

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP Paul Simpson Duke

PRELUDE *Jesus Christus, unser Heiland, BWV 666* - J.S. Bach
Jesus Christ, Our Salvation (1685-1750)

*INVOCATION Greg Cartee
(* If you are able, please stand)

*HYMN 150 God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens *HOLY MANNA*
(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

*THE PSALM from Psalm 82
Leader: O Lord, Will you not revive us again, so that your people may rejoice in you?
People: Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.
Leader: Surely God's salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.
People: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.
Leader: Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.
People: The Lord will give what is good.
ALL: Praise the Lord!

*GLORIA (Hymn 72, sung twice as a 3-part round)
Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, Gloria! Alleluia! Alleluia!

INTRODUCTION OF DR. LAURA PARAJON Stacey Simpson Duke

OLD TESTAMENT READING Micah 6:8 Laura Parajon
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM *If I Can Help Somebody* - Alma B. Androzzo
arr. by David Brunner
Molly Brunner, *soprano*

If I can help somebody as I pass along; if I can cheer somebody with a word or song,
If I can show somebody he is trav'ling wrong, then my living shall not be in vain.

If I can point somebody to the Lamb once slain; if I can tell somebody that He rose again,
That He can cleanse the guilty, He can wash the stain, then my living shall not be in vain.
If I can help somebody as I journey through this world, then my living shall not be in vain.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Paul Simpson Duke
Lord's Prayer ("debts") on hymnal page 896

*GOSPEL READING Luke 4:16-21 Greg Cartee
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

CONGREGATIONAL SONG (Children come forward)
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

TIME AS CHILDREN Xan Morgan
(Following Time as Children, children in 2nd grade and younger leave for Church School.
Children in 3rd-6th grade remain in worship on second Sundays of the month.)

*HYMN 431 Let There Be Peace on Earth *WORLD PEACE*

SERMON *The Practice of Hope* Laura Parajon

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS *Lord, Here Am I* - Andrea Klouse
Master, You call and this I reply, ready and willing, Lord; Here am I;
I'll obey if You will but lead, You call, O Lord, here am I.
Yet as mortal unworthy, unworthy, I stand in the light.
Monarch and scepter shall bow at Your name;
Nation to nation Your truth shall proclaim.
Father, Creator, Redeemer in one;
Now and forever not my will, yet Thine be done!

*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.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 568 (vv. 1-3)

Christ for the World We Sing

ITALIAN HYMN

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS: MARY MARGARET HATT AND LINDA TURNER

Congregation: We gladly welcome you into this church home. We pledge to learn with you, to serve with you, and to grow with you in the family of Jesus Christ.

New Members: We accept your welcome and offer our lives to love and serve with you to the glory of God.

Congregation: We are all made richer in faith because of your joining us. May the Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us all to be good friends to each other and fully faithful to the calling of God on our lives together.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Praeludium und Fuge in C Major

- Vincent Lübeck
(1656-1740)

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God in remembrance of our veterans who served in many wars. We thank you for your service and sacrifice and for protecting our precious freedoms. For those who served and came back to their families and loved ones, we are glad that you returned from your service. For those who made the ultimate sacrifice,

we recall the Ode of Remembrance:

"They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old:

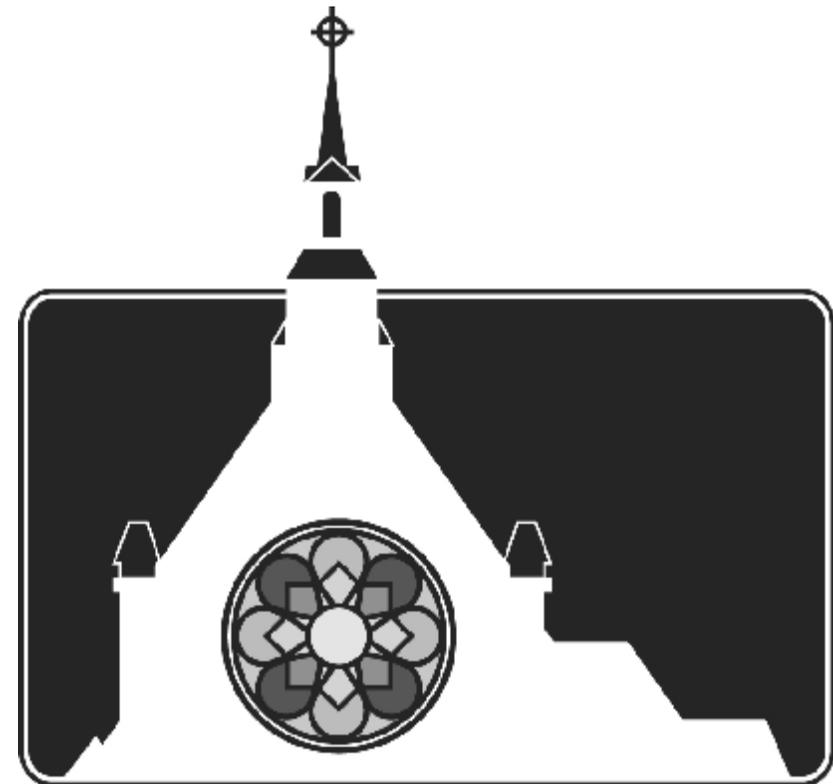
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning,

We will remember them."

~ Robert Shannon ~

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, Robert L., Dana Rogers, Will Healy, Roman Ford, and Kathy Bloink & the Klebba family.



FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

23rd Sunday after Pentecost
November 12, 2017

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

FBC Stewardship Campaign 2018: Radical Generosity

Our financial stewardship campaign for 2018 culminated this past Sunday. Throughout the campaign, we heard members of the church give their own testimony as to why generous financial support of our church's mission is crucially important, entirely worthwhile, and an act of grateful joy. The theme of this year's campaign is "*Radical Generosity*." Imagine what our congregation, our community, our country, and our world would look like if you, and I, and all the rest of Christ's followers devoted ourselves every day to being radical, living signs of God's love. We can practice radical hospitality. We can be radically welcoming. We can love radically. We can encourage radical generosity. If you haven't yet made your pledge for 2018, we hope that you will listen, pray, and consider what *Radical Generosity* and FBC mean in your life, then send in your pledge card or place it in the offering plate during the worship service. In addition to turning in your pledge card, please visit the bulletin board beside the information counter to register your pledge and to track the progress of the campaign. Add your own pledge heart to the display, if you wish. Let's reclaim the word "radical." Let's feel, build, respond, love, and give – radically!

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 coffee and cake, as we celebrate the 10th anniversary of AMOS Health and Hope.

Sunday, Nov 12	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	11:30 a.m. - Second Hour Classes
Tuesday, Nov 14	1:30 p.m. - ChristCare Group (Lounge)
	5:30 p.m. - Vespers - <i>FBC Young Adult Team</i> (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday, Nov 15	1:30 p.m. - Bible Study (Lounge)
	5:30 p.m. - The Gathering (Campus Center)
Thursday, Nov 16	1:00 p.m. - AB Women's Ministries Joint Meeting of Circles
	7:00 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal (Room 102)
Sunday, Nov 19	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	11:30 a.m. - Second Hour Classes

Welcome New Member, Mary Margaret Hatt

In joining FBCA2, Mary Margaret Hatt is returning to her early roots in a life-long journey in the Christian faith. She was baptized at age 8 in the small town of McDonald, OH in the Baptist church her Grandpa established on January 1, 1921 (the church is still there). From this childhood beginning to this day, the journey hassled through many states (Ohio, Utah, Pennsylvania, S Carolina, Tennessee, and Illinois). In 1969 she moved with her husband and four children (Chuck, Tim, Faith, and Doug) to Allen Park, MI where Chuck Hatt, Sr. pastored. When her husband died in 1992, and three of the four children lived in Ann Arbor and attended St. Clare's, it seemed like a good idea to move and be close to children and growing grandchildren. She realized the first time she attended FBCA2 that she had found her place for the rest of her journey. She looks forward with joy to finding her place here, and knowing everyone better.

Welcome New Member, Linda Turner

Linda Turner has lived in Ann Arbor most of her life, having moved from Detroit when she was still in elementary school. Linda earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from Concord University and is currently employed at the University of Michigan. Linda has five grown children and six grandchildren, all of whom live in the area. Her favorite pastime is doing projects with her grandchildren, the messier the better. While looking for a new faith community, someone extended an invitation to attend First Baptist Church. She is grateful for the invitation and grateful to have found a warm, caring, and Christ-centered church family.

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. 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. Optional nursery care is available after Time as Children, when all kids go to church school or beginning at 9:45am. 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 12:30pm. Today and every Second Sunday of the month, kids are invited to join their families for Fellowship Time.

Preschool-2nd Grade: 202A

10:00-10:30	Worship with families
10:30-11:00	Church School
11:00-11:30	Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)
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	AMOS Presentation (Fellowship Hall)

3rd-6th Grade: 201B

10:00-11:00	Worship with families *It's "Stay for Second Sunday" today!
11:00-11:30	Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)
11:30-12:00	Children's Choir
12:00-12:30	Friendship Time

Special Second Hour Presentation

11:30-12:30

Today please join us in welcoming special guest Dr. Laura Chanchien Parajon, Medical Director of AMOS Health and Hope. First Baptist is a founding mission partner of AMOS, a Christian nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the health of impoverished communities in Nicaragua through a community empowerment model focused on health, education, and development. Laura and her husband Dr. David Parajon (Executive Director of AMOS) serve as medical missionaries with American Baptist Churches International Ministries. We hope that all youth and adults will plan to attend her presentation and learn more about our partnership with this incredible organization. Laura Parajon is a truly inspiring leader, and you will not regret coming to hear her!

Adult Christian Education

11:30-12:30

Our regular schedule resumes next Sunday:

These classes are open to all. Whether you have been to them before or not, you are welcome to drop in.

Heroes of the Bible (Astrid Beck, leader)

Library

Astrid Beck continues 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. In the Spring, we began with Moses and continued with Elijah (highlighted again in the Gospels of Mark and Luke in the Transfiguration account; why those two?). We are continuing to study 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 includes 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

This class is studying the Gospel of Mark. Interested members of our class take turns sharing leadership of the study. Though we are working chronologically through the book, each Sunday is a stand-alone session, so newcomers or occasional participants are always welcome!

Other Adult Learning Opportunities

Wednesday Bible Study on Wednesdays at 1:30pm. Pastor Paul Simpson Duke is leading 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 staceyclay@umich.edu.

Holiday Food Collection for Hikone Housing

The Board of Mission Action sponsors an annual food drive for our friends at Hikone housing. The Christmas holiday break is very tough on low income children – they are not in school so they do not receive their free lunches and breakfasts. Please help us gather a truck-load of kid-friendly food by December 17 (macaroni and cheese, peanut butter, cereal, soup, oatmeal packets, juice/milk boxes, plastic containers of juice, tuna, canned pasta, breakfast granola bars, fruit cups and cans, etc.) We also love monetary donations which will be used to purchase milk, bread, fresh produce, laundry detergent and items that cannot be purchased with food stamps. (Monetary donations should be given to Sue Ellen Glover.)

Warm Clothing for Vespers Guests

It's getting colder and as you get out your warmer clothing keep in mind that our Vespers guests are often without these items. We are collecting new or gently used hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, long underwear, socks, coats, and sweatshirts. Donations of grooming & personal items, such as shampoo, toothpaste, tooth brushes, small Kleenex packs, Band-Aids, are also greatly appreciated. A basket will be near the Information Counter each Sunday for your donations.

Readings for Next Sunday, November 19

Deuteronomy 8:7-18 * Psalm 65 * 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 * Luke 17:11-19.

The Interfaith Roundtable of Washtenaw County will hold its 23rd Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration on Sunday evening, November 19th, at 7, at Beth Israel Congregation, 2000 Washtenaw, Ann Arbor. This year we will begin with an open house at 6 pm where we are invited to learn more about Beth Israel's worship space and the Torah scrolls (doors open at 5:45). Then at 7 pm, join us as we give thanks with readings, music, meditations from a wide variety of faith traditions around the theme of "In Gratitude For Our Sacred Diversity." Light refreshments following celebration. Donations accepted for non-perishable food or turkey money to help those in need in our community. 2017 Interfaith Calendars also available. For more information, call Rev. George Lambrides at 734-424-1535 or email gbrides@umich.edu.

Intergenerational Advent Workshop

Mark your calendars for the Intergenerational Advent Workshop on Sunday, November 26th from 5:00-7:00 pm. Dinner will be catered by Noodles & Company; you'll have cooked enough by then! After dinner we'll have time to do activities get our hearts and homes ready for the coming of Christ as a baby. We'll be making Advent wreaths with fresh greens and Advent calendars. And we'll make bread for the Vespers dinner as our gift to others. You'll learn more about other activities as we get closer to the gathering. We'll have devotions for you to use throughout Advent as well. Please connect with Xan (xan@fbca2.org) or Christina Alaniz (cnalaniz@umich.edu) if you are interested in helping with the Advent Workshop.

American Baptist Women's Ministries

The next meeting is the Joint Meeting of Circles on Thursday, November 16, at 1:00pm in the Lounge. The Beecher-Brewer program is "Rolling for White Cross" and the MacGregor-Stitt Circle will be hostesses.

Our Coffee Break Concert Series presents Violin and Organ/Piano Concert performed by Rita Wang and Shin-Ae Chun on December 7, Thursday at 12:15 pm. Ms. Wang is returning to play as a duo player on the series after beautifully playing two solo violin pieces by J.S. Bach last year. The program includes Suite for Violin and Organ, Op.166 by Joseph Rheinberger and 5 Characteristic Pieces, Op.3 by Alexander Ritter from the Romantic period. This is a free concert and open to all. Refreshments are provided by our ABWM members. Invite your friends and neighbors. Please help us to reach out to the community by sharing the concert information and flyers.

Interfaith Roundtable of Washtenaw Acountry: Faces of Faith VII

One of the annual programs that the IRT offers the community is a "face to face" experience with people from many different religious and spiritual backgrounds. This year they have six presenters ready to talk about the joys and misconceptions that come with their tradition or beliefs. Come listen to and engage with a Hindu, an Interfaith minister, a Muslim, a Buddhist, a Jew and a Catholic.

Date: Sunday, January 14, 2018

Time: 4-6 pm

Place: Zion Lutheran Church, 1501 W Liberty, AA