



# FIRST BAPTIST

## CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent  
March 1, 2026

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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## GREETING

Xan Morgan

## RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Jodylynn Brummett

One: On this journey through the season of Lent

**Many: God calls us to companionship --**

One: with God, who will not abandon us,

**Many: with Jesus, who shows us the way,**

One: With the Spirit, who knows our inmost thoughts,

**Many: With each other, our fellow travelers on the way.**

## PRELUDE

*Jesus, Lead Thou On*

Paul Manz  
(1919-2009, American)

## \*OPENING PRAYER

Jodylynn Brummett

## \*THE PSALM

from Psalm 121

Jodylynn Brummett

One: We lift up our eyes to the hills --

**Many: from where will our help come?**

One: Our help comes from the Lord;

**Many: Our God who made heaven and earth.**

One: The Lord keeps our feet well planted;

**Many: The Lord never slumbers or sleeps.**

One: The Lord watches us when we go out or come in;

**Many: From now until the end of our days.**

## \*HYMN (see insert)

To the Hills I Lift My Eyes

GUIDE

(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

## CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Jesu, Jesu

CHEREPONI

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

## TIME AS CHILDREN

Jesu, Jesu (v.1)

Xan Morgan

Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,  
Master who acts as a slave to them. (*refrain*)

[Following Time as Children, kids (through 1st grade) will head to Children's Ministry. On the first Sunday of the month, 2nd-5th graders remain in worship for Stay for the Service Sunday - S3!]

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

DJ Reed

## SUNG LORD'S PRAYER (see insert)

**\*GOSPEL READING**

John 3:1-17

DJ Reed

One: The Word of God for the People of God

**All: Thanks be to God!****ANTHEM***Lord, I approach thy mercy-seat*

arr. by Alice Parker

Lord, I approach Thy mercy seat, where Thou dost answer prayer;  
There humbly fall beneath Thy feet, for none doth perish there.  
Thy promise is my only plea; with this I venture nigh;  
Thou callest burden'd souls to thee, and such, O lord, am I.  
Bowed down beneath a load of sin, by Satan sorely press'd,  
By war without and fear within, I come to thee for rest.  
Be thou my Shield, my hiding place; that shelter'd near thy side,  
I may my fierce accuser face, and tell him, thou has died.

**SERMON***In the Dark Together*

DJ Reed

**SILENT REFLECTION****INVITATION TO GIVING**

DJ Reed

**OFFERING OF GIFTS**

Do This and Remember

Pamela Steward &amp; Brad Nix

Do this and remember; take the bread and eat.  
I was bruised and broken, bound and cut like wheat.  
Do this and remember; come and be restored.  
Eat the bread I offer. Hunger nevermore.  
Come to Me, the Bread of Life, and recall My love anew.  
When you eat, remember Me, that I gave My all for you.  
Do this and remember; take the cup of wine.  
I was crushed and wounded, fruit of heaven's Vine.  
Do this and remember; come and be restored.  
Drink the cup I offer. You will thirst no more.  
Come to Me, the one True Vine, and recall My love anew.  
When you drink, remember Me, that I gave My all for you.  
Taste the mystery of mercy in the bread and wine I give:  
Death is not the final answer. All who feast on Me will live.

**\*DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

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**

DJ Reed

## CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

DJ Reed & Xan Morgan

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Confession

**All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

The Bread      *Keep Us, Lord, by Your Word* from J.Paix Tabulaturbuch (1583)

The Cup              *God Who Madest Earth and Heaven* by Sigfrid Karg-Elert

The Prayer of Blessing

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Greeting: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**Response: And also with you.**

\*HYMN (see insert)

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*HYFRYDOL*

\*BENEDICTION

DJ Reed

POSTLUDE

*Blessed Assurance*

Dan Miller  
(b.1954, American)

\*Please stand in body or spirit

*The flowers on the chancel are given to the glory of God  
in loving memory of Stacey Simpson Duke  
on the third anniversary of her death.*

*~ The Magers family ~*

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, Tom & Tommi Orlando, Helga Mortensen, Cindy Okarski, Greg DuBois, Keith Maurer, Beth Granberry, and the Pastoral Search Committee.**

Today's **Fellowship Offering** will go towards the **America for Christ** offering which supports the American Baptist Home Mission Societies efforts to connect with and care for people in need. Please give generously.

**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](http://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 Rev. DJ Reed back to the pulpit this morning.** D.J. and his wife Heather have lived in Michigan since 2010. He has been a member at FBCA2 since 2022 and is currently involved in the Livestream Team, the Recruitment Team, the Mission Action Board and the Pastoral Search Committee. Prior to FBCA2, D.J. served as Senior Pastor

at Chilson Hills Church in Howell, Michigan for 11 years. DJ. is currently employed as a chaplain for Abigail Hospice and has been a chaplain at Trinity Health hospitals for 2 years. He has over 25 years of church ministry experience. D.J. and Heather have two sons, Lincoln (Jr. at Pinckney High School) and Dani (2nd year at Michigan Tech) who really enjoy being involved at FBCA2. D.J. is a native of Chicagoland, but has been a resident in Pennsylvania, California and Michigan as well. He enjoys writing, sketching and photography. Next Sunday, we welcome Rev. George Mason to the pulpit.

**Our New Adult Formation Class, Stabat Mater Dolorosa**, begins today, 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. Today the children and youth will be making a meal for our Daytime Warming Center guests. Please pick up your kids at the end of formation hour (12:30) from the kitchen.

**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.** Today the youth will be making a meal for our Daytime Warming Center guests. For more information, please contact Jillian Mast ([jillian@fbca2.org](mailto: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. We'll have our next Blessing of New Members during worship on Sunday, March 15. Interested in becoming a member? Connect with Xan Morgan (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 Anishinaabe 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 23. We are in the phase of finalizing our choice of candidates to present to the congregation. During these next several weeks of negotiating we won't have many new updates. Our hope is that on Easter Sunday we will be able to share that we have selected a final candidate. In the weeks following Easter Sunday we will be able to share specific information about the candidate and share plans for a candidating weekend. We are thrilled to have reached this stage of the process and still very much appreciate your prayers. Thank you for your trust in us and know that we deeply sense God's presence and guidance.



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

### Calendar

March 1	Membership Info @9:00a
March 3	Bible Study @7:00p
March 4	Your Spiritual Footprint @1:00p The Gathering @6:00p
March 5	Choir Rehearsal @7:00p
March 15	Blessing of New Members

Daytime Warming Center continues through March 27  
Monday to Friday, 8:00a to 4:00p

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