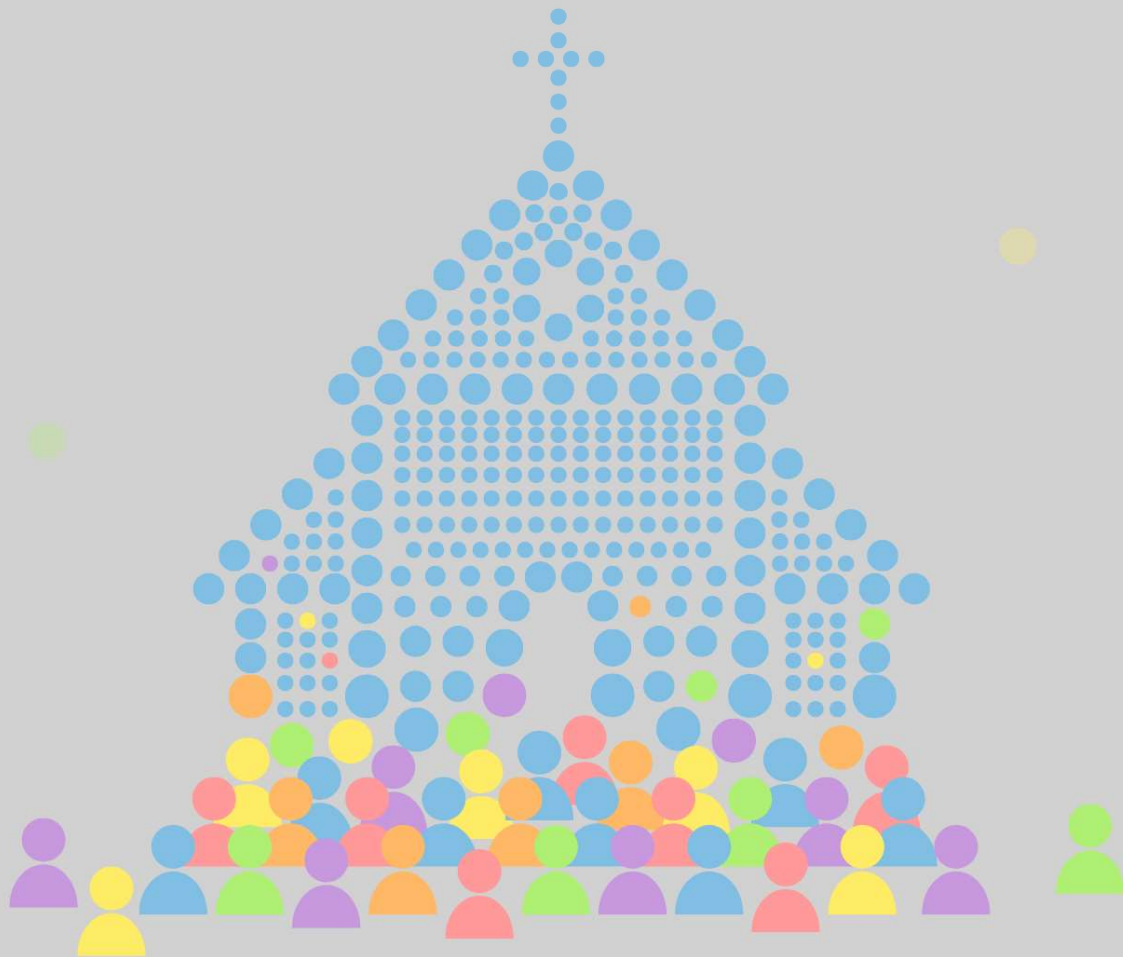


WE WORSHIP AND SHOW CARE TOGETHER



All Saints' Sunday
Sunday, November 2

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING

Xan Morgan

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

David Suell

One: I will exalt you, O God my Kin

Many: and bless your Name for ever and ever.

One: Every day will I bless you

Many: and praise your Name for ever and ever.

One: Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised;

Many: there is no end to God's greatness.

One: One generation shall praise your works to another

Many: and shall declare your power.

One: All your works praise you, O Lord,

All: Saints of all ages bless you.

PRELUDE

In Paradisum (Excerpt)
(Into Paradise)

Théodore Dubois
(1837-1924, French)

OPENING PRAYER

David Suell

*HYMN 711

For All the Saints (v 1,4,6)

SINE NOMINE

(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

*OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 28:5, 10-22

David Suell

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!

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

A Collection of Voices and
Xan Morgan, Stewardship Team

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

We Are the Church

PORT JERVIS

Refrain: All

I am the church. You are the church. We are the church together.

All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church together.

Verse 4: Executive Council

And when the people gather, there's singing and there's praying, there's
laughing and there's crying sometimes, all of it saying, *Refrain*

TIME AS CHILDREN

Xan Morgan

(Children are invited to come forward. Following Time as Children, the children will engage with the art and then kids in 1st-grade and younger will head to Children's Ministry upstairs. 2nd-5th Graders will stay with Xan for worship.)

STEWARDSHIP ART: YOU ARE THE CHURCH

We are the church. So we work together. We vision together. We budget together. We give together. We problem solve together. We make ministry happen, together. Please take a moment to share, using your bulletin insert, work you might be interested in learning more about here at First Baptist Church of Ann Arbor. Then, come forward to place your sticker (in bulletin) on our collective image as you think about the work we do here together. The image has taken shape as we *present ourselves as building stones for a sanctuary vibrant with life*. Wait till you see the image come to life next week!

What a Friend We Have in Jesus by Dan Chadburn

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND NAMING OF THE HONORED DEAD

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

Xan Morgan

ANTHEM

No Night There

- Dan Forrest

God is with us; God is for us; do not be afraid.
There shall be no night there, no crying there,
God shall wipe away ev'ry tear from their eyes.
There shall be no night there, no crying there,
God shall wipe away ev'ry tear from their eyes.
Even in the valley of the shadow of death,
God is with us, God is for us. I will fear no evil.
Lo, I am with you always, even to the end.
There shall be no night there. No crying there,
God shall wipe away ev'ry tear from their eyes.
Do not be afraid. God is with us, God is for us.
No night there.

GOSPEL READING

John 1:51

Rolf Bouma

SERMON

The Ladder to Heaven

Rolf Bouma

HYMN

As Jacob With Travel Was Weary One Day

Jacob's Ladder

SILENT REFLECTION

INVITATION TO GIVING

Rolf Bouma

OFFERING OF GIFTS

At the River - adapted by Aaron Copland

Shall we gather by the river,
Where bright angel's feet have trod,
With its crystal tide forever
Flowing by the throne of God.
Yes, we'll gather by the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river,
Gather with the saints by the river
That flows by the throne of God.

Soon we'll reach the shining river,
Soon our pilgrimage will cease,
Soon our happy hearts will quiver
With the melody of peace.
Yes, we'll gather by the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river
Gather with the saints by the river
That flows by the throne of God.

*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

Rolf Bouma

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

Rolf Bouma & Xan Morgan

Invitation to the Table

The Bread

Prayer by George Walker

The Cup

Steal Away by Gilbert M. Martin

The Prayer of Blessing

*HYMN (Hymn 557, verse 1)

Blessed Be the Tie that Binds

DENNIS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rolf Bouma

Greeting: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Resurgam (Excerpt)
(I Shall Rise Again)

Alec Rowley
(1892-1958, English)

*Please stand in body or spirit

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
in gratitude for our church family.*

~ The Danciu / DaSilva family ~

We pray for Bob Kidd, Bob Reynolds, Jon VanderVliet, Becky Lepley, Rick Zimmerman, Adriane Moulton Headley, Erica Diels, Chuck Suits, Kim Williamson, Keith Pickelmann, Marlene Francis, Roberta Hause, Betty Doman, Mervyn Juchartz, Esther Floyd, Marilyn Marsh, Dakota Lawson, Helga Mortensen, Greg DuBois, Cindy Okarski, Keith Maurer, Beth Granberry, Fay Key, and the Pastoral Search Committee.

Today's **Fellowship Offering** will go towards the **Fellowship Fund** which provides for meeting emergency needs of those within our community. Please give generously.

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



Calendar

November 9	Stewardship Season: In-Gathering Sunday
November 4	Scripture Study of Genesis @9:00a
November 5	Bible Study @1:00p
	The Gathering @6:00p
November 6	Choir Rehearsal @7:00p
November 7	Ad Libitum Concert @12:00p
November 11	FBC Ladies' Book Club @6:30p
November 16	Congregational Gathering @11:30
November 20	Trans Day of Remembrance Service
	First United Methodist Church @12:15
December 9	Hikone Sorting/Delivery @9:00a

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.



Join us downstairs after worship for fellowship time. We'd love to connect!

We Are the Church Stewardship Season. Throughout our stewardship season, we invite you to join us in giving thanks for all the resources - spiritual, theological, physical, and financial - that support our work together. Your generosity is a meaningful expression of your faith in God and commitment to God's work. You can complete your 2026 pledge card online (fbca2.org/connect) or pick up a pledge card from the pew or at the ministry station in the hallway. You can also pick up a hardcopy of the 2026 proposed ministry budget. Questions? Connect with a member of our Stewardship Team – Toni Burton, Martin Magers, Xan Morgan, Amanda Shutko, and Robbie Stapleton.

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 - 3 years). Children through 5th 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 12:30 when our formation hour ends.

On the first Sunday of each month it's "S3 - Stay for the Service Sunday" when the 2nd-5th grade class will stay in worship for the whole service. This gives the kids an opportunity to experience and participate in the second half of worship. This is a valuable step in their faith formation as worshipers! They are invited to sit with Xan and their classmates during worship. Following worship, the 2nd-5th graders will attend Fellowship Time with their families until Children's Choir begins at 11:30.

The Youth Group for students in grades 6-12. Join us in the Youth Room (in the library wing below the sanctuary) from 11:30-12:30 for snacks, games, and meaningful discussion. This fall we will focus on the subjects of hospitality, emotions, relationships, and justice in the Bible and our Christian faith. We will also have some fun afternoon/evening weekend activities! For more information, please contact Jillian Mast (jillian@fbca2.org).

We will have Listening Stations this morning for those wishing to express their thoughts and feelings on events in the church these last weeks. They will be in the Fellowship Hall near the stage during Fellowship time.

Congregational Gathering: SAVE the DATE. On November 16 during Adult Formation time, join your FBC family to talk about recent events, learn about plans for church life over the next few months, ask those burning questions.... More details soon.

Change: Knowing, Engaging & Coping. Starting today, the second hour in the Memorial Room will be devoted to conversations on climate change. Rolf Bouma, who teaches environmental ethics and ecology/religion classes at the University of Michigan, will lead the sessions. The first session today will be *Beyond the Bare Facts of Climate Change*, highlighting the range of changes and effects that can be expected as time goes on. The second session on November 9 will be *Do We Have To Talk About This?*, exploring the challenges of conversations with friends, relatives, and others about climate change as well as how to live well (for us and others) as the world's climate changes.

Wednesday Bible Study. The group next meets this Wednesday, November 5, at 1pm in the Campus Center living room.

Tuesday Morning Scripture Study. You are welcome to join us this Tuesday morning from 9 to 10 AM as we work through the Yale Bible Study curriculum on the book of Genesis. A key feature of this Bible study is that participants will be asked to read and reflect on the assigned readings in advance of each meeting. Weekly meetings will be devoted to discussing the week's scripture passages and associated material from the Yale curriculum. Most weeks the readings will take 1-2 hours. The study will conclude the first week of December. If you are interested, please contact the church office.

The Gathering is our campus ministry during the academic year. 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 Mary Davis for details. If you can help with a meal for the group, contact Mary Davis (madrada@umich.edu), sign up at fbca2.org/connect, or make a financial gift by check to the church or via PayPal (@fbca2). The Gathering meets on Wednesdays at 6:00p in the campus center living room.

Our AD LIBITUM Concert Series presents "Voice and Piano" this coming Friday, November 7, at noon. Tenor Wesley Donnagan (Assistant Professor at St. Olaf)

and pianist Mariah Boucher (Collaborative Pianist at UM) will perform art songs from the different periods written by Strauss, Bonds, Helsel, Beach, Marx, Schubert and Laitman. It will be a beautiful concert. This concert is free and open to the public. Mark your calendar. Invite your friends and neighbors. For more information, visit our church website (www.fbca2.org/ad-libitum-concert-series).

The FBC Ladies Book Club next meets on Tuesday, November 11, at 6:30p at the Drake's house. They will discuss *Babette's Feast* by Isak Dinesen.

Trans Day of Remembrance. Join First Baptist and other local churches as we gather on November 20th at 12:15 p.m. for a Trans Day of Remembrance Service. The service will be in the sanctuary of our neighbors at First United Methodist. Join the fight against transphobia and remember the beloved who have been taken for being themselves.

The Pastor Search Committee met on Monday, October 27. We continued with virtual interviews and had robust discussion and evaluation on the content. The group continued work on the next round of in-person interviews. We will be hard at work on these items between our meetings. We anticipate that the next couple of months will be very productive and exciting as we move closer to finding the person God will bring as pastor of FBCA2. We are grateful for your continued prayers and support!

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