

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Paul Simpson Duke

PRELUDE

Von Gott will ich nicht lassen
(From God I Will Not Leave)

- Johann Michael Bach
(1648-1694, German)

*INVOCATION

(* If you are able, please stand)

Charlotte DeVries

*HYMN 64

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

NICAEA

(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

*THE PSALM

from Psalm 138

Leader: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing
your praise;

People: I bow down and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and
your faithfulness.

Leader: On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

People: Great is the glory of the Lord! The Lord is high, but regards the lowly.

Leader: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of
my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

ALL: You will fulfill your purpose for me, O Lord; your steadfast love
endures forever.

*GLORIA (p.71)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen

EPISTLE READING

Romans 12:9-21

Stacey Simpson Duke

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

With a voice of singing

- Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia.

Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia.

O be joyful in God, all ye lands, O sing praises to the honour of his name,
make his praise to be glorious.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Paul Simpson Duke

*GOSPEL READING

Matthew 16:24-28

Charlotte DeVries

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

TIME AS CHILDREN

Xan Morgan

*HYMN 383

This Is a Day of New Beginnings

BEGINNINGS

(All children are welcome in worship. Preschoolers may join others in the nursery at this time.)

SERMON

Defeating Evil: A To-Do List

Stacey Simpson Duke

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Ubi caritas

- Maurice Duruflé

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exsultemus, et in ipso jucundemur.
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

*Where charity and love are, God is there.
Christ's love has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice and be pleased in him.
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
And may we love each other with a
sincere heart.*

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.

Where charity and love are, God is there.

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

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

*Passing of the Peace

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

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

The Bread
The Cup
Prayer after Communion

O Savior, Precious Savior by Healey Willan
Prayer on Slane by Larry Visser

*HYMN OF FELLOWSHIP
(PG. 557)

Blest Be the Tie That Binds
(1ST stanza)

DENNIS

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Be Thou My Guardian and My Guide

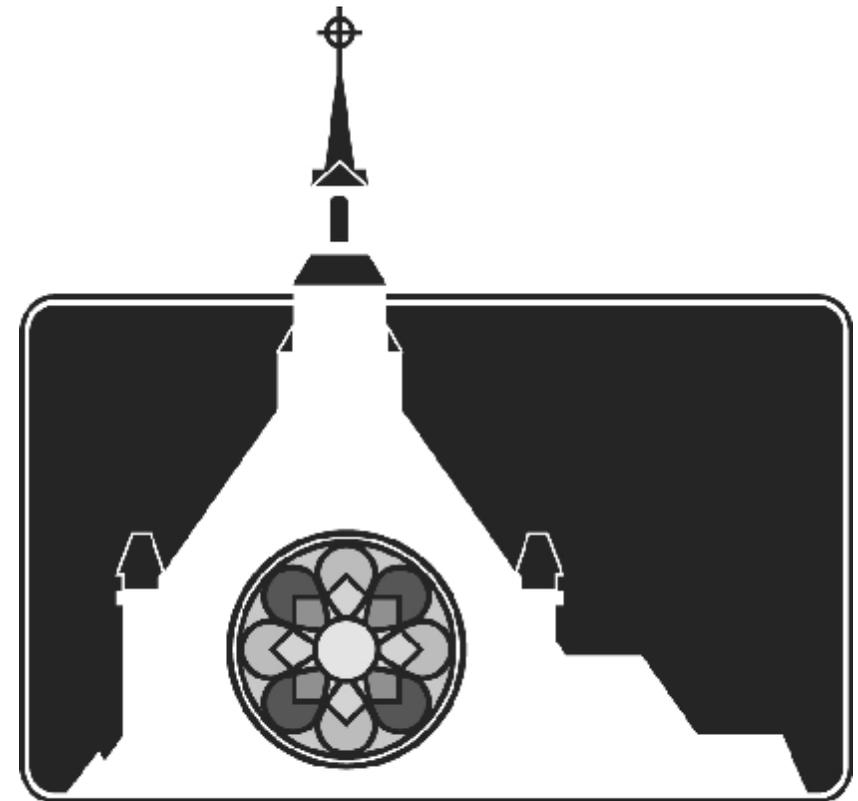
- Henry Coleman
(1888-1965, English)

*The flowers are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of Leslie George and
in celebration of Doris George's 99th birthday on September 1*

~ The George Family ~

The Prayer Concern Cards are for your use. If you have a prayer concern in addition to those listed here, please fill out a card and pass it to the end of the aisle during the first hymn. We pray for Juanita Dieterle, Pat Huebel, Iris Martin, Ethan Wright, Peter Mortensen, Wally Jordan, Dottie Casler, Jodie Wilt, Robert L., and the family and friends of Richard Cheeseman.

Today's Fellowship Offering will go One Great Hour of Sharing for those affected in both Texas and Louisiana by Hurricane Harvey, a Category 4 storm that made landfall Friday on the Texas coast. Donations designated to "OGHS-Hurricane Harvey" can be made to First Baptist; or visit www.abc-usa.org and clicking "Give Online" at the top right of the page. In the "Comments" section, type "OGHS-Hurricane Harvey." Or, mailed to the attention of Kim Wilkins at American Baptist Home Mission Societies, P.O. Box 851, Valley Forge, PA, 19482-0851. One hundred percent of donations go to relief efforts; no dollars are retained for administrative costs. For more information, contact Wilkins at 1-800-222-3872, x2413, or kim.wilkins@abhms.org. Please give generously.



**FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR**

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

13th Sunday after Pentecost
September 3, 2017

~ Please turn off all cell phones. Thank you. ~

To Sing or Not to Sing? There is no question!

The First Baptist Church of Ann Arbor Sanctuary Choir is looking for new voices to fill the choir loft. The choir rehearses each Thursday evening from 7:30-9:00pm. The ability to read and sight-sing music at a high level is not a requirement for joining the choir, but rather the love of singing and the desire to worship God through music. The music the choir offers each week is challenging, which is part of the reason there is weekly rehearsal. Please come to choir rehearsal starting Thursday, September 7th. You will meet new friends, have a lot of fun, and become part of a loving and caring group of people that praise God with their singing voices! If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie Kidd.

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).

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.



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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 3	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Monday, Sept 4	<i>Labor Day</i> - Church Office Closed
Tuesday, Sept 5	5:30 p.m. - Vespers - <i>First Baptist Church Team</i>
	7:00 p.m. - Board of Mission Action (Conference Room)
Wednesday, Sept 6	5:30 p.m. - The Gathering (Campus Center)
Thursday, Sept 7	7:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal (Room 102)
Saturday, Sept 9	TBA - Shared Suppers
Sunday, Sept 10	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	11:15 a.m. - Ice Cream Social (Fellowship Hall)

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

Let Us Break Bread Together!

The next Shared Suppers evening is September 9. The Board of Care and Community is sponsoring an opportunity for our FBC Family to gather and get to know one another better. What better way to do that than around a family table? We gather in smallish groups (6-8ish) in homes for Shared Suppers. They are pot luck style and happen on the 2nd Saturday, every other month, i.e., September 9, November 11, etc. The groups will be different every time so folks can interact with those they may not know so well. If you haven't already signed up and are interested in being on the list of participants, sign up at the Information Counter or contact Mary Davis (madrad@umich.edu or [734 352 0732](tel:7343520732)). Also, let Mary know if you can be a host sometimes. You will be contacted for availability about two weeks before each supper. Of course everyone won't be able to come every time. Children are welcome to participate, or we can help arrange child care. Shared transportation can also be arranged.

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).

Kicking off the year with Ice Cream!

Join us next Sunday, September 10, for our annual Ice Cream Social which will take place during Fellowship Time after worship. 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 the following Sunday, September 17th.

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. Our program kicks off on Wednesday, September 6, in the Memorial Garden. 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.

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.

Looking for a New Wedding Coordinator!

I have been the Wedding Coordinator for First Baptist for about 12 years. I would like to pass the baton to someone who would like to add this job to their resume. The church has about four to eight weddings a year, mostly non-member. It can really be a lot of fun. You meet many wonderful people. I would be working with you the first couple of weddings, teaching you all the responsibilities. This is not a Wedding Planner position, you coordinate what happens in the church the day of the wedding. Please contact me by phone (734-678-3353) if you have any interest in learning more about this opportunity. There is a wedding scheduled for Sunday, September 17 (wedding rehearsal on Friday evening) if you would like to follow me around to see what the job entails. Thank you. - Joyce Robbins

Readings for Next Sunday, September 10

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 * Psalm 25:1-10 * Ephesians 4:11-16.

AB Women's Ministries Collecting Eyeglasses and Toothbrushes

On September 16th, AB Women's Ministries will be going to Milford to attend the Fall Fling. The speaker will be Dr. Richard Charlick on "Haiti Missions in Dentistry." The ladies will be collecting eyeglasses and toothbrushes to help with this mission. A Box will be on the table near the Information Counter for your contributions. Thank you. - Roberta Hause

ArtBreak Studio is a weekly drop-in art program for those experiencing homelessness and other disadvantaged individuals, believing that art should be accessible to all and that the ability to express oneself creatively is a significant factor in enhancing self-esteem and supporting mental health. They meet from 1:30-3:30 on Wednesday from September through May, and explore a wide range of mediums, offering an encouraging, kind, non-judgmental presence. It is a great opportunity for retired art teachers or amateur artists and they are looking for partners in this community effort. To sign up to volunteer, donate art supplies or funding, please go to www.artbreak.studio for further details.