

Youth Ministry Sunday

May 17, 2026



ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING

Jack & Piper

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Lincoln

One: We come from different homes, different schools, and
different backgrounds,

Many: and we are brought together by God's love.

One: Whether you've had a great week or a tough one,
God's righteousness is our foundation,
and God's love is our strength.

Many: We will sing praise to our ever-present God.

One: In a world that tells us to be quiet

Many: We come to lift our voices for justice

One: In a world that builds walls

Many: We come to build bridges of love!

**All: Come, let us worship the God who disrupts,
restores, and transforms us.**

PRELUDE

Von Gott will ich nicht lassen, BuxWV 220
(I Will Not Forsake God)

Dieterich Buxtehude
(1637-1707, German)

*OPENING PRAYER

Lizzie

*HYMN (see insert)

Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN

(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

*THE PSALM

from Psalm 92

Ingrid

One: It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name,
O Most High, proclaiming your love in the morning and your
faithfulness at night,

Many: to the music of the ten-string lyre and the melody of the harp.

One: The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a
cedar of Lebanon;

**All: Planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the
kingdom of our Beloved.**

*GLORIA (Hymn 72, sung twice)

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

***SCRIPTURE READING**

1 Timothy 4:11-16

Asher

One: The Word of God for the People of God

All: **Thanks be to God!**

CONGREGATIONAL SONG (see insert) Alelu, alelu, alelu, aleluya, Gloria a Dios!

TIME AS CHILDREN

Ingrid & Piper

(Following Time as Children, kids (through 1st grade) will head to the play space. 2nd-5th graders remain in worship with Xan).

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Luke, Jack, & Lizzie

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

ANTHEM

God's Grace Abounds

John Parker & Stan Pethel

O precious child, O wand'ring lamb,
You'll never stray beyond God's care,
Held close within God's loving hand,
With ev'ry step God's love is there.
We have a Father who is kind,
A heart where mercy can be found,
A loving peace to ease the mind,
A place wherein God's grace abounds.
Though pain may come along the way,
God will not leave you on your own,
His grace, sufficient for each day
Will guide you to your final home.

O rest my soul, and take your ease,
You are forever in God's care.
You will be blessed, where love is found;
That place wherein God's grace abounds.
When time is gone, and life is passed,
And all God's myst'ries are made known;
We'll have a home with God at last
Encircled 'round His holy throne.
O rest my soul, and take your ease,
You are forever in God's care,
You will be blessed, where love is found,
A place wherein God's grace abounds.

***GOSPEL READING**

John 17:1-11

Lincoln

One: The Word of God for the People of God

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Growing Up with God

Cat & Lex

SILENT REFLECTION

INVITATION TO GIVING

Cat

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Lead me, Lord

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Lead me, Lord, lead me in Thy righteousness, make Thy way plain before my face. For it is Thou, Lord, only that makest me dwell in safety.

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 Rev. Gretchen Sanewsky (she/her) to the pulpit next Sunday. Gretchen Sanewsky, and her daughter Kylen, have been members of First Baptist for ten years. She is a graduate of Cornell University, Palmer Theological Seminary, and she holds a graduate certificate in Health Administration from Eastern Michigan University. Gretchen spent 23 years of her career as a Pastor, serving churches in New York State and First Baptist Church of Jackson, Michigan. Immediately following her ministry in Jackson, she was the Director of Outreach for Huron Valley PACE serving older adults with chronic health conditions. Gretchen currently serves as the Executive Director of The Arc of Northwest Wayne County, a nonprofit providing advocacy and support to people with disabilities. She is a native of Canada but has spent many years in New York State and Michigan. She has three adult children and a brand new daughter-in-law.

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 week we will be having a fun celebration after leading worship. Special treats will be available during fellowship time. We will not have Youth Group next Sunday (Memorial Day weekend). For more information, please contact Jillian Mast (jillian@fbca2.org).

Adult Formation today. 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.

Sunday Young-Ish Adult Gathering. If you consider yourself to be a young-ish adult (roughly 20s - 40s), there's a 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. We'll be welcoming Lindsay Calka and Pony Bush, from Groundcover, on Sunday, May 24. Lindsay and Pony work with Groundcover, an organization that works to create economic opportunities for people affected by poverty through their street newspaper. This non-profit aims to amplify underrepresented voices in Washtenaw County and foster a more just, caring, and inclusive society through community connection and action. Please join us during and after service to learn more about the Groundcover and the impactful work they are doing in our community.



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!

Wednesday Bible Study meets at 1:00p. The group will read and discuss the Bible passages for the upcoming Sunday. The group will wrap up on May 27. 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!

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

May 20 Bible Study @1:00p
May 21 Choir Rehearsal @7:00p
May 25 Memorial Day – Office & Building closed

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