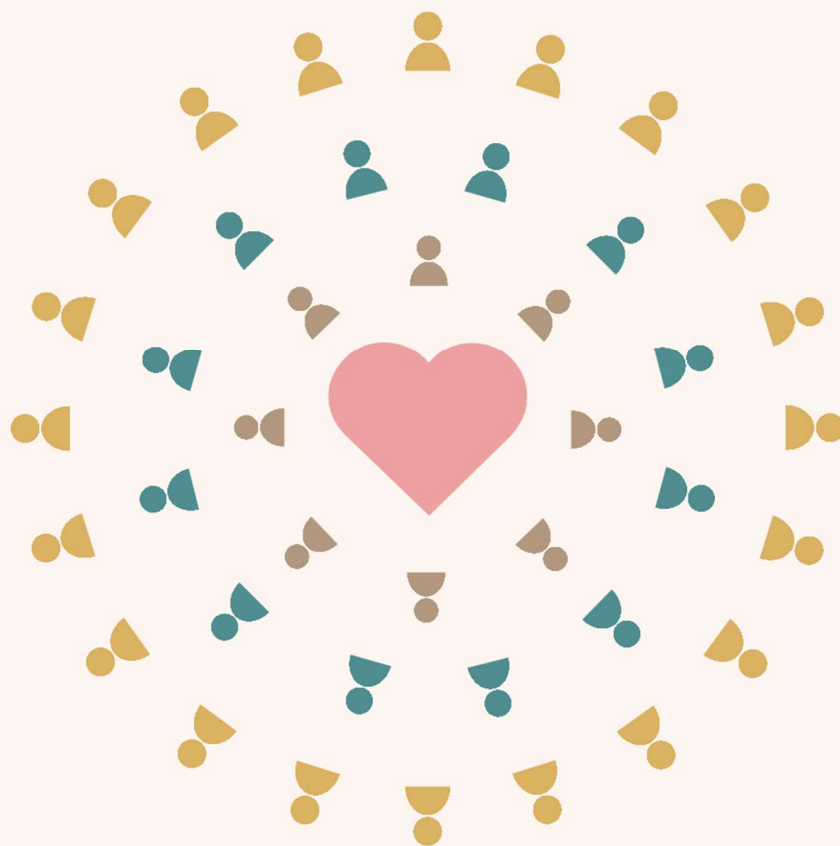




BE KNOWN · BE STILL · BE LOVE

*I give you a new commandment,
that you love one another just as I have loved you.*

JOHN 13:34

November 1, 2026
All Saints Sunday

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Xan Morgan

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Trio No.4 in D-flat major

Josef Rheinberger

*OPENING PRAYER

Heather Reed

*HYMN #711 (see insert; vv. 1,4,6)

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Heather Reed

One: Praise God for the faithful who have gone before us – children of God who showed us the way.

Many: Praise for the generous, the joyous, the dedicated – for all who blessed us with the witness of their love.

One: Praise for all who did justice and loved kindness and walked humbly with their God.

Many: Mercy met us in their faces; in their lives God's glory shined.

All: Praise for all who will live forever in the Light.

*GLORIA (Hymn 72, sung twice)

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 John 3:1-3

Heather Reed

One: The Word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Blessed Rest

Scott Perkins

Lucy Thompson, *mezzo soprano*

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, for they rest from their labors.

Who can separate us from the love of Christ?

Neither life nor death, neither angels nor heavenly rulers,

Neither the present nor the future, nor any powers,

Neither height nor depth, nor anything else, in all creation can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

***GOSPEL READING** Matthew 5:1-12 Pastor Laura
One: The Word of God for the People of God
All: Thanks be to God!

***CONGREGATIONAL SONG** *They'll Know We Are Christians* (refrain) ST. BRENDAN

TIME AS CHILDREN Xan Morgan
(Children in 6th grade and younger come forward. Following Time as Children, kids through 2nd grade will go to Children's Ministry. 3rd-6th graders remain in worship for Stay for the Service Sunday – S3! Grown-ups will pick up kids from their classrooms after worship.)

STEWARDSHIP ENGAGEMENT

*Throughout the Stewardship Season, we'll engage with a theme during worship. Today's theme is **Be Still**.
We invite you to fill out the card in your bulletin and bring it forward while we sing verses one and two of They'll Know We are Christians.*

SERMON Now and Later Blessings Pastor Laura

SILENT REFLECTION

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #700** (see insert; vv. 1,4,5) *Abide with Me* CONVERSE
(Collecting of prayer cards)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND NAMING OF THE HONORED DEAD

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

STEWARDSHIP INVITATION Robbie Stapleton

CALL FOR THE OFFERING Pastor Laura

OFFERING OF GIFTS O Taste and See R. Vaughan Williams
Jennie Rupp, *soprano*

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blest is the man that trusteth in him.

***DOXOLOGY** Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow OLD 100TH
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above you heavenly hosts;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

Pastor Laura & Xan Morgan

As the plates are passed, please remain in your seats and hold the bread and cup until you are invited to partake in unison with the whole congregation.

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

The Cup

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

God of Grace

Paul Manz

*Please stand in body or spirit

*The flowers on the chancel are given to the glory of God
in honor of All Souls Sunday and in loving memory
of Martin's dad, Kevin, who died in 2007.*

~ The Magers family ~

We pray for **David Robbins, Noreen Wolcott, Grange Burnside, 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 welcome **Takeshi Nagayasu** back to the organ this morning. He is a pianist from Japan who previously studied at Juilliard and Yale, currently pursuing a doctoral degree at University of Michigan. He holds a Colleague Certificate from the Organist Guild. As an organist, he performs regularly at the Emanuel Church, First Methodist United Church, in the Division Pipe concert series, and with the Ann Arbor Community Orchestra and Choir.

Thank you to **Ben Findlan** who is conducting the Sanctuary Choir this morning. Bonnie Kidd is recovery from knee surgery.

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).

On the first Sunday of each month it's "S3 - Stay for the Service Sunday" when the 3rd-6th 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.

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. Join us at 11:30a in the Lounge, 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. Our reading schedule is as follows:

- October 25 - Introduction and Chapter 1
- November 1 - Chapters 2 and 3
- November 15 - Chapters 4 and 5
- November 22 - Chapters 6 and 7, Epilogue

Volunteers Needed for Fellowship Time. Hosting fellowship time is a fun, low-pressure way for families and individuals to serve! Many of our volunteers love getting to catch up with and meet members during the time after church. We especially need volunteers as we head into the end of the year and the holiday season. Sign up at fbca2.org/connect or email Christine Hwang (christinehw3@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

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.

Our AD LIBITUM Concert Series presents "Piano Concert" this coming 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.

2027 Stewardship Season: Be Known. Be Still. Be Love. We're excited to kick off our stewardship season in worship today! We look forward to meaningful moments in worship over the next four weeks and to sharing more information in all our regular communication channels. Our Budget Committee has set a pledge goal of raising \$493,081 (6.5% increase of our 2026 pledged giving) based on the ministry budget requests made by our seven boards. Throughout the season, you can make your 2027 pledge commitment online at fbca2.org/connect or with the hard copy pledge card that will will receive in the mail this week. The Stewardship Team will also be sharing one-time gift opportunities (see below) each Sunday that highlight our ministry goals in the new year. These gifts provide an opportunity to give in 2026 for the 2027 ministry budget. Feel free to connect with members of the Stewardship Team - Pastor Laura, Amanda Shutko, Martin Magers, Robbie Stapleton, Toni Burton, Valerie Francia, and Xan Morgan - at any time! Copies of the 2026 Financial Report (originally shared in January) are at a Ministry Station in the hallway if you'd like one. Kat Becker (office@fbca2.org), our office admin can email you an electronic copy as well. Specific questions about the budget, can be directed to our Budget Committee chair, Bill Foster (wm.foster1201@gmail.com).

One-Time Gift: Today, the Stewardship Team invites you to make a one-time "High-5 for the Team" gift as we celebrate the theme, **Be Still**. This donation is in honor of our staff team and our commitment to giving a cost-of-living increase in 2027 and providing health insurance. This donation will be made in 2026 and go towards our 2027 operating budget. You can make your donation with a check/cash and place it in the plate at the doors or through PayPal, using the QR code below. We ask that one-time donations be made by the end of our Stewardship season, November 15th.



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Seek, serve, and grow with us! More information about these opportunities at fbca2.org/connect or use the QR code.

Calendar

November 1	Worship Service @10:00a
November 4	Bible Study @1:00p
	The Gathering @6:15p
	Evening Bible Study @7:00p
November 5	Choir Rehearsal @7:30p
November 6	AD LIBITUM Concert @12:00p
November 8	Worship Service @10:00a

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