

Children's Ministry Sunday

May 3, 2026



ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING

Penny & Ruby

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Benjamin

One: With eyes to see,

Many: and ears to hear,

One: With lips to sing,

Many: and hands to help:

One: Let us worship God

Many: with the fullness of our being.

PRELUDE

From All That Dwell Below the Skies
(DUKE STREET)

Neil Harmon
(b.1967, American)

*OPENING PRAYER

Amelia
written by the 2nd-5th graders

*HYMN (see insert, vv. 1,4-5) Jesus Is Risen, Alleluia!
(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

HAYA TRADITIONAL
Mfurahini, Haleluya - Tanzania

*THE PSALM

Psalm 31:1-3

Ivy and Benji

One: I come to you, Lord, for protection.

Many: Don't let me be ashamed.

One: Do as you have promised and rescue me.

Many: Listen to my prayer and hurry to save me.

One: Be my mighty rock where I am safe.

Many: You, Lord God, are my mighty rock and my fortress.

One: Lead me and guide me,

Many: so that your name will be honored.

*GLORIA (Hymn 72, sung twice)

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, Gloria! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Peter 2:2-7a

Finn

One: The Word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks be to God!

*HYMN (see insert)

Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

THE CALL

*GOSPEL READING

John 14:1-4

Tess

One: The Word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR ANTHEM

We Come to Your Table

Carey Landry

Isaac Thompson & Ben Findlan, directors

TIME AS CHILDREN

Xan Morgan

(Following Time as Children, kids up to 1st grade will leave for Church School.)

MISSION MOMENT

Peggy Cole, Alpha House (IHN)
and DJ Reed, Mission Action Board

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Eleanor, Jakob, Emma

469 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing.

The first system of music is in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). The melody is written in the treble clef and the bass line in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing."

Lord, send your Spir-it in this place.

The second system of music continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are: "Lord, send your Spir-it in this place."

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing. Send us

The third system of music continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are: "Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing. Send us"

love; send us power; send us grace.

The fourth system of music concludes the hymn. The lyrics are: "love; send us power; send us grace."

Glory to God 469
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SERMON

Growing into Your Salvation

Callie Feyen

INVITATION TO GIVING

Simeon

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Jesus Loves Me

William B. Bradbury
Lynn Suits, soprano soloist

Jesus loves me ! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me.
Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so.
Jesus loves me. He will stay close beside me, all the way.
If I love Him when I die, He will take me home on high. (refrain)

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Lyra

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

Xan, Henry, Lyra, Lucas, Lily, & Callie
adapted from Roddy Hamilton

For communion today, the children will be offering the bread and the juice at two stations. Please come down the center aisles, receive the bread and juice, and then head back to your seat by way of the side aisles. If you would like to receive communion at your pew, please catch our attention towards the end of communion by waving your hand. We'll bring communion to you.

Invitation to the Table

Passing of the Peace

Greeting: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

The Bread and the Cup

Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele, BWV 654 by J.S. Bach
(Adorn Yourself, O Dear Soul)

The Prayer of Blessing

HYMN OF FELLOWSHIP (insert, v.1)

Blessed Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

BENEDICTION

Emma

POSTLUDE

Toccatà in G Major, BuxWV 164

Dieterich Buxtehude
(1637-1707, German)

*Please stand in body or spirit

*The flowers on the chancel are given to the glory of God
in honor of my daughters Nichole and Noelle Alton's May birthdays.*

~ Shelley Hinderer ~

We pray for **Pidgey Karolyi, Jon VanderVliet, Mary Margaret Hatt, Emily Wright, Erica Diels, Ed Parmentier, Katherine Cartee, Marilyn McKenzie, Keith Pickelmann, Marlene Francis, Roberta Hause, Mervyn Juchartz, Esther Floyd, Marilyn Marsh, Helga Mortensen, Cindy Okarski, Greg DuBois, Keith Maurer, and Beth Granberry.**

Greeters: Ivy and Ruby

Acolytes: Eleanor and Lucas

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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. We'd love to connect!

We welcome Callie Feyen (she/her) to the pulpit this morning. Callie lives in Ann Arbor with her husband Jesse, and their two daughters, Hadley (Freshman and Michigan), and Harper (Junior at Pioneer). She is the author of three books: *The Teacher Diaries*, *Twirl*, and *When We Swung From Church Bells: Stories That Shape Our Faith, and Faith That Shapes Our Stories* (the foreword was written by Xan Morgan). Callie teaches English Composition, Children's Literature, and Creative Writing and Washtenaw Community College. Next Sunday, we welcome Rev. Beth Foster to the pulpit.

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. 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).

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 living room 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).

Mission Sunday: Interfaith Hospitality Network. Join us this week for our sixth Mission Sunday! During our Mission Sundays, you will be introduced to a key FBCA2 mission partner during the worship service whom we financially support. Following our fellowship time, we invite you to join us during the adult formation hour where you'll learn more about needs in the community and how our mission partner is addressing current problems. Today we welcome Peggy Cole from Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) at Alpha House. For over 30 years, IHN at Alpha House has supported families experiencing homelessness through emergency shelter and housing assistance. In addition to their 14-room Alpha House West site on Jackson Road, they have recently opened Alpha House East on the Trinity Ann Arbor campus to serve 30 additional families. Their innovative services also include a Master Leasing Program for short-term housing for larger families and a hotel shelter partnership with Washtenaw County Community Mental Health (CMH) for wraparound support. We are grateful to have Alpha House in our community and for our partnership with Interfaith Hospitality Network. Please join us in the Memorial Lounge at 11:00 AM during our Adult Formation Hour where Peggy will be informing us about their work with children and families experiencing homelessness. Also, please see the information table in the Fellowship Hall for information about Community Mental Health resources for children.



Online Photo Directory. As a way to welcome Pastor Laura Harris-Adam, and to allow us all to put faces with names and feel more at home in our congregation, we are encouraging everyone to update our online photo directory! We use Servant Keeper for our online directory, as we use this software already for our giving statements. Scan this QR code to register/login to your account to update your information and add a photo to your profile. This portal is open to anyone who is connected to FBCA2 in a meaningful way and is not restricted to formal members of the congregation. If you're in our Google Sheets directory, you're welcome to be in this one too! Reach out to Christina Alaniz (cnalaniz@umich.edu) if you need any help!

Adult Formation May 10 and 17. Elizabeth Oldfield's book *Fully Alive: Tending to the Soul in Turbulent Times* is, as the title implies, a gentle meditation on rectitude and flourishing in a world that tries to knock us off balance. Using the framework of the Seven Deadly Sins, recontextualized for the 21st century, Oldfield offers a playful yet

substantive guide for turning toward what matters. Join Phil Christman and Sorbie Richner for a discussion of this book.

Scholarships available! New this year, we will be accepting scholarship requests for church camps, higher education, and continuing education through a singular Google form. The Scholarship Committee (Marissa Alaniz, Robbie Stapleton, and Toni Burton) will review requests and recommend allocations from three available funds (Johnson, Fullerton-Loucks, and Chadsey Kievet) on behalf of the Board of Christian Education. Note: For church camp requests, parents may fill out this form on behalf of children; please fill out and submit one form per child. **The 2026 scholarship application deadline is Friday, May 15th.** Questions or to get the link to the form? Contact Marissa Alaniz at malaniz@umich.edu.

Wednesday Bible Study meets at 1:00p. The group will read and discuss the Bible passages for the upcoming Sunday. Please join us.

American Baptist Women’s Ministries of Michigan Retreat. Please think about attending our annual conference June 5-7, 2026 at St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt Michigan! A wonderful place to rest and rejuvenate your spiritual health. For more information, see Carolyn Grapentine (csgrape@aol.com) for details!

Please note that Xan Morgan, our Director of Community Life, will be away from the office from May 5 through May 12. For any urgent matters during this time, please connect with Kat Becker, our Office Administrator (office@fbca2.org); the Fosters, our Associates for Pastoral Care (williamfoster102@comcast.net); or Christina Alaniz, our Associate for Communications (cnelaniz@umich.edu).

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.



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

Calendar

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| May 3 | Children’s Ministry Sunday |
| May 7 | Choir Rehearsal @7:00p |
| May 17 | Youth Ministry Sunday |
| May 25 | Memorial Day – Office & Buildings closed |