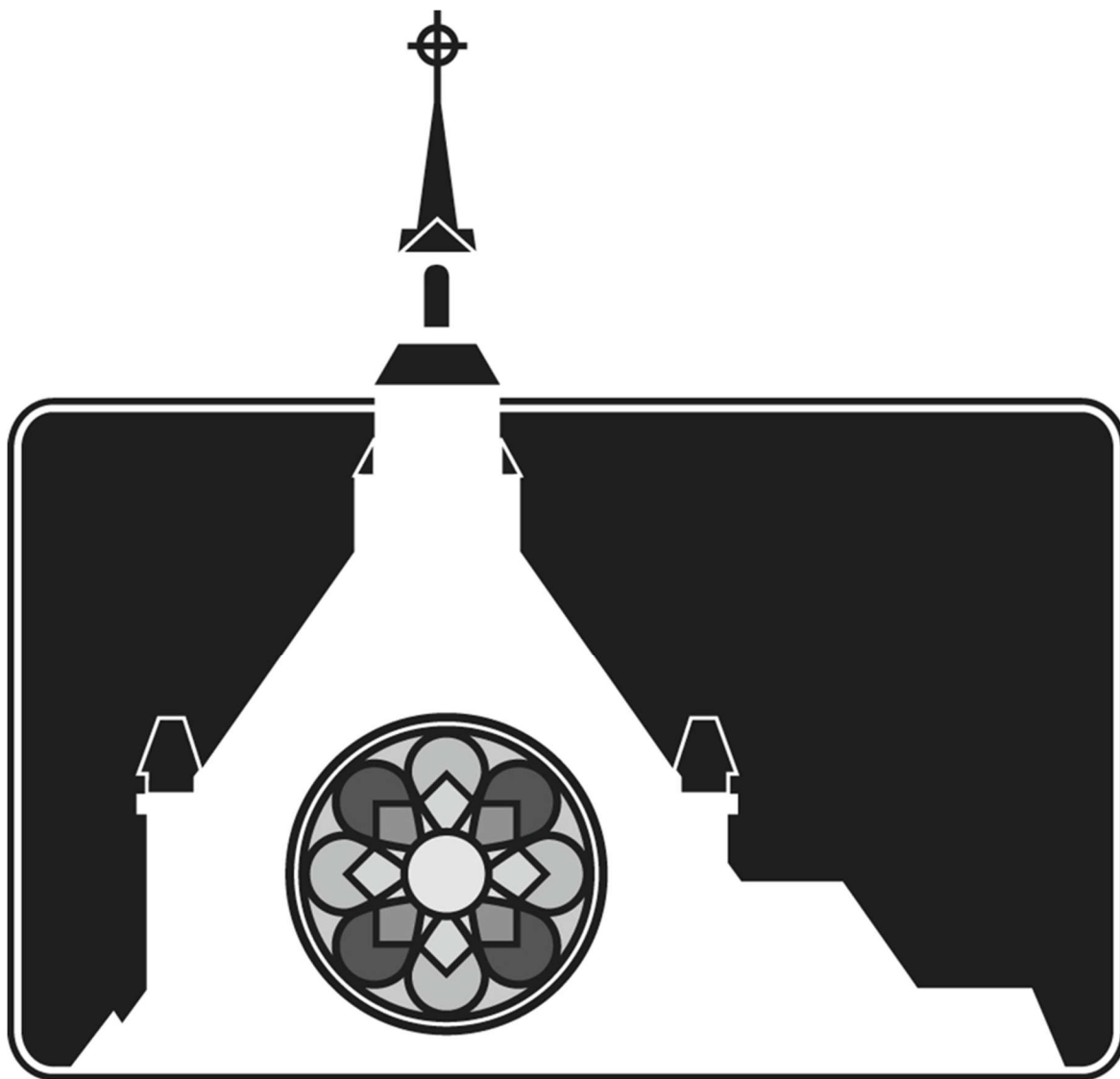




FIRST BAPTIST

CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

8th Sunday after Pentecost
July 19, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING

DJ Reed

PRELUDE

Reflection on KINGSFOLD
(I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say)

Maureen Howell
(b.1962, American)

*OPENING PRAYER

Toni Burton

***HYMN #62** (see insert, vv. 1-3, 7) All Creatures of our God and King

(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 139:1-4, 23-24

Toni Burton

One: O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

Many: You know when I sit down and when I rise up;

One: you discern my thoughts from far away.

Many: You search out my path and my lying down;

One: you are acquainted with all my ways.

Many: Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.

One: Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts.

Many: See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

***GLORIA** (Hymn 72, sung once)

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

(Children through 5th grade come forward to sing Gloria and then for Time As Children)

TIME AS CHILDREN

Robbie Stapleton

(Following Time as Children, kids (through 5th grade) will leave for Summer Children's Ministry in the Play Space.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

DJ Reed

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 28:10-17

Toni Burton

One: The Word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Ascending or Descending?

Grace VanderVliet

SILENT REFLECTION

INVITATION TO GIVING

DJ Reed

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Come, Lord, Restore Us

Lisa Clark and David von Kampen

Bonnie Kidd, soprano & Bob Kidd, baritone

Come, Lord, restore us; bring hope and healing.

Grant us Your mercy and give us peace.

O Lord, regard us; our hearts are breaking.

Lord, restore us and give us peace.

Come, Lord, restore us; bring hope and healing.

Grant us Your mercy and give us peace.

O Lord, regard us; our hearts are breaking.

Lift up Your people and give us peace.

Lift up Your people and give us peace.

Come, Lord, restore us; bring hope and healing.

Grant us Your mercy and give us peace,

and give us peace, and give us peace.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

DJ Reed

Greeting: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

*HYMN #474 (see insert) Precious Lord, Take My Hand

PRECIOUS LORD

BENEDICTION

Grace VanderVliet

POSTLUDE *Von Gott will ich nicht lassen, BuxWV 221*
(From God I Will Not Leave)

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 parents, Tom & Sue Ellen Glover.*

~ Jillian Mast ~

We pray for **Noreen Wolcott, Donna Tipton, Grange Burnside, Pidgey Karolyi, Kathy Mortensen, Judy Burton, Jon VanderVliet, Mary Margaret Hatt, Erica Diels, 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.**

Pastor Laura is away July 18-28 on a family trip to Chautauqua, NY. Pastor Laura is serving as the Baptist House Chaplain at Chautauqua Institution. If you have any pastoral needs while she is away, please contact the church office.

We welcome Grace VanderVliet to the pulpit this morning. Grace is the Curator for Teaching and Learning at University of Michigan Museum of Art. A former high school English teacher and art history instructor at Michigan State University, she enjoys thinking about how learning happens outside traditional classrooms. She works with a team of Gallery Educators to create interactive art museum tours for K-12 classes and community groups. Every museum experience is a collaborative endeavor with partner organizations, teachers, students, and colleagues. Her family -- partner Jon and kids Alice (16) and Ingrid (13) -- indulge her interests in cooking, reading, and outdoor sports.

Next Sunday, we welcome Rev. Rick Stravers to the pulpit. Rick lives in Kalamazoo with his wife Laurel. He is an Episcopal priest and Zen practitioner. He regularly celebrates Eucharist with the people of Trinity Church in Marshall and facilitates a weekly Zen meditation group at St Martin of Tours Episcopal Church in Kalamazoo. Rick is proud to be Xan Morgan's dad and Emmanuel, Asher, and Piper's grandpa! He enjoys practicing TaiChi and QiGong, reading poetry, and studying the spiritual path.

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 outside for lemonade after the service. We'd love to connect!

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 through 3 years) upstairs. Children who have completed 5th grade and younger, leave for Summer Children's Ministry following Time as Children in the Play Space upstairs and should be picked up after worship. If you are visiting and would like more information about Children's Ministry, please connect with Xan Morgan (xan@fbca2.org).

Youth Group (grades 7-12) are hosting our FBCA2 table at Pride together on Saturday, August 1st from 4:30-7:00p. We'll meet at church at 4:15p and then head to our table together. You in? Let's Xan Morgan (Xan@fbca2.org), Robbie Stapleton (robbiestapleton@gmail.com), or Marissa Alaniz (malaniz@umich.edu) know.

Community Action Network (CAN) Back-to-School Drive. Each year our congregation helps equip the students in the seven locations served by Community Action Network (CAN) for the new school year. This year 300 backpacks are needing to be filled! Please give generously to this special ministry. The Amazon wishlist can be found at fbca2.org/connect or if you'd prefer to give a financial donation, please send a check made out to Sue Ellen Glover c/o First Baptist Church, 517 E Washington, 48104. All donations are needed by August 5 in order to be sorted and distributed to the seven communities.

Habitat for Humanity & FBC. As in past years, our congregation has committed financial support to the Good News House projects. We are asking you to contribute as you have in the past to aid this effort to provide affordable housing in our community. We have committed to raising \$2500 in 2026. Checks can be written to FBC, with H4H in the memo line. Reach out to Scott Diels (hscottdiels@gmail.com) if you have any questions about Habitat or about volunteering for our second work day on Friday, August 21.

Summer Hours. For the month of July, the main office and building will be open Monday through Thursday from 8:30a-12:30p. Closed on Fridays.

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

July 19	Worship @10:00a
July 26	Worship @10:00a
August 1	Ann Arbor Pride
August 10	Board of Christian Education Meeting
August 20	Board of Outreach Meeting
August 21	H4H Workday
August 26	Board and Staff Retreat

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