

WE SHARE THE GOOD NEWS
OF **LOVE** TOGETHER



ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING

Xan Morgan

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Will Spotts

One: Come now, all who thirst

Many: **and drink of the Living Water.**

One: Come now, all who hunger

Many: **and be filled with good things.**

One: Come now, all who seek

Many: **and be warmed by the fire of love.**

PRELUDE

There Is a Balm in Gilead

Matthias Michel
(b.1962, German)

OPENING PRAYER

Will Spotts

THE PSALM

Psalm 145

Will Spotts

One: I will exalt you, O God my King,

Many: **and bless your Name for ever and ever.**

One: Every day I will 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.**

*HYMN

One Generation Shall Call to the Next

(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

Words & Music:
Greg Scheer

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 32:3-9, 11, 13-23

Will Spotts

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

Xan Morgan

(Following Time as Children, kids (through 5th grade) will leave for Church School.)

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 5: Pastoral Search Committee

At Pentecost some people received the Holy Spirit

and told the Good News through the world to all who would hear it.

Refrain

BLESSING OF OUR GIFTS

Robbie Stapleton

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus by James Koerts

ANTHEM

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

Les Petite Soeurs de Jésus

Arr. Zebulon M. Highben

Maryann Bowen, oboe

Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;

I'll tell everybody about you wherever I go:

You alone are our life and our peace and our love.

Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.

Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.

May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.

May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.

Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.

As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant,

To carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears

For you saved me by giving your body and blood.

As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.

I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey;

but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side,

And with all of the family you saved by your love,

We'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rolf Bouma

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

*HYMN 121

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

WELLESLEY

Rolf Bouma

All: Thanks be to God!

Rolf Bouma

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- T. Frederick H. Candlyn

OLD 100TH

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Response: And also with you.

CANDLER

BENEDICTION

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POSTLUDE

Prelude in A Major, BWV 543

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750, German)

*Please stand in body or spirit

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
in honor of our family past and present, near and far.*

~ Sara Armstrong & Will Spotts ~

We pray for Bob Kidd, Bob Reynolds, Jon VanderVliet, Becky Lepley, Rick Zimmerman, Adriane Moulton Headley, Erica Diels, Chuck Suits, Kim Williamson, Marilyn McKenzie, 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.

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.

A Message from Beth and Bill Foster, Interim Pastoral Care Coordinators

You may be aware that in this continuing interim period, at least until we have called a new senior pastor to serve us, your church leadership has asked us to coordinate Pastoral Care ministries. For those of you who may not know us - or who don't know us well - we are both retired Baptist ministers who spent our careers in various forms of healthcare chaplaincy. As retirees, we have the time to provide this service on a part-time basis. We were inclined to accept this role out of love for our church, and we feel honored to be asked.

What is pastoral care and why might you, or anyone, want to call on us? Pastoral care stands in the long tradition of the church as the ancient "cure of souls," or care for the human spirit. It predates and has informed modern mental health treatment, and while contemporary "spiritual care" draws on insights from the behavioral sciences, it remains a faith-based form of ministry. The hallmarks of good pastoral care include deep and nonjudgmental listening, identification of a central pastoral need or issue, and, if allowed, a collaborative way of helping another to make important choices in the midst of a stressful situation.

If you have a concern or a situation you would like us to know about please contact us:

Beth: cell 734-904-2592 or williamfoster102@comcast.net

Bill: cell 734-904-2593 or wm.foster1201@gmail.com

We welcome Rev. Rolf Bouma back to the pulpit this morning. Rolf Bouma is a retired pastor, serving as our Interim Worship Coordinator, who has served churches in Grand Rapids (MI), Framingham (MA), and Ann Arbor (the Campus Chapel). He has a J.D. from UofM, an M.Div and Th.M from Calvin Theological Seminary, and a PhD. from Boston University, focusing on eco-theology. Since 2004, he has taught in UofM's Program in the Environment. He continues to teach half-time, lecturing in environmental ethics as well as in ecology and religion. Rolf and Sandy have appreciated being a part of the First Baptist community since 2017. They have three children (all married), and four grandchildren. Next Sunday we welcome Rev. Gretchen Sanewsky as our preacher.

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.

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).

Congregational Gathering. On November 16 during Adult Formation time, join your FBC family to do a bit of reflection, learn about plans for church life over the next few months and interact with the Pastoral Search Committee. They will provide an overview of the search process, and update you on our progress to the extent that their commitment to candidate confidentiality will allow. There will be time to hear and respond to your questions and comments. The PSC looks forward to this time of engagement.

Change: Knowing, Engaging & Coping. 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. Today's session 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.

Sunday Young-Ish Adult Gathering. If you consider yourself to be a young-ish adult (roughly 20s - 40s), there's a new small group gathering for you in the Campus Center (office wing) on the first and third (and sometimes fifth) Sundays of the month after

Fellowship time (11:30a). We'll plan to attend congregational meetings. Come share about your week and what's happening in your life, discuss current events, or just relax and listen. On the first Sunday of the month, we plan to share a meal together. Questions? Contact Meg Suell (meghansuell@gmail.com), Valerie Francia (valerie1francia@gmail.com), or LJ Brazier (lbrazier@umich.edu).

Bible Study. Interested in studying the Bible? Join the Tuesday morning study from 9-10a or Wednesday from 1-2p. Both studies meet downstairs in the Memorial Lounge.

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.

Overnight Rotating Shelter - 6 volunteer spots to fill! During the cold winter months, the emergency overnight shelter at Delonis is not sufficient for the need. Area congregations host a weekly rotating shelter to fill the gap, so no one is sleeping outside in freezing temperatures. Our week for hosting begins on the evening of Monday, November 17, and goes through Monday, November 24. There are 3 volunteer opportunities each night: 1 evening shift (6:30-10:00pm) and 2 overnight shifts (6:30pm-7:30am and 9:45pm-8:00am). The overnight volunteers will each take a hosting shift (4 hours) and a sleeping shift in the Memorial Lounge (4 hours). Are you interested in serving for the first time and want to be paired with someone who has done it before? Let us know and we will find you an experienced partner. Thanks for being a part of this important ministry as one of our concrete ways of loving our neighbors as ourselves. You can sign up at fbca2.org/connect or the Ministry Station in the hallway. Questions? Connect with Kevin Morgan (ktmorgan@umich.edu).

Intergenerational Advent Event. Join us on Sunday, November 30th from 5-7 pm for A Light in the Darkness, our annual intergenerational Advent event. We're looking forward to our time together as we enjoy a meal from Fed Up Ministries and create together in preparation for Christmas. RSVP online (fbca2.org/connect) by Sunday, November 23! We are looking for volunteers to staff each station, join the kitchen team, and help with setup and cleanup. Please contact one of our coordinators, Xan Morgan (Xan@fbca2.org) or Christina Alaniz (cnalaniz@umich.edu).

Our AD LIBITUM Concert Series presents "Christmas Organ Music from Germany and France" on Friday, December 5 at noon. Celebrating the Advent and Christmas

season, Shin-Ae Chun will perform on our Robert Noehren organ chorale preludes by J.S. Bach, Bruhns, J.M. Bach and Buxtehude, Wiehnachten by Reger, Noël by Daquin, Prière et Berceuse by Guilmant and Dupré's famous Variations sur un Noël. Come and join us in celebrating this beautiful season through music. Bring your friends and neighbors. This is a free concert and open to all.

ABWM Bake Sale. We are planning a Bake Sale December 7th to help support our ABWM mission projects for the year! If you are willing and able, please let Carolyn Grapentine (csgrape@aol.com) know if you would like to bring something! Our Bake Sale is based on donations, so no need to price your items. If you are looking to pick up some goodies for December - make sure you are here on December 7th!!

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.

Third Quarter Contribution Statements. In an effort to save on paper and postage, the third quarter statements will be available on request. Email the office (office@fbca2.org) and we'll send you a .pdf copy. As we get the church family set up on Servant Keeper, you will be able to download your giving on demand.

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!

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

November 9	Stewardship Season: In-Gathering Sunday
November 10	Executive Council @5:30p
November 11	Scripture Study of Genesis @9:00a FBC Ladies' Book Club @6:30p
November 12	Bible Study @1:00p The Gathering @6:00p
November 13	Choir Rehearsal @7:00p
November 16	Congregational Gathering @11:30
November 17-24	Overnight Rotating Shelter
November 20	Trans Day of Remembrance Service First United Methodist Church @12:15p
December 5	Ad Libitum Concert @12:00p
December 7	ABWM Bake Sale @11:15a
December 9	Hikone Sorting/Delivery @9:00a

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