

Children's Ministry Sunday



First Baptist Church of Ann Arbor
May 18, 2025



ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING Xan

ANNOUNCEMENTS Allie

CALL TO WORSHIP Jakob & Amelia

Jakob: We are here because of Jesus and God.

Amelia: We want to love them and learn about them.

Jakob: We are also here to show love to one another.

All: Let's do this!

PRELUDE *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Arr. by Mary McDonald
(b.1956, American)

OPENING PRAYER Penny

*HYMN 286 *I want to Walk as a Child of the Light* HOUSTON
(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

*PSALM from Psalm 148 Emory & James

Emory: Praise the Lord!

Many: Mountains and all hills,

James: fruit trees and all cedars!

Many: Beasts and all cattle,

Emory: creeping things and flying birds!

Many: Leaders and all peoples,

James: rulers of the earth!

All: All of us together - grownups, teens, and children –
let's praise the Lord!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR ANTHEM *Edelweiss* Michelle Ding, Director
Charlie Duke, Assistant Director & Guitar

*GLORIA (Hymn 72, sung twice)

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

*NEW TESTAMENT READING Revelation 21:5-6 Lyra
One: The Word of God for the People of God
All: Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR ANTHEM *Open Our Eyes, Lord* Michelle Ding, Director
Charlie Duke, Assistant Director & Guitar

***GOSPEL READING**

John 13:31-35

Emma

One: The Word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks be to God!

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

This Little Light of Mine

LITTLE LIGHT

TIME AS CHILDREN

Xan

SPECIAL MUSIC

Friends Are Like Diamonds by T. Jennings

Teresa

[Children in 1st grade and younger head to church school.]

SERMON

name: The Good World.
by: Emma
date: 5-8-2025
to: the church

If you want to have
a good life you should
do thees five things ~~one~~
~~one~~ be kinde and caring.
Two be respetfull, ~~Three pick ideas~~
that are good. ~~Four~~ stand up
for people who are hert. ~~Five~~ let
athoors do thain ideas! If
life is bad life is bad but
you can choos if life
is good or bad

The Good World Emma Francia
Be Kind and Caring Sandy Bouma
Be Respectful Pony Bush
Pick an Idea that Is Good 2nd-5th grade class with Xan Morgan
Stand Up for People Who Are Hurt The Suell Family
Let Others Do Their Ideas Valerie Francia

SPECIAL MUSIC

Etude in A Major "Spring Song"

Philip Keveren
 Allie, piano

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

James, Allie, Teresa, Gwen

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Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing. Lord, send your Spir-it in this place. Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing. Send us love; send us power; send us grace." The score includes measure numbers 1, 3, 5, and 7 at the beginning of each system.

Glory to God 469

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CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Simeon

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Like a River Glorious

Benjamin Harlan

Like a river glorious is God's perfect peace,
Over all victorious in its bright increase;
Perfect, yet it floweth fuller every day;
Perfect, yet it groweth deeper all the way.
Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blessed;
Finding, as he promised, perfect peace and rest.
Hidden in the hollow of his blessed hand,
Never foe can follow, never traitor stand;
Not a surge of worry, not a shade of care,
Not a blast of hurry touch the spirit there.
Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blessed;
finding, as he promised, perfect peace and rest.

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD 100TH

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

Lyra

*HYMN 420

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

TRENTHAM

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Greeting: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Arr. by Joel Raney
(b.1956, American)

We pray for Marlene Francis, Jon VanderVliet, Grange Burnside, David Gregg, Joan Blunt, Becky Lepley, Bob Reynolds, 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.

*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 fellowship time. We'd love to connect!

Transitional Pastor Rick Mixon is in California for a brief time to attend the commencement activities at Berkeley School of Theology. He is an alumnus of the school (MDiv 1973) and serves as Affiliate Professor in Pastoral Care. There will be an alumni event on Friday night of this week and graduation on Saturday. He is particularly excited to have the privilege of hooding two of the Doctor of Ministry students whose projects he oversaw. He returns to the office on Monday.

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. Children's Choir (PreK-5th grade) meets from 11:30-noon. You may pick up your children at 11:30 from their Church School classrooms, at 12:00 from the choir room, or at the end of the annual meeting.

Youth Group (grades 6-12) meets Sunday mornings during the Formation hour (11:30am–12:30pm) in the Youth Room directly below the sanctuary. We have fun together, eat snacks, talk about our lives and explore some exciting stories from the Bible and their real-life justice implications. Feel free to contact Jillian with any questions at Jillian@fbca2.org.

Adult Formation Classes. LJ Brazier leads a Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark looking at several sections and themes. LJ will bring some interpretive perspectives. Bring yours. The group meets in the lounge at 11:30a.

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. At 11:30a on Sunday, June 1, 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!

The Mission Action Board would like to make the congregation aware of two ways you can partner with two different mission partners.

- **Avalon Housing** is currently supporting 14 Washtenaw County tenants who have been displaced and are currently in a hotel for the next 6 months due to fire damage in their building. The tenants are safe and okay, but repairs must be done to the building before they can return to their respective homes. The tenants no longer have access to food pantries and laundry facilities. Therefore, the Mission Action Board is challenging our church to help support these 14 tenants by providing Meijer gift cards, cash for laundry services, or checks made out to the church with "Avalon Housing" in the memo line. Cash and Meijer gift cards can be submitted to the church office directly. For more information about Avalon Housing go to:
<https://avalonhousing.org/>
- **The Interfaith Round Table** Team is hosting a workshop on Thursday, May 22, 2025, from 7:00-8:30 PM at Genesis of Ann Arbor (2309 Packard Road) called, "Depolarizing Ourselves," which addresses political polarization in our communities. This event offers valuable tools to build bridges across political divides, grounded in the shared recognition of our common humanity. For more information about Interfaith Roundtable Team, go to:
<https://irtwc.org/>.

Celebrating Graduates. We like to give a shout out to all those in our church family who graduated from programs this year. Please send an email to our Office Administrator, Kat Becker by Wednesday, June 5, if you or someone in your household is graduating.

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 Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47; Ephesians 1:15-23; and Luke 24:44-53.

FBC Men's Book Club next meets on Wednesday, May 21, at 7:00p in the Campus Center Living Room at church. We will be discussing *Awe: The New Science of Everyday Wonder and How It Can Transform Your Life* by Dacher Keltner.

The FBCA2 Ladies' Book Club will meet Tuesday, May 27th at 6:30pm at Janice Stumpf's house to discuss *H is for Hawk*, by Helen Macdonald. Please contact Janice or Mary Gregg if you have any questions. All ladies are welcome!

The church office will have shortened hours each day this week, 8:30a -12:00 noon.

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

May 18	Children's Ministry Sunday
May 21	FBC Men's Book Club @7:00p
May 21	Bible Study @1:00p
May 22	Choir Rehearsal @ 7:00p
May 26	Memorial Day – Church Office Closed
May 27	FBC Ladies Book Club @6:30p
June 1	Youth Ministry Sunday
	Transition Future Event @11:30a

ITT & Search Committee Update: The Transition Team and Search Committee met this past Monday to go over the church profile and to equip the Search Committee with resources to help them with their task. The church profile will be finished up after the June 1 event and then we'll share it with the congregation.

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