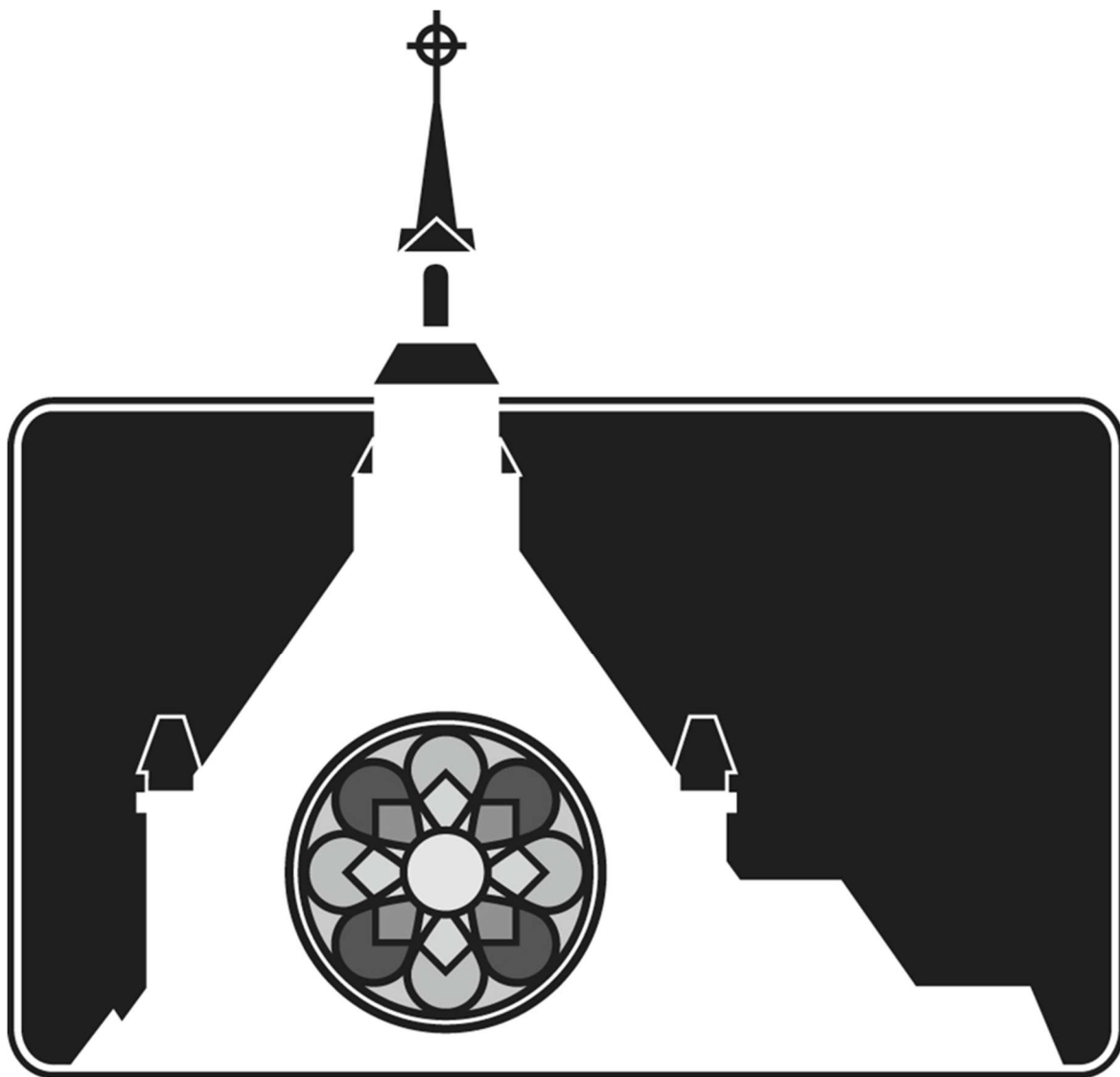




FIRST BAPTIST

CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

10th Sunday after Pentecost

August 2, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING

Xan Morgan

PRELUDE

Come, Holy Ghost, Come (Excerpt)
(Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song)

James Biery
(b.1956, American)

*OPENING PRAYER

Gretchen Sanewsky

***HYMN #384** (see insert) Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

BEECHER

*RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 145 :8-9, 14-16

Gretchen Sanewsky

One: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Many: The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.

One: The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

Many: The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.

All: You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

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

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

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

TIME AS CHILDREN

Xan Morgan

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Laura

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

*GOSPEL READING

Matthew 14:13-21

Gretchen Sanewsky

One: The Word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Give Them Something to Eat

Pastor Laura

SILENT REFLECTION

INVITATION TO GIVING

Pastor Laura

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown

Charles Wesley

arr. by Shin-Ae Chun

Lucy Thompson, *mezzo soprano*

Come, O thou traveler unknown, whom still I hold, but cannot see!
My company before is gone, and I am left alone with thee;
With thee all night I mean to stay and wrestle till the break of day.

In vain thou strugglest to get free; I never will unloose my hold.
Art thou the Man that died for me? The secret of thy love unfold;
Wrestling, I will not let thee go, till I thy name, thy nature know.

'Tis love! 'tis love! thou diedst for me! I hear thy whisper in my heart.
The morning breaks, the shadows flee: pure, universal love thou art;
To me, to all thy mercies move; Thy nature and thy name is love.

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

Pastor Laura & Xan Morgan

All are welcome to come forward to receive the communion elements from stations at the front of the sanctuary. Please join in singing the communion hymn.

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 & Cup #617 (see insert) I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

The Prayer of Blessing

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Pastor Laura

Greeting: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

***HYMN #557** (see insert, v. 1)

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

DENNIS

BENEDICTION

Pastor Laura

POSTLUDE

Ciacona

Dieterich Buxtehude

from *Praeludium in C Major, BuxWV 137* (1637-1707, German)

*Please stand in body or spirit

*The silk flowers on the chancel are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of Bud & Phyl White.*

~ Their family ~

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, Beth Granberry, Janet Middleton, and Steve Hillebrand.**

Today's Fellowship Offering will go towards the **Fellowship Fund** which helps meet the emergency needs of those in our community. 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 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 1st 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).

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.

The Youth Group for students in grades 6-12. Youth group on Sundays will resume in the fall. Keep an eye out for youth activities this summer. For more information, please contact Robbie Stapleton or Pastor Laura.

You are invited to **Tea with Pastor Laura!** During these next several months, Pastor Laura hopes to meet with everyone connected to our community. Yes, even you! Meet up at your favorite coffee shop, visit in the FBCA2 office, or gather in your home. To sign up, go to the link at fbca2.org/connect and find a time that works for you on the calendar. When you sign up, please let Pastor Laura know where you'd like to meet. Let's share our stories of life and faith over a cup of tea!

We need your help! Thank you to everyone who has signed up for Sunday Morning Ministry task. It takes a lot of us to make Sunday mornings go smoothly and we still have quite a few openings this summer. Please find our up-to-date signups online at fbca2.org/connect. We invite you to go check out what opportunities remain and sign up for a few in these summer months. You'll find detailed information about each ministry in the description on SignUp Genius.

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.

Join Pastor Laura and Xan for dinner and the Flamy Grant concert! On Saturday, August 8th, artist Flamy Grant will be in town singing at Zion Lutheran Church. We hope you'll join us for the concert (ticket link at fbca2.org/flamygrant) and if you're able, dinner beforehand too! We'll gather at HOMES Campus at 5:00p and then head over to the concert around 6:30p. Please note that there are two HOMES locations; we'll be at the 112 Jackson Road location. See you there!

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.

AMOS trip. For many years, our church has been blessed to partner with AMOS Health & Hope in Nicaragua, walking alongside rural communities as they work toward improved health and well-being. We are actively recruiting for two upcoming opportunities to serve with AMOS in Nicaragua—from October 9–18, 2026, in partnership with the First Baptist Church of McMinnville (five spots available for adults of all ages)—and May 21–30, 2027, designed especially for young adults at FBCA2 (up to 15 spots available). As we have done in the past, the church will help offset a portion of the trip costs for individuals, and we will organize fundraising opportunities to help raise project costs. To express interest and/or receive more information, please contact Marissa Alaniz at marissacalaniz@gmail.com.

Our Hope Clinic Meal Service is moving! We will now be cooking and serving dinner at the Hope Clinic in Ypsilanti on the 1st Tuesday of each month. August 4th will be our next meal service. Did you know that FBCA2 has been in partnership with the Hope clinic since 2019? We have served over 13,000 meals over 83 months--amazing and we have FUN doing it! We couldn't do it without our amazing volunteers--join us! Please contact Karen Brummett Rayner (rayner.kar@gmail.com) if you are able to help out!

Summer Hours. For the month of August, the main office and building will be open Monday through Thursday from 8:30a-12:30p and Friday from 9:00a-1:00p.

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

August 2	Worship @10:00a
August 8	Flamy Grant Concert
August 9	Worship @10:00a
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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