Hause, Mervyn Juchartz, Esther Floyd, Katherine Cartee, Chuck Suits, Lynda Berg, Marilyn Marsh, Pidgey Karolyi, Dakota Lawson, Bill Nummy, Helga Mortensen, Lindsay Grace, Greg DuBois, Cindy Okarski, Keith Maurer, Beth Granberry, and Fay Key.

Shin-Ae Chun is away visiting family. We welcome **Gail Jennings** back to the organ this morning. Gail recently retired from Bethlehem UCC after 31 years, and she has performed in the AD LIBITUM concert series with her husband, Andrew Jennings, and Shin-Ae.

*Please stand in body or spirit

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.



Church service hearing aids are available at the back of the sanctuary

Join us after worship downstairs for “Dreaming Our Future”. We'd love to connect!

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). Children through 1st grade leave for Children's Ministry following Time as Children. 2nd-5th graders will remain in worship today and then participate in the Dreaming Our Future gathering after worship. Children's Choir meets from 11:30-12:00p will play time following on the third floor.

Youth Group (grades 6-12) meets Sunday mornings during the Formation hour (11:30am–12:30pm) in the Youth Room directly below the sanctuary. This Sunday, June 1, we will not be having youth group and the youth will be joining the rest of the congregation for our intergenerational Rivers of Life event in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30. Feel free to contact Jillian with any questions at Jillian@fbca2.org.

Adult Formation Classes. There will be no Adult Formation today as we gather instead for the Transformed Through Transition: Dreaming Our Future event. On June 8 and 15 we will offer Adult Formation sessions focused on worship.

Transformed by Transition: Dreaming Our Future. Throughout this transition process we have looked at our past and present through the lens of the River of Life. This river has carried us to a new and fertile land. Today at 11:30a come help us plant our hopes and dreams for the future of First Baptist Church! This is an intergenerational event where we decorate the riverbank with flowers, leaves, clouds, and any art that helps visualize where we want the river to take us next. It will be the last part of the series that has helped the Interim Transition Team create a church profile that the Pastoral Search Committee will use to find the right person

or people to help achieve those dreams. Please join us and add your voice! Can't be here in person? Don't worry. An email will go out on Monday with ways to add your voice, too!

Let's have some fun and spread some love while we volunteer together at the Ann Arbor Summer Festival! Let's have some fun and spread some love while we volunteer together at the Ann Arbor Summer Festival! On Sunday, June 22 from 5-7:00p, the Board of Outreach invites folks from FBCA2 to greet at Top of the Park and offer guidance regarding compost, recycling, and landfill items to help reach the Festival Footprint goals! There will be a fun performance, Squonk: Brouhaha just before and at the end of our shift. All ages are welcome; sign up at fbca2.org/connect! Volunteers under the age of 10 yrs do not need to officially sign up but are invited to come with their families. We encourage volunteers to wear one of our "Love over..." t-shirts. Let's spread the love! If you'd like to purchase a t-shirt, long-sleeve shirt, or sweatshirt you can do so at fbca2.org/connect. Youth and adult sizes are available. Church is happy to subsidize the cost when needed.

Wednesday Bible Study. Pastor Rick leads the study which often includes good snacks, and always coffee and fellowship as we receive the gift of God's living word. We will be looking at Psalm 8; Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31, 35b; Romans 5:1-5; and John 16:12-15.

Post-secondary Education Scholarships Available. Scholarships are available to members of the First Baptist family from the Chester and Violet Loucks and Fullerton funds for post-secondary education. Applications are available from Robbie Stapleton (robbiestapleton@gmail.com), chair of Board of Christian Education. The deadline for receipt of applications is June 15, 2025.

2025 Chadsey Keivit Scholarships Available. Scholarships for post-secondary education are available to members of the First Baptist family from the Diane Chadsey Keivit Scholarship Fund. Preference is given to applicants who plan to study music, and/or have participated in FBC's music programs, but others may apply. Applications are available from Bonnie Kidd (bjkmi62@gmail.com), Director of the FBC Sanctuary Choir. The deadline for receipt of applications is June 30, 2025.

Church Camp Scholarships. We hope your kids and teens are able to enjoy some church camp fun! Scholarships for camp are available through the Board of Christian Education; reach out to Xan Morgan, Jillian Mast, or Robbie Stapleton if you have any questions.

Board and Staff Retreat. We look forward to gathering on Wednesday, June 18th from 5:00-8:00p to connect, reflect, and plan with all FBCA2 board members and staff! Dinner and childcare will be provided. Please RSVP online at fbca2.org/connect by Wednesday, June 11.

Habitat for Humanity FBC Workdays. The 2025 house is located at 1015 Gault Drive, Ypsilanti. Our FBC Saturday workday is June 14th and our Friday workday is Aug 1st. The FBC volunteers will work with another congregation to provide labor and perhaps lunches on work days. If you have the time and wish to volunteer during the week go to the Good News house website: H4H.org/goodnewsgroup for home page and H4H.org/goodnewsvolunteer for signing waivers.

As in past years, our congregation has also committed financial support to the project. We are asking you to contribute as you have in the past to aid this effort to provide affordable housing in our community. We have committed to raising \$2500 in 2025. Checks can be written to FBC, with H4H in the memo line. Reach out to Scott Diels if you have any questions.

FBC Ladies Book Club. Our next book is *Before the Coffee Gets Cold* by Toshikazu Kawaguchi. We will meet at Madeline Drake's home on July 15th at 6:30pm to discuss. For those reading ahead, *The Only Woman in the Room* by Marie Benedict is next in line. Happy Reading! Janice

Land Acknowledgement. We acknowledge that we are gathered on the ancestral homeland of the Anishinabae people of the Three Fires Confederacy - the Ojibwe, Ottawa & Potawatomi - and the Wyandot, and that this unceded land is still sacred to them.

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



Calendar

June 1	Youth Ministry Sunday Transition Future Event @11:30a
June 4	Bible Study @1:00p
June 5	Choir Rehearsal @ 7:00p
June 14	Habitat for Humanity Work Day
June 18	Board & Staff Retreat @5:00p
June 22	A2 Summer Festival @5:00p
July 15	FBC Ladies Book Club @6:30p
July 22	Pizza in the Park @5:00p

ITT Update. —As Rick mentioned last Sunday, today is the culmination of the main focus of ITT. We had events related to the Past—Sharing our Histories and the Present—Living our Stories. Today following our service, is our intergenerational event about our vision for the Future—Dreaming our Future.

This will complete the work needed to turn our Church Profile over to PSC. Consequently, ITT will be wrapping up soon, and we are now in the process of creating a Pastoral Relations Committee. Pastoral Relations' main focus is to be available to support our transitional minister and to use that platform to share any thoughts from the congregation. Once we have created the Pastoral Relations Committee, we will communicate who is on that Committee. Our ITT wrap up meeting is scheduled for June 4. Thanks for all the work done and being done by this great team as we continue to *Transform through Transition!*

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