

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP Paul Simpson Duke

PRELUDE *Prelude in C Major* - Josef Seger
(1716-1782, Czech)

*INVOCATION Beverly Inbody
(* If you are able, please stand)

*HYMN (see insert) As a Fire Is Meant for Burning AUSTRIA
(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

*THE PSALM from Psalm 19
Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the sky proclaims
God's handiwork.
People: Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.
Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;
People: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;
Leader: the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;
People: the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;
Leader: the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;
People: the judgments of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.
Leader: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also
than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.
ALL: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in
your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

*GLORIA (Hymn 72, sung twice)
Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, Gloria! Alleluia! Alleluia!

EPISTLE READING James 3:1-5 Stacey Simpson Duke
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM *The Heavens Are Telling from Creation* - F.J. Haydn
Coley Roberts, *soprano*; Austin Terris, *tenor*; Sam Kidd, *bass*
The heavens are telling the glory of God, the wonder of his work displays the firmament.
Today that is coming speaks it the day, the night that is gone to following night.
In all the lands resounds the word, never unperceived, ever understood.

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

CONGREGATIONAL SONG 432 (v.2) Jesu, Jesu CHEREPONI
Children 5th grade and younger come forward
*Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.
Neighbors are rich and poor, neighbors are black and white,
Neighbors are near and far away.
Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.*

TIME AS CHILDREN Hannah Foster and Xan Morgan
Children 2nd grade and younger leave for church school.

*HYMN 572 (vv. 1, 3) Pass It On LANCASHIRE

SERMON *What a Small Flame Can Do*
Stacey Simpson Duke and Marissa Alaniz

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS *The Eyes of All Wait upon Thee* - Jean Berger
The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season.
Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of ev'ry living thing.

COMMISSIONING OF MARISSA ALANIZ AS A LONG-TERM VOLUNTEER
WITH AMOS HEALTH & HOPE

We are your family, and we send you now on mission with our love and our
blessing. As you go into the world as a witness to hope, we promise to pray for
you and support you, to listen to you and learn from you, and to participate with
you in God's mission in the world.

*HYMN 583 You Are the Seed ID Y ENSEÑAD

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Fuga in C Major* - Josef Seger
(1716-1782, Czech)

*The flowers today are given with glory to God in honor of
American Baptist Women's Ministries Sunday and in celebration of
Doris George's 100th birthday on September 1st.*

~ AB Women's Ministries at FBCA2 ~

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 Wilma Duke, Joan & Lynn Blunt, Doris George, Bill McKeachie, Jim Suits, Stacey Simpson Duke, Juanita Dieterle, Pat Huebel, Iris Martin, Colin Campbell, Peter Mortensen, Saw Nay Lin, Liz & Micah Dalton, and Robert L.

Greeters: Eva Kelly, Nancy Rushton

Acolytes: Betty Doman, Roberta Hause

Reader: Beverly Inbody

Ushers: Betty Doman, Kathy Mortensen, Sandra Deline, Maria Pierantozzi,
Roberta Hause, Carolyn Grapentine

Time as

Children: Hannah Foster, an AB Women's Ministries scholarship recipient

A collection for the Women's and Girls' Mission Fund will be taken at the end of the service with collection plates placed at each of the exits. The AB Women's Ministries thank you for your generous support.

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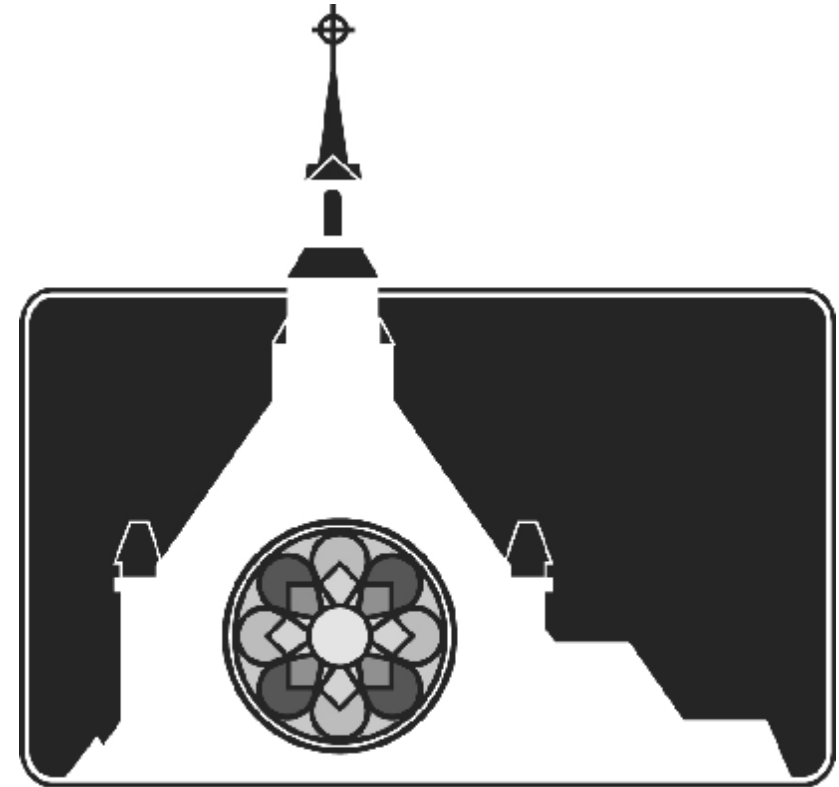
Bonnie Kidd, *Sanctuary Choir Director*

Shin-Ae Chun, *Organist and Director of Children's Choir*

Lee Foley, *Facilities Manager*

Kat Becker, *Administrator*

The Reverend James Middleton, *Pastor Emeritus*



**FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR**

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

17th Sunday after Pentecost
American Baptist Women's Ministries Sunday
Commissioning of Marissa Alaniz
September 16, 2018

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

American Baptist Women's Ministries Sunday

Today is the day we celebrate American Baptist Women's Ministries. We have 22 active women in the two circles, Beecher-Brewer and MacGregor-Stitt. We are so thankful for all the active women in our church. All ladies in this church are American Baptist Women, and we welcome new members to either of our circles. You will notice that some of our members are assisting with today's worship service, but we do so much more behind the scenes.

Our programs for 2018-2019 are planned, and you can see our schedules, annual report and monthly calendar on the bulletin board downstairs before you enter the music library. We support the Women's & Girls' Mission fund, which helps provide life-changing opportunities for women and girls in the US and around the world.

We wish to thank all of our church family for your support with our projects throughout the year. - In Christ, Roberta Hause, President of AB Women's Ministries at FBCA2.

Coffee Break Concert Series

Celebrating its eighth year, our Coffee Break Concert Series has six concerts scheduled for the 2018-2019 season. The postcards with the full schedule and the flyers of each concert are available for you to share with people around you. Please invite your friends and neighbors to any concert although you might not be able to make it. All concerts are free and open to all.

The first concert in the series is Vocal Concert "Portraits of a Woman" on October 4, Thursday at 12:15 pm at First Baptist. Soprano Lenora Green and pianist Ling-Ju Lai will perform a delightful program with music by Puccini, Mozart, Adams, Gershwin and Moore. Mark your calendar! Help us reach out to more people around you through music! -- Shin-Ae Chun

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 downstairs for refreshments in the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday, Sept 16	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary) 11:30 a.m. - Second Hour Classes 3:00 p.m. - Robbins Memorial Service (Sanctuary)
Tuesday, Sept 18	1:30 p.m. - Beecher-Brewer Circle (Lounge) 5:30 p.m. - Vespers - <i>Northside Comm. Church</i> (Fellowship Hall) 7:00 p.m. - Board of Trustees (Lounge)
Wednesday, Sept 19	1:30 p.m. - Bible Study (Lounge) 5:00 p.m. - The Gathering (Campus Center) 7:00 p.m. - Board of Worship (Conference Room)
Thursday, Sept 20	12:30 p.m. - MacGregor-Stitt Circle (at Hause home) 7:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal (Room 102)
Saturday, Sept 22	2:00 p.m. - Mothering Justice Webinar (Campus Center)
Sunday, Sept 23	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary) 11:30 a.m. - Second Hour Classes

Join the 44th Annual Ann Arbor CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday afternoon, September 30, 2018, at St Clare's Episcopal Church/Temple Beth Emeth, 2309 Packard, Ann Arbor. Register from 1 pm; the 2k walk will start with a send-off service at 2 pm. We walk to help the hungry, locally in Washtenaw County and overseas through Church World Service. Many small gifts make a big difference!

Once again, 25 percent of the funds raised will benefit the following local organizations: Avalon Housing, Community Action Network, Emmanuel House, Hope Clinic, Growing Hope, Packard Health, SOS Community Services, St. Andrew's Breakfast Program.

Readings for Next Sunday, September 23

Proverbs 31:10-31 * Psalm 1 * James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a * Mark 9:30-37

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).

Children are encouraged to worship with their families. Optional nursery care (infant-3 year-olds) is available beginning at 9:45 am. Children are welcome to worship with their families and then go to the nursery after Time as Children. On most Sundays, following Time as Children, 4 year-olds through 5th graders leave for Church School in the Children's Ministry wing. Church School is over at 11:30. Friendship Time and Children's Choir for 3rd-5th graders (12:00-12:30 pm) are offered during the 2nd Hour Adult Ed classes. Children (infant-2nd grade) will be picked up from Room 202B and 3rd-5th graders will be picked up from the music room on the third floor at 12:30 pm. This Sunday, 3-5th graders will stay in worship with their families and join Fellowship Time downstairs after the service until they meet Xan at 11:30.

Church School for youth (6-12th grades) 11:30-12:30 is in the Youth Room (Room 107).

Adult Christian Education: New Series Begins Today 11:30-12:30

The new autumn series for adults is titled *For All the Saints*. Members of our church family will offer presentations on people whose lives have inspired them. Some of our presenters will speak about great figures from Christian history, while others will tell us about people they have known whose words or example has been transformative for them. This is a great opportunity not only to learn about some wonderfully inspiring and influential people, but also to become better acquainted with many in our own congregation as they offer reflection on people and values that matter to them. The series kicks off today with Marlene Francis presenting, "Saints and Stories of First Baptist Church," an introduction to some fascinating people and events from the history of our congregation. This series is for all adults. Please join us for as many Sundays as you can.

Other Adult Learning Opportunities

Wednesday Bible Study will resume this Wednesday, September 19. 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 every Wednesday evening during the school year, 5:00p-7:00pm, in the Campus Center, for a free, home-cooked meal, friendship, and spiritual growth. If you would like to receive our weekly e-newsletter, sign up here: <https://bit.ly/2N0FYGa>.

Join the Sunday Morning Welcoming Team!

No meetings - just come and serve! Our Welcoming Team is one of our most important ministries. On Sunday mornings, volunteers stand in key places in the building to show hospitality to all who come for worship. Sign-up is online: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d44afa928ab9-sunday> - it's fast and easy! Sign up on your own, with a friend, with a spouse, or with your whole family. Sign up once or multiple times. Serving on our Welcoming Team is a great way to plug in to ministry at First Baptist and get to know others in our community.

Questions? Contact Marissa Alaniz at malaniz@umich.edu.

The Beecher-Brewer Circle will meet at 1:30pm on Tuesday, September 18, in the Memorial Lounge for their regular monthly meeting.

The MacGregor-Stitt Circle starts up it's new program year on Thursday, September 20, at 12:30pm. The ladies will meet at the home of Roberta Hause for a Subway Lunch followed by "One Summer Memory."

Parking Lot Work Scheduled

The parking lot is scheduled to be excavated and repaved starting Monday, October 8. Weather permitting it will be ready for Sunday worship on October 14. During the week there will be no parking available at FBC. We will get out more information as the date approaches, but want to start calling it out so people may plan accordingly.