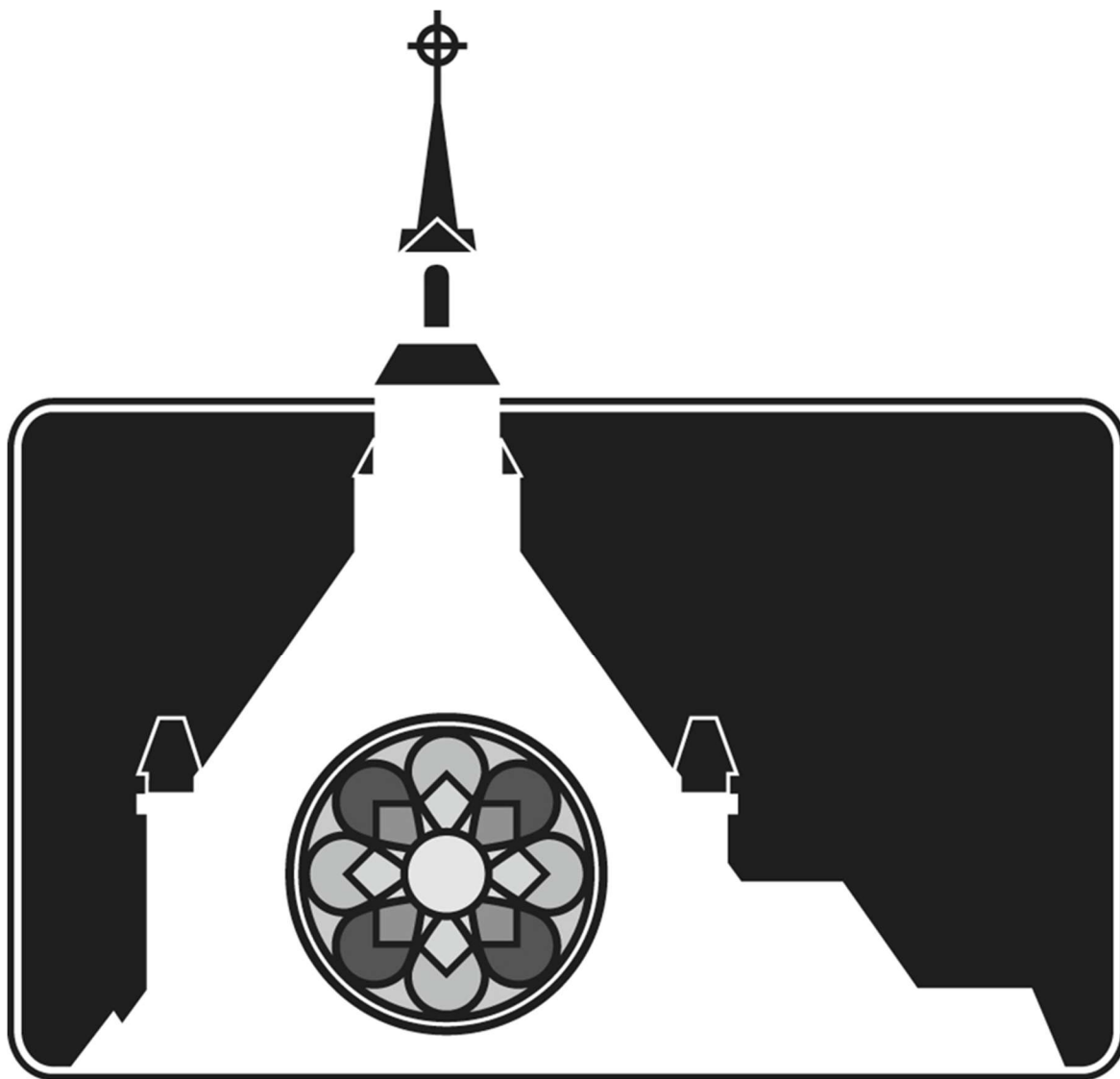




FIRST BAPTIST

CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

21st Sunday after Pentecost
October 18, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Xan Morgan

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

A Little More Faith in Jesus (Spiritual)

John W. Work, III

(1901-1967, American)

*OPENING PRAYER

Emma Francia

*HYMN #92 (see insert, v. 1,2,4,6)

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

*RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 96:1-4

Emma Francia

One: Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Many: Sing to the Lord, bless God's name; proclaim the good news of salvation from day to day.

One: Declare the glory of the Lord among the nations and the wonders of the Lord among all peoples.

Many: For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!

*GLORIA (Hymn 72, sung twice)

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Pastor Laura

ANTHEM

The Lone Wild Bird

- Frank DeWald

Ben Findlan, *guest conductor*

The lone wild bird, in lofty flight,
Is still with thee, nor leaves thy sight
And I am thine, I rest in thee.
Great spirit come, and rest in me.

The ends of earth are in thy hand,
The sea's dark deep and far-off land,
And I am thine, I rest in thee.
Great spirit come, and rest in me.

*GOSPEL READING

Matthew 22:15-22

Emma Francia

One: The Word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks be to God!

TIME AS CHILDREN

Xan Morgan

(Children in 6th grade and younger come forward.)

They'll Know We Are Christians

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.

Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

(Following Time as Children, kids will go to Children's Ministry. Grown-ups will pick up kids from their classrooms after worship.)

SERMON

It's a Trap

Pastor Laura

SILENT REFLECTION

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** (see insert) *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

(Collecting of prayer cards)

BEACH SPRING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Laura

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

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Lord of All Hopefulness

Arr. by Alan Bullard

Lucy Thompson, *mezzo soprano*

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

OLD 100TH

Pastor Laura

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Response: And also with you.

O HOW I LOVE JESUS

Pastor Laura

arr. by Brant Adams
Louisa Laidlaw, *flute*

*Please stand in body or spirit

~ The Mills family ~

We pray for the family and friends of **George** (Kathleen Ford's father). We also pray for **David Robbins, Noreen Wolcott, Cindy Harrison, Grange Burnside, 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 downstairs after worship for fellowship time. 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. All children in 6th grade and younger, leave for Children's Ministry following Time as Children. Please pick up your children (4 yrs through 6th grade) after worship to join you for Fellowship Time. There is supervised play upstairs in the Play Space for families who choose to stay for adult formation. If you are visiting and would like more information about Children's Ministry, please connect with Xan Morgan (xan@fbca2.org).

Youth Group. All students in grades 7-12 are welcome to join the youth group on Sundays. We gather in the Youth Room (in the library wing below the sanctuary) from 11:30-12:30 for snacks, games, and meaningful discussion. This fall our amazing team of adult youth leaders will facilitate conversations ranging from "How Do I Pray?" to "Jesus and Narnia." For more information, please contact Robbie Stapleton (robbiestapleton@gmail.com) or Pastor Laura (laura@fbca2.org).

Adult Formation. This Sunday, October 18, Pastor Laura will host a sermon talk-back with small group discussion. Beginning next week, October 25, join Pastor Laura after worship beginning October 25 for a study centered on Episcopal Bishop Mariann Budde's book *How We Learn to Be Brave*. We'll gather to discuss decisive moments in life when we're called on to push past our fears and act with strength. Books are available, please pick one up today!

Church Family Dinner. Join us this evening, October 18th from 5-7 pm at the Mills' house (3144 Dexter Rd) for a chili dinner and inter-generational fellowship. There is no expectation to bring anything, entertainment will be provided for the children, and dinner will account for common allergens/restrictions. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Jamie Mills (925-324-4456 or jamie.mills08@yahoo.com).

Sunday, November 1 is All Saints Sunday. Everyone is invited to participate in creating a space for remembering in the sanctuary. If you have a photograph or a small object to remember someone who has died, please bring it to the church on Sunday October 25 or November 1 for inclusion in the space of remembrance. Place be sure to label your photo or object. We look forward to a service of grateful remembrance, hope, and love; and we hope that the faces of many of the saints we have known will be visible to us all. We invite all to participate.

The Gathering is our campus ministry on Wednesday evenings from 6:15 to 7:30 PM. It's a safe, open space where undergraduate and graduate students can explore and express their questions and their doubts, learn from others, and be supported in their personal faith and growth. This fall our conversations will be centered on reflections from the book *God Didn't Make Us to Hate Us*, by Lizzie MCManus-Dail. No pre-reading required. If you're interested in being a part of this ministry, contact Pastor Laura for details. If you can help with a meal for the group, you can sign up at fbca2.org/connect or send a financial contribution to the church.

Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study. Anyone is welcome to join our Bible Study from 1:00 - 2:00 pm in the Lounge. Pastor Laura will lead a discussion of the lectionary readings for the Sunday in two weeks. **No Bible Study on October 21. Class will resume on October 28.**

Evening Bible Study. Last year a group of us worked through the Yale Bible Study's lessons on Genesis and Mark. We are returning to the YBS this fall to work through the lessons on Exodus, and we would be glad to have you join us. The study involves 8 weekly meetings that take place on Wednesdays, from 7-8 pm at the church in the Lounge. Our first meeting was on September 23. The time commitment is 1-2 hours of reading and reflection in advance of each meeting, plus the meeting itself. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Clay Scott (clayscot@umich.edu) or the church office.

Our AD LIBITUM Concert Series presents "Piano Concert" on Friday, November 6 at noon, performed by Takeshi Nagayasu. The program includes music by Granados, Haydn and Scriabin. Takeshi has won prizes at several national international piano competitions in recent years. This will be an exciting concert which is free and open to all. Mark your calendar and invite your friends and neighbors to get refreshed and re-energized through music in our beautiful sanctuary!

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!

Contribution Statements. You can access your contribution statements anytime on your Servant Keeper profile. If you need help setting up or accessing your profile, please reach out to Christina Alaniz (cnalaniz@umich.edu). Third quarter statements are available. If you would like a hard copy sent in the mail, please let the church office know.

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.

Calendar

October 18	Worship Service @10:00a Pastor Relations Committee @12:45p Family Dinner at Mills' home @5:30p
October 21	The Gathering @6:15p Evening Bible Study @7:00p
October 22	Choir Rehearsal @7:30p
October 25	Worship Service @10:00a
November 6	AD LIBITUM Concert @12:00p

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