

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Stacey Simpson Duke

PRELUDE *Herr, für dein Wort sei hoch gepreist, BuxWV 187*
(*Lord, for Thy Word Is Praised High*) - Dieterich Buxtehude
(1637-1707)

*INVOCATION

(* If you are able, please stand)

*HYMN 126 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above *MIT FREUDEN ZART*
(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

*THE PSALM from Psalm 25

Leader: To you, Lord, I lift up my soul.

People: O God, help me to know your ways. Teach me your paths.

Leader: Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are my saving help.

People: God leads the humble. God teaches them what is right.

All: O God, may integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for you.

*GLORIA (Hymnal, 72)

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, Gloria! Alleluia! Alleluia! (sung twice)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM *Down to the River to Pray* - arr. Philip Lawson
Sam Kidd, *baritone*

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the starry crown?
Good Lord, show me the way!

O sisters let's go down,
Let's go down, come on down
O sisters let's go down,
Down in the river to pray.

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the robe and crown?
Good Lord, show me the way!

O brothers let's go down...
O fathers let's go down...
O mothers let's go down...
O sinners let's go down....

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Stacey Simpson Duke

Lord's Prayer ("debts") on hymnal page 896

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 4:11-16

Paul Simpson Duke

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

TIME AS CHILDREN/BLESSING OF STUDENTS AND TEACHERS Xan Morgan

Congregational Response: We pray for you, as you take up this holy task of learning/teaching. May Jesus the Great Teacher guide you, may the Holy Spirit nurture you, and may the grace of God uphold you this school year, and all the years to come.

*HYMN 463 (stanzas 1, 3-5) Lord, Speak to Me *CANONBURY*
(All children are welcome in worship. Preschoolers may join others in the nursery at this time.)

SERMON

Our Never-Ending Education

Paul Simpson Duke

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS *Wherewith Shall I Come Before the Lord*

- Gladys Blakely Bush

Wherewith shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before the high God?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves of a year old?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousand rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?
He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee,
but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Saturday of Service

Join us Saturday, September 23, 2:00p-4:00p, for this intergenerational (ages 8 and up) service opportunity. We'll be helping out in the warehouse at Food Gatherers, our local food rescue program. This is a great opportunity to serve our community while developing relationships with others in our congregation. Sign up at the Information Counter or via Connection Card. Questions? Contact Marissa Alaniz, malaniz@umich.edu.

Readings for Next Sunday, September 17

Exodus 14:19-31; 15:1b-11, 20-21 * Romans 14:1-12 * Matthew 18:21-5

Save the Date: CROP Walk 2017

Join the 43rd Annual Washtenaw/Ann Arbor CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday afternoon, October 15, 2017, at Trinity Lutheran Church (1400 West Stadium Boulevard). Register from 1 pm; the Walk starts with a send-off service at 2 pm. We walk to raise funds for hunger and poverty relief here and around the world. The Walk is organized by ICPJ. In 40 years they have spanned two generations of walkers and beneficiaries. For more information, please contact Ron Gregg (rgregg@patientfocussystems.com) or Kent Jennings (kentjen31@gmail.com).

FBC Coffee Break Concert Series

Celebrating its 7th year, our Coffee Break Series presents *The Flemish Harpsichord* by Edward Parmentier, Professor Emeritus of Harpsichord at the University of Michigan on October 5, Thursday at 12:15 pm. The program includes music by Byrd, D'Anglebert, Bull and Frescobaldi. Postcards and flyers are available for you to share the concert series information with friends and neighbors. Help us reach out to our community through music on the series. All concerts are free and open to the public. Refreshments are kindly provided by our ABWM members.

Worship Service Recordings

All of our worship services and sermons, including today's, are available on our church website as podcasts. Please consider sharing them with friends.



Announcements

We warmly welcome all those who have come to worship with us today! Everyone is invited to join the events listed in this insert. Immediately following the service, please join us in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments.

Sunday, Sept 10	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary) 11:15 a.m. - Ice Cream Social (Fellowship Hall) 11:30 a.m. - Racial Justice Group (Lounge)
Monday, Sept 11	6:00 p.m. - Board of Outreach (Conference Room) 7:00 p.m. - Children's Ministries (Room 202) 7:00 p.m. - Board of Trustees (Lounge)
Tuesday, Sept 12	1:30 p.m. - ChristCare Group (Lounge) 5:30 p.m. - Vespers - <i>FBC Young Adult Team</i>
Wednesday, Sept 13	5:30 p.m. - The Gathering (Campus Center) 7:30 p.m. - Executive Council (Lounge)
Thursday, Sept 14	7:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal (Room 102)
Sunday, Sept 17	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary) 11:30 a.m. - Second Hour Classes

Nursery Care for infants, toddlers and preschoolers is available on the 3rd floor from 9:45 - 11:30.

Kicking off the year with Ice Cream!

Join us after worship today for our annual Ice Cream Social which will take place during Fellowship Time. We will celebrate and kick-off our new Christian education and music program year. Church school classes for all ages and children's choir begin next Sunday, September 17th.

New Small Group Forming for Families with Young Children

Are you interested in growing together while deepening friendships among parents and kids? Whether you're a solid yes or on the fence, you're invited to the Morgans' house (2614 Page Ct) on Friday, September 15th from 7:00-8:30 pm. We'll talk about when and how often the group will meet, what to study and how to make it easy for families with children. And we'll eat dessert too! Please let Xan (xan@fbca2.org) know if you are coming.

Starting Next Week:

Children & Youth Christian Education and Music

Children and Youth are an important part of our life together at First Baptist Church. All children are welcome in worship. Optional nursery care is provided during worship for infants through preschoolers. If you are visiting and would like more information about our ministry with kids and youth, please connect with our Director of Children's Ministry, Xan Morgan (xan@fbca2.org) or our Youth Minister, Stacey Simpson Duke (staceyduke@gmail.com).

Birth-3 years: Children are welcome to worship with their families. Nursery care is available after Time as Children, when all kids go to church school or beginning at 9:45 am. Our nursery team will sing, pray, have a snack and do a short, developmentally appropriate lesson with the children. Care is provided until the end of second hour classes at 12:30 pm.

Preschool-2nd Grade: 202A

10:00-10:30	Worship with families
10:30-11:15	Church School
11:15-11:30	Grace Notes Choir
11:30-12:30	Friendship Time

3rd-6th Grade: 201B

10:00-10:30	Worship with families
10:30-11:30	Church School
11:30-12:00	Children's Choir
12:00-12:30	Friendship Time

Youth (7th-12th grade)

10:00-11:00	Worship
11:00-11:30	Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)
11:30-12:30	Church School (Room 107)

Adult Christian Education

11:30-12:30

Heroes of the Bible (Astrid Beck, leader) Library

For this new series, Astrid Beck will continue leading the discussion on Heroes of the Bible. We will look at great men and women, outstanding leaders in the

biblical account, who are foundational to our faith, who not only defined it, but who also taught the values inherent in our faith practices. We will begin with Moses, continue with Elijah (highlighted again in the Gospels of Mark and Luke in the Transfiguration account; why those two?), and work our way through other major men and women in the Old Testament and the New Testament. No background readings required. Bring your favorite Bible or use one of ours.

Sabbath-Keeping: Let Go, Behold, Sing
(Heather Entrekin, leader)

Memorial Lounge

Trusting that God's commandment to "remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy" speaks to the weariness, dysfunction, and anxiety of our day, this class seeks a deeper understanding of the meaning of Sabbath-keeping, explores experiences of and resistance to Sabbath habits, and participates in Sabbath practices such as letting go, mindfulness, and worship. This series will include these intentions: relax; be a safe place, a grace place; take care of yourself and others; plant seeds to nourish, deepen, and restore vocation and purpose; know yourself to be God's beloved, just as you are; keep Sabbath.

Young Adult Class

Room 108

The group is continuing their study of the Gospel of Mark.

Other Adult Learning Opportunities

Wednesday Bible Study will resume on September 20. Pastor Paul Simpson Duke will lead a study of the Gospel of John.

Small Groups: We have continuing small groups centered on study, sharing, prayer, worship and mission meeting at various times. See Stacey or Paul for information on how to join an existing group or form a new group.

College/University Students: The Gathering is for undergraduates and graduate students. We gather during the school year for a free home-cooked meal, friendship, and study. If you would like to be added to the email list for weekly updates about gatherings and service opportunities, please email Stacey Simpson Duke at staceyduke@gmail.com