

Advent

First Sunday in



ORDER OF WORSHIP

1st Sunday of Advent

30 November 2025

GREETING

Xan Morgan

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Kathleen Ford

One: A winter sky, dark and deep, pulling our hearts toward hope.

Many: A winter sky, clear and endless, drawing a sigh from our soul.

One: When will our longing be over? When will a star appear and a cry be heard?

Many: Christ is coming soon. We have Advent dreams and Advent hopes.

All: Christ is coming soon.

PRELUDE *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BuxWV 211* Dieterich Buxtehude
(Now Come, Savior of the Nations) (1637-1707, German)

OPENING PRAYER

Kathleen Ford

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

Kendra Kehl-Fie

O come, O come Em - man - u - el, And ran-som cap-tive

Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here, Un -

-til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re -

joice! Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

***THE PSALM**

from Psalm 122

Kathleen Ford

One: I was glad when they said to me,
Many: "Let us go to the house of the Lord."
One: We enter this place
Many: To give thanks to the name of the Lord.
One: Pray for peace;
Many: Peace be within you.
One: For the sake of God's people
Many: We will seek your good.

***HYMN 196**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

EPISTLE READING

Romans 13:11-14

Kathleen Ford

One: The Word of God for the People of God
All: Thanks be to God!

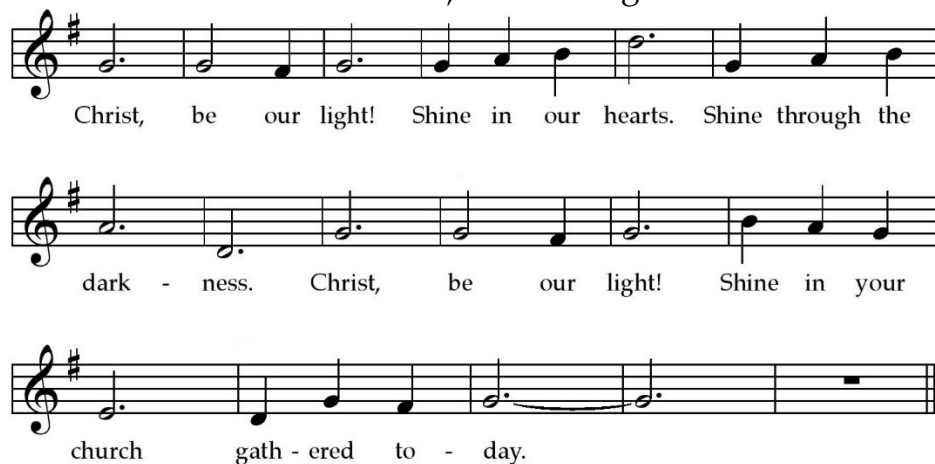
TIME AS CHILDREN

Xan Morgan

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

Christ, Be Our Light

Bernadette Farrell



ANTHEM

Our Songs of Thanksgiving

- Lloyd Larson

Come into His courts with thanksgiving and praise.
Give thanks to the Lord for His excellent ways.
God's love is forever, He is faithful all our days.
Our songs of thanksgiving we joyfully raise!
We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing,
He chastens and hastens His will to make known;
the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing,
Sing praises to His name, He forgets not His own.

Worship the Lord, should with joy and gladness.
Come and sing joyful songs.
Know that the Lord has created and claimed us.
We are His people, so lift up your voices and sing!
With voices united our praises we bring;
our songs of thanksgiving to You we now raise.
Your strong arm will guide us; our God is with us;
to You, our Redeemer, forever be praise!
Our songs of thanksgiving we joyfully raise!

SHARING OUR MISSION ACTION

DJ Reed, Chair of Mission Action
and Torey Madura, Community Action Network

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Xan Morgan

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

*GOSPEL READING

Matthew 24:36-44

Jodylynn Brummett

One: The Word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Ready or Not, Here I come

Jodylynn Brummett

SILENT REFLECTION

INVITATION TO GIVING

Jodylynn Brummett

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Meditation on Candler

Trad. Scottish Melody

Arr. by Vicki Collinsworth

Ornamented by Michelle Ding

*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

Jodylynn Brummett

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Greeting: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

*HYMN 213

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

TRURO

BENEDICTION

Jodylynn Brummett

POSTLUDE

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme
(Awake, the Voice Calls to Us)

Alfred Grundmann
(1857-1930, German)

*Please stand in body or spirit

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
in thanks for this church community.*

~ Betsy Foote ~

We pray for Bob Kidd, Bob Reynolds, Jon VanderVliet, 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, and the Pastoral Search Committee.



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 30	Mission Sunday: Community Action Network Intergenerational Advent Event @5:00p
December 3	Bible Study @1:00p The Gathering @6:00p
December 4	Choir Rehearsal @7:00p
December 5	Ad Libitum Concert @12:00p
December 9	Hikone Sorting/Delivery @10:30a
December 14	ABWM Bake Sale @11:15a
December 24	Nativity Story @4:00p Festival of Lessons & Carols @7:30p

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.



We welcome Rev. Jodylynn Brummett to the pulpit this morning. Jodylynn is currently serving her fifth year as a Hospice Chaplain at Heart-to-Heart Hospice. She has a BA from Eastern University and a MDiv from Colgate Rochester Divinity School, has served as a pastor in Delaware, OH, College Chaplain in Keuka Park, NY, and has been a Customer Service Representative for Chase Mortgage. Jodylynn has been a member of First Baptist since 2022. Rev. Bill Foster will preach on December 7 & 14.

Join us downstairs after worship for fellowship time. We'd love to connect! Following fellowship time, we invite you to join us in the Memorial Lounge for our adult formation class with Torey Madura from Community Action Network.

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).

Bible Study. Interested in studying the Bible? Join the Wednesday group from 1-2p in the campus center living room.

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. We will meet on Dec 3 & 10 and start back up after the break.

Our AD LIBITUM Concert Series presents "Christmas Organ Music from Germany and France" this 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: Date Changed To Dec 14th. We are planning a Bake Sale Dec 14th 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 14th!!

Holiday Collection for the Hikone Community. For over 16 years we have collected food, hygiene, and household supplies for our friends in the Hikone housing community, one of the sites of Community Action Network. The December school vacation is very tough on low-income families because children are not in school to receive their breakfast and lunch, so more food is needed at home. And as you are aware, prices keep rising for basic household and hygiene supplies which are not covered by the Bridge card/food stamps. The families at Hikone have been so grateful because your donations help stretch their limited budgets so that there may be extra funds in which to buy gifts and special foods for the holidays.

We have **one more** Sunday after today to gather your donations –December 7. We are providing for 30 families so please consider donating multiples of the same item and

please donate individual family-size quantities (e.g. 3-4 regular size jars of pasta sauce rather than one giant jar; 4 regular-size boxes of pasta rather than a giant bag, etc.)

- **Kid-friendly foods:** cereal, oatmeal, canned pasta, mac-and-cheese, chili, peanut butter, soup, tuna, granola and protein bars, fruit cups, yogurt pouches, etc.
- **Food and hygiene supplies that aren't commonly available in the food pantries:** baking soda, baking powder, spices, sugar, cooking oil (32 oz), shampoo, razors, menstrual products, etc.
- **Financial donations:** Your financial donations are so important! We purchase items throughout the year when they are on sale. We already have thirty 100 oz. containers of laundry detergent, 30 packages of toilet paper, 30 bottles of toilet cleaner and dish detergent, 30 boxes of garbage bags, etc. Your financial donations cover these purchases.
- **New or Gently used books for children and youth:** These are highly valued by the families to use as holiday gifts.

Bring your donations each Sunday. Please mail your financial donation to the church before December 7 or place it in the offering plate with a notation it is for Hikone. (Please address the check/envelope to Sue Ellen Glover, First Baptist Church, 517 E Washington, Ann Arbor 48104).

We need all donations by December 7 in order to sort, box, and deliver to Hikone on December 9. Thank you for your continued generosity!!

Sue Ellen (gloverse@hotmail.com)

The FBC Ladies' Book Club next meets on Tuesday, December 16th, 6:30p at Maryann Bowen's house. We will be discussing *Clear* by Carys Davies. The book after that will be *This Is How It Always Is* by Laurie Frankel. Happy Reading!

The Pastoral Search Committee met on Monday, November 24 where most of our time was spent discussing the process for second interviews that will be held in person. Figuring out times with seven of us and candidates is a bit tricky. We also had a robust, in-depth discussion of initial assessments for another candidate. Our next steps are to decide on interview questions and the agenda for the day the candidate will spend with us. As we celebrate Thanksgiving, we have so much for which to be thankful even in the midst of this journey. God is good! Thank you for your prayers!

So You Were Wondering.... Look for this new item in the Newsletter. If you have questions about how our church is governed, how decisions are made, who is

responsible for what etc., probably someone else is wondering that too. Send questions to Mary Davis (madrada@umich.edu) who will find the answers and put them in the Newsletter.

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.

Poinsettias for Christmas Eve. Each year we decorate the Sanctuary with poinsettias in honor/memory of those we love for the Christmas season. Poinsettias are \$21.00 each. The deadline to order is Monday, Dec 15. You are welcome to take your poinsettia home with you after the Festival of Lessons & Carols service on Christmas Eve. Poinsettias can be ordered online at fbca2.org/connect or you can use the form below and drop it in the offering plate.

POINSETTIAS ORDER FORM

Please order _____ poinsettia(s) for the Christmas services at \$21 each,
and list as such in the bulletin:

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

From: _____

I have enclosed \$ _____ as payment for the poinsettia(s).

Please have paid orders to the office by Monday, December 15.

Thank you!



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