



FIRST BAPTIST

CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

6th Sunday after the Epiphany
February 15, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING		Xan Morgan
RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP		Heather Reed
One: Light dances at the center of life;		
Many: Light strikes the chords of our love.		
One: Light shatters into gold on every cloud;		
Many: Light scatters its gems in profusion.		
One: Light called to us out of darkness;		
Many: And darkness could never defeat the light.		
One: Come into the light of Christ;		
Many: Light, life, love – Christ.		
PRELUDE	<i>Prelude on Christe Sanctorum</i> (Father, We Praise Thee, Now the Night Is Over)	Peter Pindar Stearns (1931-2016, American)
*OPENING PRAYER		Heather Reed
*THE PSALM	from Psalm 67	Heather Reed
One: May the Lord be gracious to us and bless us;		
Many: May God’s face shine upon us.		
One: That the Lord’s ways may be known on earth;		
Many: God’s saving power among all peoples.		
One: Let us be glad and sing for joy.		
Many: Let all the peoples praise the Lord.		
*HYMN (see insert)	Fairest Lord Jesus	ST. ELIZABETH
(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)		
OLD TESTAMENT READING	Isaiah 56:1,6-8	Heather Reed
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!		
CONGREGATIONAL SONG (see insert)	He Came Down	HE CAME DOWN
TIME AS CHILDREN		Xan Morgan
(Following Time as Children, kids (through 5th grade) will leave for Church School.)		
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		Rolf Bouma
The Lord’s Prayer (“debts” – hymnal page 896)		

***GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 15:21-28

Rolf Bouma

One: The Word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks be to God!**ANTHEM***Gonna Be a Great Day*

arr. by Joseph M. Martin

(Traditional Spiritual)

Ben Findlan and Lucy Thompson, duet

There's gonna be a great day, there's gonna be a great day.

We're gonna dance and shout and sing; we're gonna bow down to the king.

There's gonna be a great day comin' soon.

There's gonna be a great day, there's gonna be a great day.

We're gonna join the heav'nly band; we're gonna shout and clap our hands.

There's gonna be a great day comin' soon.

There's gonna be a great day, there's gonna be a great day.

The righteous marchin' in, that'll be a sight now to behold.

There's gonna be a great day comin' soon.

There's gonna be a great day, there's gonna be a great day.

The righteous marchin' in, O, God's gonna build up Zion's walls.

Great days a-comin', great days a-comin'.

There's gonna be a great, great day!

SERMON*Sometimes Even Crumbs Are Enough*

Rolf Bouma

SILENT REFLECTION**INVITATION TO GIVING**

Rolf Bouma

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Sing with Grace in Your Heart

G.F. Handel

arr. by Carl Fredrickson

Lucy Thompson and Ben Findlan, duet

Sing with grace unto the Lord, sing with grace in your heart,

singing praises unto our God;

Giving thanks, thanks to God, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

All our blessings come from Him, Praise our God, praise our God, praise the Lord;

Great is our God, gracious and kind; sing with thanksgiving unto the Lord,

sing with thanksgiving unto our God.

Sing with grace unto the Lord, sing with grace unto our God.

Praise the Lord upon the harp; let all nations sing His praise.

Praise Him, sun and stars of light, singing songs, singing songs,

songs of praise unto our god.

Singing, singing songs of praise and thanksgiving unto the Lord.

***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

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**
Greeting: May the peace of Christ be with you.
Response: **And also with you.**

***HYMN** (see insert, vv. 1, 3, 6) O Love, How Deep DEO GRACIAS

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Prelude in C Major, Op.56, No.4 (Excerpt)* Max Reger
(1873-1916, German)

*Please stand in body or spirit

*The flowers on the chancel are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of my courageous mother, Sigrid Billes.*

~ Astrid Beck ~

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, 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!

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, Xan Morgan will preach.

Adult Formation. Join us today for **A Whisk Worth Taking**, our adult formation series led by Xan Morgan and Toni Burton. For some of us, it may feel risky to cook in our big church kitchen but it's a risk worth taking! Today we'll be in the kitchen preparing a meal for our Daytime Warming Center guests.

I was HUNGRY and you FED me. Throughout Lent, we're going to be reflecting on the passage from Matthew 25 when Jesus tells a story about those who responded to the needs in their community and those who didn't. Before Lent begins, we have an opportunity to step up and respond to the needs of our neighbors who are "overlooked and ignored" (Mt 25:40 MSG). We will be hosting the Daytime Warming Center during Lent, February 16 through March 27. And we can't offer hospitality to our unhoused neighbors without your help. There are many ways to show up - visit fbca2.org/connect to indicate your plans! You can provide ingredients for a lunchtime meal to be cooked and served during the week. You can provide a lunchtime meal - cooked or delivered - as a household or with a group from church. You can bring dessert or fruit on a day when the entree is provided by a restaurant. We'll be sharing more ways to engage in hospitality throughout Lent. Questions? Please contact a member of our Here Anchor Team -

Mary Davis, Tom Gebhardt, Sue Ellen Glover, Carolyn Grapentine, Amanda Shutko, or Xan Morgan.

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).

Ash Wednesday Service. Christians have been preparing for the celebration of Easter by walking through a holy Lent, patterned after Jesus' temptation in the wilderness, since ancient times. On Wednesday, February 18th, the season of Lent begins; we gather to repent, reflect, and to receive forgiveness. This short, in-person service of prayers and ashes begins at 7:00p in the sanctuary.

Open Board Positions. The Recruitment Committee is looking for volunteers for open Board/Committee positions, with terms beginning May 1st. Please consider participating more fully in the work of the church in this way. Descriptions of general Board activities as well as a sign-up form are linked within the January 22nd FBCA2 Newsletter. Let us know if you are interested by Sunday, February 15th. Or, for further information, do not hesitate to contact any member of the Recruitment Committee: Beth Foster, Louisa Laidlaw, Ashley Magers, Asher Morgan, DJ Reed, Meg Suell, and Janice Stumpf.

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 group is off this week and next meets on February 24.**

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 (madrad@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 9 to go over extensive feedback from candidates' references. We also discussed information from the Personnel Committee on compensation packages. We reflected on the needs and wants of the church and how the Spirit is leading our hearts. We are in the final stages of discernment and finding this to be a significant challenge due to the blessing of multiple exceptional candidates. Please keep us in your prayers as we seek God's guidance this week before meeting again next Monday. Thank you for your trust in us!



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 18 Your Spiritual Footprint @1:00p
 The Gathering @6:00p
 Ash Wednesday Service @7:00p
February 19 Choir Rehearsal @7:00p
February 24 Bible Study @7:00p

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

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