

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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## GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Xan Morgan

## PRELUDE

*Mach dich, mein Geist, bereit*  
(Prepare Thyself, My Soul)

- Johann Christian Kittel  
(1732-1809, German)

## \*INVOCATION

(\* If you are able, please stand)

Mary Margaret Hatt

## \*HYMN 660 (vv. 1, 2, 4)

God is Here

*ABBOT'S LEIGH*

(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

## \*THE PSALM

from Psalm 71

Mary Margaret Hatt

Leader: In you, O Lord, I take refuge;

People: let me never be put to shame.

Leader: In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;

People: incline your ear to me and save me.

Leader: Be to me a rock of refuge,

People: a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

Leader: For you, O Lord, are my hope.

People: Upon you I have leaned from my birth;

All: My praise is continually of you.

## \*GLORIA (Hymn 72, sung twice)

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

## CONNECTION WITH MISSIONS

Doug Campbell,  
Executive Director at Hope Clinic

## EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Mary Margaret Hatt

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

## ANTHEM

*Zion's Walls*

- adapted by Aaron Copland

Come fathers and mothers,

Come sisters and brothers,

Come join us in singing the praises of Zion.

O fathers, don't you feel determined

To meet within the walls of Zion?

We'll shout and go round

The walls of Zion.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Xan Morgan

## EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 1:1-4

Heather Entrekin

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

## CONGREGATIONAL SONG (Hymn 133, v. 2) Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Children 5th grade and younger come forward while we sing

*SHOWALTER*

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;

O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus, safe and secure from all alarms;

Leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus, leaning on the everlasting arms.

## TIME AS CHILDREN

Heather Entrekin and Echo

## \*HYMN 121

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

*WELLESLEY*

(Four-year olds through 2nd graders leave with Katie Kerschbaum for a Godly Play story and will return sometime after the sermon.)

## SERMON

*My Dog, the Baptist*

Heather Entrekin and Echo

## SILENT REFLECTION

## OFFERING OF GIFTS

*At the River*

- arr. Aaron Copland

Shall we gather by the river, where bright angels feet have trod,

With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God.

Yes, we'll gather by the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,

Gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God.

Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease,

Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.

Yes, we'll gather by the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,

Gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God.

## \*DOXOLOGY

(You are welcome to sing the printed words, traditional words (hymnal, p.95), or other words that express praise to God.)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Christ, all creatures here below.

Praise Holy Spirit, ever more.

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.



### Co-Pastors Return!

After a three-month sabbatical that has taken them all over Europe, England, and destinations in the U.S., co-pastors Paul and Stacey Simpson Duke return to ministry at First Baptist on Tuesday, September 3, and will be leading worship again on Sunday, September 8. That is also the day of our church picnic so we will have much opportunity to celebrate and welcome them back. It will be a big day. Don't miss it!

### Youth Group End-of-Summer Celebration

We hope to see all of the youth group and their families at the end-of-the-year summer celebration on Saturday, August 31st from 7-10:30 pm. at the Hallidays' home (839 Barn Swallow Lane, Milan 48160). Note the date change. Grab your lawn chairs and come enjoy snacks, drinks and time with friends. We'd like to know how many people to expect; please RSVP by emailing Xan Morgan ([xan@fbca2.org](mailto:xan@fbca2.org)). We hope you can make it!

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The Reverend Heather Entrekin, *Sabbatical Interim Pastor*

The Reverends Paul and Stacey Simpson Duke, *Pastors*

Xan Morgan, *Director of Children's Ministries and Sabbatical Pastoral Care*

Bonnie Kidd, *Sanctuary Choir Director*

Shin-Ae Chun, *Organist*

Lee Foley, *Facilities Manager*

The Reverend James Middleton, *Pastor Emeritus*

# 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 in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments.

Sunday, August 25	10:00 a.m.	-	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	11:00 a.m.	-	Lemonade on the Lawn (Huron St. lawn)
	11:30 a.m.	-	Informal Sunday Group: Art & Life (Lounge)
Tuesday, August 27	5:30 p.m.	-	Vespers - <i>Bethel UCC Team</i> (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday, September 1	10:00 a.m.	-	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Monday, September 2	Labor Day	-	Church Office Closed

### CONNECT with Missions: Doug Campbell with Hope Clinic

As we get closer to our CONNECT Fest on Sunday, September 15th we'll be hearing from folks in our community about the ministries of FBC and the missions we support. Today we welcome Doug Campbell from Hope Clinic. Doug Campbell is a native of Detroit who studied at Kenyon College and Princeton Theological Seminary. Doug has served at numerous churches and nonprofits, including spending seven years as Chief Executive of the Scottish Bible Society. He has been the Executive Director at Hope Clinic since September 2017.

Hope Clinic provides compassionate and practical help to those in need. They offer medical care and dental care to the uninsured, plus a variety of social services to minister to the whole person. Hope also has a Medical Clinic located in Westland, Michigan. The Hope Center, located in Ypsilanti, houses the Ypsilanti Medical Clinic, Dental Clinic, food programs, and Hope administration.

Come downstairs to Fellowship Hall after worship to meet Doug and learn more about Hope Clinic!

### School Supplies Collection

All this month we will continue to collect miscellaneous school supplies as well as financial donations. These will be delivered to Washtenaw County's Education Project for Homeless students and to Ozone House to provide for more expensive items such as USB memory sticks and calculators. The Education Project serves more than 2,000 children and youth who are homeless or in temporary housing throughout Washtenaw County, including Ozone House which provides free, confidential, and voluntary shelter and support service to homeless youth including those LGBT youth and high risk youth who have been forced to leave their homes by unsupportive families. Last year we had enough financial support to purchase several Meijer gift cards which were given out as needed for sports or specific teacher-required items throughout the school year.

Thank you for your participation in this ministry!

### Welcome Home Hearts

Please write a greeting and your name on a heart for a bulletin board to welcome back the Dukes on September 3. Place hearts in the offering plate or the basket on the information table.

### Church Potluck Picnic: September 8th

We're looking forward to our time together at the picnic on Sunday, September 8th from noon-2:00 pm. (Continue blurb as it is until the last line.) Please take moment to RSVP and sign up for a potluck item at the information table in the hallway.

### CONNECT Fest:

Join us on September 15th following worship for CONNECT Fest! This intergenerational event will help us make connections with one another, worship ministries and our missions. Enjoy a yogurt parfait bar as connections are made!

### Informal Summer Sunday Group: Art and Life

You are welcome to join a small group Sunday mornings to talk about a book on our pastors' sabbatical reading list: *Artist's Rule: Nurturing Your Creative Soul with Monastic Wisdom*. After Fellowship Time, we are gathering in the lounge across

the hall. Bring your coffee, the book, and interest in exploring how creativity and spirituality lead toward abundant life! (And because this group is relaxed and informal, books are optional.) There will also be space for talk about the morning's sermon and other subjects of deep interest.

### Summer Sabbatical

This summer, co-pastors, Paul and Stacey Simpson Duke, are on sabbatical exploring the theme: *Seeing the Word: The Gospel through the Visual Arts*. They will return to First Baptist on September 3. You may follow their experience at [seeingthesacred.com](http://seeingthesacred.com). During their absence, the Rev. Heather Entrekin ([heatherentrekin@me.com](mailto:heatherentrekin@me.com)) and Xan Morgan ([xan@fbca2.org](mailto:xan@fbca2.org)) will serve as sabbatical interim minister and staff.

### 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](mailto:xan@fbca2.org)). Children (four-year-olds through 2nd graders) will leave for a Godly Play story following Time as Children and will return sometime after the sermon.

### Adult Learning

Second Hour (11:30 - 12:30) adult learning resumes Sunday, September 22 with a report on their sabbatical by Paul and Stacey Simpson-Duke.

### 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 6th. 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.

June-July-AUGUST  
Bring Dinner to church  
for Hope Clinic!

Join with Hope Clinic and area  
churches as we feed the hungry in  
our community



### Hope Clinic Summer Food Drive

In August, please bring DINNER FOODS:

- hearty soups
- meal in a can - chili-ravioli
- pasta sauce
- canned meat
- ready rice or lentil packets
- spices and spice blends (low sodium)

Please note: All non-perishable food items are welcome but healthier foods (whole grains, low sodium and sugar) and name brands are especially appreciated. Commercial-sized cans and containers of food are not needed but all other sizes can be used.

You will find a collection table  
near Washington Street entrance

It's AUGUST. Bring DINNER to church! Thank you!