



FIRST BAPTIST

CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

1st Sunday in Lent
February 22, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING

Xan Morgan

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Celeste Weissinger

One: We gather today to worship the One who created us,

Many: The One who calls us,

One: The One who equips us,

Many: The One who loves us without end.

One: With joyful hearts, let us worship God.

PRELUDE

Choral Trio on Christus, der ist mein Leben
(Christ Is My Life)

Sigfrid Karg-Elert
(1877-1933, German)

*OPENING PRAYER

Celeste Weissinger

*THE PSALM

from Psalm 32

Celeste Weissinger

One: Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,

Many: and whose sin is put away!

One: "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go:

Many: I will guide you with my eye."

One: Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord;

Many: shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

*HYMN (see insert)

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

LAND OF REST

(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 10:1-2

Celeste Weissinger

One: The Word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks be to God!

TIME AS CHILDREN

Xan Morgan

Jesu, Jesu (see insert, refrain only)

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Isaac Thompson

SUNG LORD'S PRAYER (see insert)

The choir will sing the prayer once through and then the congregation will join in as we learn this new piece together for Lent.

SHARING OUR MISSION ACTION

DJ Reed, Chair of Mission Action
and Kim Daley, Daytime Warming Center

*GOSPEL READING

Matthew 25:31-46

Xan Morgan

One: The Word of God for the People of God

All: **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

arr. by Howard Helvey

Take up your cross, the Savior said, if you would my disciple be;
take up your cross with willing heart, and humbly follow after me.
Take up your cross; let not its weight fill your weak spirit with alarm;
Christ's strength shall bear your spirit up and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.
Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and let your foolish heart be still;
the Lord for you accepted death upon a cross, on Calv'ry's hill.
Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and calmly ev'ry danger brave;
it guides you to abundant life and leads to vict'ry o'er the grave.
Take up your cross, and follow Christ, nor think till death to lay it down;
for only those who bear the cross may hope to wear the glorious crown.

SERMON

Overcoming Poverty Is a Religious Issue

Xan Morgan

SILENT REFLECTION

INVITATION TO GIVING

Xan Morgan

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Hear My Prayer

Words & Music by Moses Hogan

O Lord, please hear my prayer,
In the mornin' when I rise.
It's Your servant bound for glory.
O dear Lord, please hear my prayer.
O Lord, please hear my prayer,
Keep me safe within Your arms.
It's Your servant bound for glory.

O dear Lord, please hear my prayer.
When my work on earth is done,
And You come to take me home.
Just to know I'm bound for glory.
And to hear You say well done.
Done with sin and sorrow,
Have mercy, mercy. Amen.

*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

Xan Morgan

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Greeting: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

***HYMN** (see insert)

There's a Spirit in the Air

ORIENTIS PARTIBUS

***BENEDICTION**

Xan Morgan

POSTLUDE

Prelude in A Minor

Johannes Brahms
(1873-1916, German)

*Please stand in body or spirit

*The flowers on the chancel are given to the glory of God
in honor of our congregation.*

~ Betsy Foote & Tom Gebhardt ~

We pray for **Ed Parmentier, Celeste Weissinger, Jon VanderVliet, Erica Diels, Marilyn McKenzie, Keith Pickelmann, Marlene Francis, Roberta Hause, Mervyn Juchartz, Esther Floyd, Marilyn Marsh, Betty Frieswyk, Tommi Orlando, Dakota Lawson, Helga Mortensen, Cindy Okarski, Greg DuBois, Keith Maurer, Beth Granberry, the family and friends of Rosemary Collins, 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!

I was... and You... “Then the King will say, ‘I’m telling the solemn truth: Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me—you did it to me.’” (Matthew 25:40)

Throughout the season of Lent, we'll be sharing a devotion for the week each Sunday, with a bulletin insert and by email. These devotions will include a story of folks who know what it is like to be hungry, without clean water, or in prison. We'll sit with the passage in Matthew 25 as we reflect using questions from the traditional monastic practice, Lectio Divina. Each devotion wraps up with an invitation to pray and respond. Our first invitation to respond is through our work of feeding 80-100 people each Monday, Thursday, and Friday for the next six weeks. You can find opportunities to bring items at fbca2.org/connect. Look for the green button that says “Sign Up” to find openings that still need volunteers. Please also make sure to pick up a candle from the ministry station to hold space for your devotions this Lenten season. Questions? Connect with a member of the Here Anchor Team: Mary Davis, Tom Gebhardt, Sue Ellen Glover, Carolyn Grapentine, Amanda Shutko, or Xan Morgan.

We welcome Xan Morgan back to the pulpit this morning. Xan Morgan (she/her) serves as our Director of Community Life and has been a member of the First Baptist family since 2017 with her husband, Kevin and children: Emmanuel, Asher, and Piper. Xan earned her Bachelor of Science in K-8 Education from the University of Michigan. She takes seriously the work of walking alongside the First Baptist Church Family and helping us live out our faith in actionable and visible ways within the Ann Arbor community. Next Sunday, we welcome Rev. DJ Reed to the pulpit.

Mission Sunday: Daytime Warming Center. Welcome Kim Daley, the co-director of the Daytime Warming Center of Washtenaw County. Kim works with MISSION, an organization that provides a safe, welcoming daytime space where people experiencing homelessness can have their basic needs met, feel valued, and build community with others. After service, please join us in the Fellowship Hall to meet Kim, and learn more about the Daytime Warming Center. And join us in the Memorial Lounge during Adult Formation Hour to learn more about this amazing organization and the work they are doing in the community!

Our New Adult Formation Class, Stabat Mater Dolorosa, begins on Sunday, March 1 for three sessions. Come join us for a discussion of a Lenten cantata, Karl Jenkins' imaginative musical setting of the medieval poem *Stabat Mater Dolorosa*, about Mary's experience at the crucifixion. This class is led by Sorbie Richner and will be held in the Memorial Lounge from 11:30-12:30p.

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. We are focusing on the subjects of hospitality, emotions, relationships, and justice in the Bible and our Christian faith. We also have some fun afternoon/evening weekend activities! For more information, please contact Jillian Mast (jillian@fbca2.org).

Membership Matters! Membership is about responding to God's call to take the next step in your spiritual journey, and to belong to a community of people who are striving together to do the work of God's limitless love with purpose and passion. By becoming a member of First Baptist Church, you are making a commitment to partner with us as we seek together to claim, cultivate, and proclaim the good news of God's love for our world. Your commitment will make a positive difference in your life, in the life of this church, and in the world around us. How do I become a member? That's a great question, and we're glad you asked!

Join us on Sunday, March 1st at 9:00a to connect with Xan Morgan and Cesar Alaniz as we share more about membership and hear from you too! We'll have our **Membership Blessings during worship on Sunday, March 15.** Email Xan (xan@fbca2.org)

Tuesday evening Bible Study – Mark. All are welcome to attend as we use the Yale Bible Study's lessons on Mark. The study involves 8 weekly meetings that will take place on Tuesdays, from 7-8 pm at the church. The time commitment is 1-2 hours of reading and reflection in advance of each meeting, plus the meeting itself. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Clay Scott or 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.

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.

The Pastoral Search Committee met on Monday, February 16. We began with prayer and considering thresholds of life that are so often before us. We are ever closer to the threshold of a new Pastor and a new chapter in the life of FBCA2! We are deep into the process of discernment toward a final candidate. Please join us in prayer as we come to the final steps of this journey!



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

Calendar

February 24 Bible Study @7:00p
February 25 Your Spiritual Footprint @1:00p
The Gathering @6:00p
February 26 Choir Rehearsal @7:00p

Daytime Warming Center
February 16 thru March 27
Monday to Friday, 8:00a to 4:00p

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