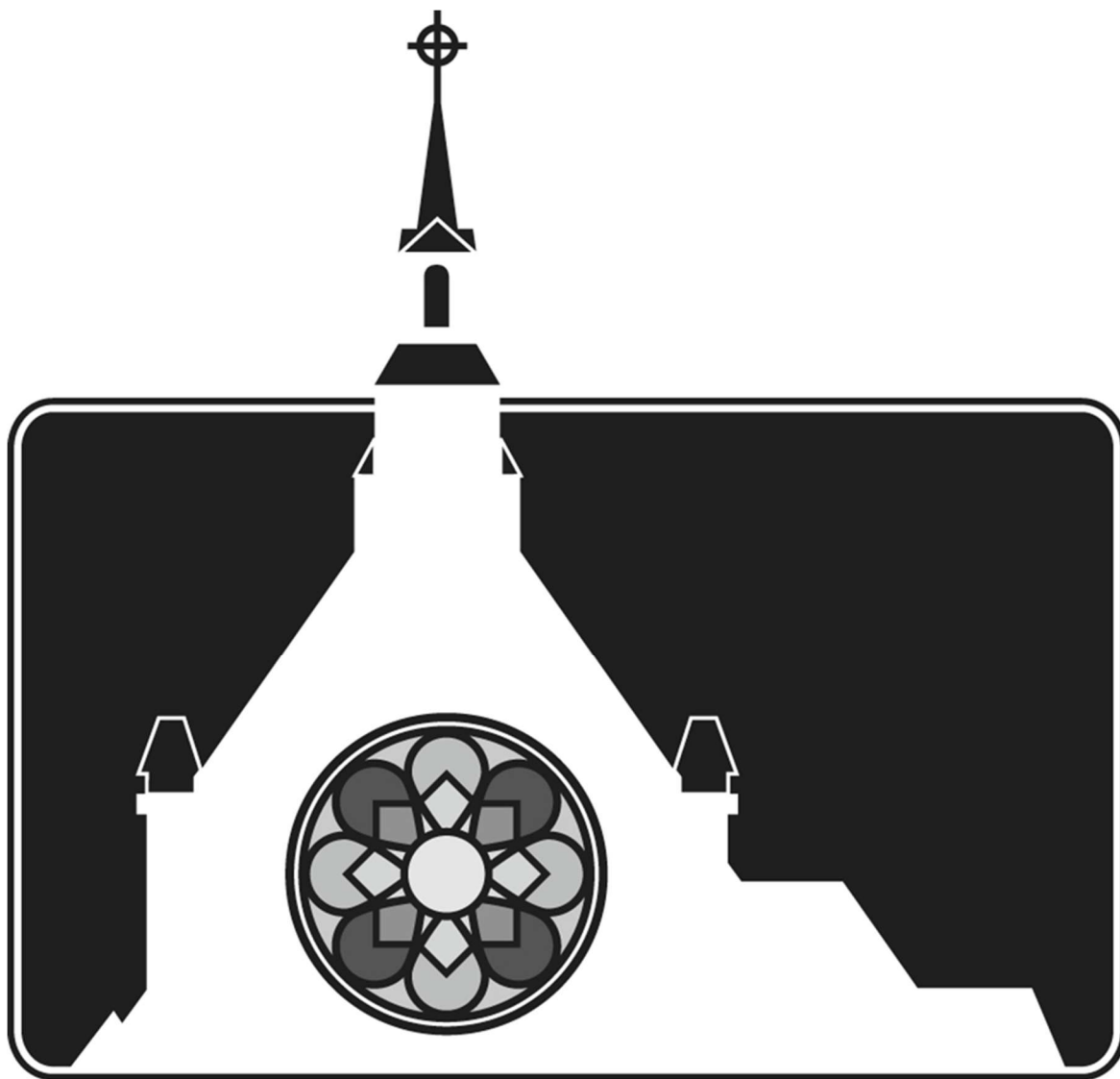




FIRST BAPTIST

CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

11th Sunday after Pentecost
August 9, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING Pastor Laura

PRELUDE *Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend (Excerpt)* Georg Böhm
(Lord Jesus Christ, Turn to Us) (1661-1733, German)

***OPENING PRAYER** Beth Foster

***HYMN #152** (see insert) I Sing the Almighty Power of God *FOREST GREEN*
(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

***RESPONSIVE PSALM** Psalm 105:1-5, 45b Beth Foster

One: O give thanks to the Lord; call on God's name; make known the
deeds of the Lord among the peoples.

Many: Sing to the Lord; sing praises; tell of all God's wonderful works.

One: Give praise to God's holy name; let the hearts of those who seek
the Lord rejoice.

Many: Turn to the Lord's strength and seek God's presence continually.

One: Remember the wonderful works God has done, the miracles and the
justice God declared.

All: Praise the Lord!

***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 5th grade will leave for Summer Children's
Ministry in the Play Space.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Pastor Laura
The Lord's Prayer ("debts" – hymnal page 896)

***GOSPEL READING** Matthew 14:22-33 Beth Foster
One: The Word of God for the People of God
All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON *Take Heart. I AM.* Pastor Laura

SILENT REFLECTION

INVITATION TO GIVING

Xan Morgan

OFFERING OF GIFTS

The Lord Is My Shepherd W.S. Passmore & H. Smart

Ben Findlan, *tenor*

The Lord is my Shepherd, I never shall want,
For lack of His mercies, my soul shall not pant;
in pleasant green pastures I daily abide,
He leads me the peaceful still waters beside.
My soul He restoreth, and for His Name's sake,
The path of true righteousness bids me take;
Yea, though I pass through death's dark valley and shade,
I will not by evil be ever dismayed,
I will not by evil be ever dismayed.
The Lord is my Shepherd, I never shall want.

For Thou art my Shepherd, and with me always,
Thy rod and Thy staff are my comfort and stay.
My table Thou spreadest in presence of foes,
My head Thou anointest, my cup overflows;
Thy goodness and mercy shall follow me still,
While life's earnest duties I daily fulfill;
'Til joyous my spirit shall claim its reward,
And dwell evermore in the house of the Lord,
And dwell evermore in the house of the Lord.
The Lord is my Shepherd, I never shall want.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor Laura

Greeting: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

*HYMN #368 (see insert)

My Hope Is Built

THE SOLID ROCK

BENEDICTION

Pastor Laura

POSTLUDE

Scherzetto

Robert Powell
(1932-2025, American)

*Please stand in body or spirit

*The flowers on the chancel are given to the glory of God
in celebration of the beauty of summer.*

~ The Alaniz 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, and Beth Granberry.**

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).

The Youth Group for students in grades 7-12. Mark your calendars now for lunch after church on Sunday, August 30. Gather with youth group friends to reconnect, share summer stories, and get ready for the new school year! More details to come. Youth Group on Sundays will resume in the fall. 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.

Board and Staff Retreat. We look forward to gathering on Wednesday, August 26th from 5:00-8:00p to connect, reflect, and plan with all FBCA2 board members and staff! We've got a fun and meaningful evening planned; we hope you're able to join us. We'll enjoy dinner from Jerusalem Garden and childcare will be provided. Please RSVP at fbca2.org/retreat by Sunday, August 16th. Questions? Connect with Pastor Laura, Mary Davis, or Xan Morgan.

Young Adult Dinner. If you consider yourself to be a young adult (roughly 20s-40s), come celebrate the start of the new school year with lake life and a taco bar. We will gather at Hamburg Lake at 7660 Tharp Drive, Sunday August 23rd, 5-7 pm for dinner, s'mores, fishing, swimming, paddle boarding, kayaking and more. Connect with Jamie Mills 925-324-4456 or jamie.mills08@yahoo.com for more information.

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. 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) or sign up at fbca2.org/connect 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 9	Worship @10:00a
August 10	Board of Christian Education Meeting
August 11	Board of Trustees Meeting
August 16	Worship @10:00a
August 20	Board of Outreach Meeting
August 21	H4H Workday
August 26	Board and Staff Retreat
September 13	Coming Home Sunday

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