

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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## GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Paul Simpson Duke

One: God hovered over the void and breathed life into dust.  
All: God created in the wilderness.  
One: The Israelites wandered in the desert for forty years.  
All: The Israelites found God in the wilderness.  
One: Jesus said “no” to the tempter time and time again.  
All: Jesus claimed his identity in the wilderness.  
One: We grow in the wilderness. We learn in the wilderness.  
All: For God is with us—before, through, and after the wilderness.  
One: Let us worship God!  
All: Amen.

PRELUDE *Jesu, meine Freude, Variations 1-3 by J. Pachelbel* - Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau  
(Jesus, My Joy) (1663-1712, German)

\*INVOCATION Ashley Mangrum  
(\*If you are able, please stand)

\*HYMN 660 God Is Here *ABBOT'S LEIGH*  
(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

\*THE PSALM from Psalm 32  
One: Blessed are those whose wrongdoing is forgiven, whose sin is covered.  
All: Blessed are those whom the Lord does not hold guilty, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.  
One: When I kept quiet, my bones wore out; I was groaning all day long.  
All: I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my guilt. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord;” then you removed the guilt of my sin.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

One: The Word of the Lord.  
All: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM *Have Mercy on Me, O God* - Carl Schalk  
Have mercy on me, O God. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be whiter than snow.  
Have mercy on me, O God. Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways, and sinners will return to thee.  
Have mercy on me, O God.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Paul Simpson Duke

God of Creation,  
Before a word is on our tongue, you know it completely. You know the prayers we bring before you today – confessions of greed and doubt, fear and anxiety, conflict and regret. Free us from these sins. Give us the strength to say “no” to that which separates us from you, and “Yes” to the things that let love grow. Guide us out of our self-created wilderness spaces and into your light. Gratefully we pray, amen.

\*GOSPEL READING Matthew 4:1-11 Stacey Simpson Duke  
One: The Word of the Lord.  
All: Thanks be to God!

TIME AS CHILDREN Trust and Obey (Hymn 467, verse 4) Xan Morgan  
Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet,  
Or we'll walk by his side in the way;  
What he says we will do, where he sends we will go;  
Never fear, only trust and obey.  
Trust and obey, for there's no other way  
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

\*HYMN (see insert) When We Are Tested *SLANE*  
(Following Time as Children, children in 2nd grade and younger leave for Church School. Children in 3rd-5th grade remain in worship on first Sundays of the month.)

SERMON *What the Wilderness Will Show* Stacey Simpson Duke

## SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS *Steal Away to Jesus* - arr. Raymond Weidner  
*Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus.*  
*Steal away, steal away home, I ain't got long to stay here.*  
My Lord calls me, He calls me by the thunder.  
The trumpet sounds within my soul, I ain't got long to stay here. *Refrain*  
Green trees are bending. Poor sinner stands atrembling,  
The trumpet sounds within my soul, I ain't got long to stay here. *Refrain*

## 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: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

The Lord's Prayer ("debts", hymnal page 896)

The Bread *O Lamm Gottes unschuldig* by Johann Pachelbel

The Cup *Es ist das Heil uns kommen her* by unknown composer

Prayer after Communion

\*HYMN 557

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Jesu, meine Freude, Variations 4-5 with Harmonization by J.Pachelbel*

(Jesus, My Joy)

- Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau  
(1663-1712, German)

*The flowers are given to the Glory of God  
in celebration of the marriage of William Grapentine & Kira Mich.*

~ *Chris and Carolyn Grapentine* ~

*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 Phyl White, Maria Pierantozzi, Joan & Lynn Blunt, Bruce & Vicki Williams, Marilyn Marsh, Juanita Dieterle, Iris Martin, Dannie Jones, John Rapson, Enyichukwu Obinba, Robert L, and Nick Dodson.

Today's Fellowship Offering will go towards the America for Christ offering which supports the American Baptist Home Mission Societies efforts to connect with and care for people in need. Please give generously.

Call to Worship and Confession written by Sarah Are, A Sanctified Art LLC, sanctifiedart.org



## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent  
March 1, 2020

### Other Adult Learning Opportunities

Wednesday Bible Study: *Liberation and the Journey toward Home: A Study of Exodus*.  
Led by Paul Simpson Duke, the class meets at 1:00pm in the Memorial Lounge. Join us!

College/University Students: The Gathering is for undergraduates and graduate students. The Gathering meets on Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the Memorial Lounge. For more information, email Stacey ([staceyduke@gmail.com](mailto:staceyduke@gmail.com)) or sign up for the weekly e-newsletter here: <https://bit.ly/2N0FYGa>.

### 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.



### Readings for Sunday, March 1

Genesis 12:1-4a \* Psalm 121 \* Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 \* John 3:1-17

### Central Area Annual Meeting

This year's Annual Meeting for the Central Area churches will be held on March 21 at Olivet Baptist in Lansing, 9:00-11:30am. The featured speaker will be our own Marissa Alaniz who will share information about AMOS Health and Hope. In addition to fellowship, sharing, and worship together, there will also be a report from a member of the 2019 Haiti Mission Team, the election of a new Chair, and the approval of the budget which will include camp scholarships and grants for churches doing cooperative ministry. It would be great to have a delegation from our church to support Marissa and to learn what our sister Central Area churches are doing. Please contact Sue Ellen Glover if you are interested in attending.

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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, Mar 1	10:00am - Worship Service (Sanctuary) 11:30am - Second Hour Education & Children's Choir
Tuesday, Mar 3	3:00pm - Coffee with the Pastors (at Morgan home) 5:00pm - Budget Committee (Conference Room) 5:30pm - Vespers - <i>First Baptist Team</i>
Wednesday, Mar 4	1:00pm - Bible Study (Lounge)
Thursday, Mar 5	5:15pm - Board of Christian Education (Conference Room) 7:30pm - Choir Rehearsal (Room 102)
Sunday, Mar 8	10:00am - Worship Service (Sanctuary) 11:30am - Second Hour Education & Children's Choir

### Second Hour Adult Education:

Faithful Citizenship - Covenant, Community, and the Common Good

This study will consider the challenges of civic virtue using three concepts from Christian tradition - covenant, community, and the common good - and looking at issues related to the common good (such as the environment, the economy, security, and health). Lent is typically a time for deepening our spiritual devotion and commitments - how might this include growing in community outreach and social vision? Beyond volunteerism and community service, what is the relationship between personal faith and the public good? With the Michigan primary election happening during Lent and a national election happening later this year, how do we talk within our faith communities about politics? How does Christian faith challenge our individualism and invite us towards greater responsibility within our communities (local, national, global)? The goal of this class is to invite participants to think deeply about their role as American citizens and as global citizens, within the context of respectful, conversational community. Pastor Paul Simpson Duke will be facilitating this adult formation series.

### Daylight Saving Time Begins Next Weekend

Don't forget to set your clocks forward by an hour, as DST begins on Sunday, March 8, at 2:00am.

### *A Holy Lent for the Common Good*

How does our Christian faith challenge our ingrained individualism and invite us to take greater responsibility for the common good? We invite you to join us in observing a holy Lent for the sake of the common good. We have created a calendar of worship experiences and community events that will help our church family reflect and learn about issues related to the common good. You can pick up a copy on the information table in the hallway, at the Smiles for Hope fellowship time or online at [www.fbca2.org/commongood](http://www.fbca2.org/commongood). On Palm Sunday, we'll offer to God our reflections and learning through this spiritual discipline. Questions? Contact Xan Morgan ([xan@fbca2.org](mailto:xan@fbca2.org)).

### *Two more hosts needed for the overnight Rotating Shelter!*

We are hosting the overnight Rotating Shelter the week of March 16. We are in need of two more hosts - one on March 20 and one on March 21. Two or three volunteers serve each night as hosts arriving at 7:30pm and serving overnight until 7:00am the next day. Each host takes a shift during the night. When not on duty, the hosts sleep in the Memorial Lounge. You can sign up at the information counter or online at [www.fbca2.org/rotatingshelter](http://www.fbca2.org/rotatingshelter). Questions? Contact Pete Stover ([petestover@me.com](mailto:petestover@me.com) or at 816-830-1041).

*Taizé Prayer Service* at First Presbyterian - March 3, 7:00pm, Monteith Hall. This service includes sung and chanted prayers, meditation, silence, liturgical readings, and icons. A simple supper of soup and bread is served in the Social Hall beginning at 6:00pm. All are invited!

### *Smiles for Hope*

Our teeth can tell the stories of who we are, how old we are, what we eat, and what we drink. They can prevent disease, keep us healthy, and increase our confidence! But in Nicaragua, and even here in our local community, not all people can afford to visit the dentist or take care of their teeth. Poor oral health can increase the risk of heart disease, high blood pressure, cancers, stroke, and more. That's why our church is supporting the Dental Clinics at Hope Clinic in Ypsilanti and AMOS Health & Hope in Nicaragua. Both clinics offer respectful, quality care to people in need, including teeth cleanings, exams, x-rays, fluoride treatments, extractions, fillings, and root canals.

Jesus' story is one of hope and healing. And when we put our faith into action to share smiles and share hope, ours can be, too. More than 200 people are on Hope Clinic's waiting list for dental care. You can help by asking your local dentist to accept patient referrals from Hope Clinic. Dental care matters, especially for the most vulnerable people. Your donation of just \$32 will cover the cost of one Dental Clinic visit for a patient at Hope Clinic or AMOS. Our church's goal is to share hope with 32 people in need by raising funds for a total of 32 Dental Clinic patients.

Today and next Sunday, March 8th after worship, you can make a donation and pick up information about patient referrals to give to your dentist by stopping by the "Smiles for Hope" bulletin board in the hallway on your way out of the sanctuary. Thank you for sharing smiles and sharing hope!

*Our Coffee Break Concert Series* celebrates J.S.Bach's music in *Bach Celebration: Happy Birthday to J.S. Bach* on Thursday, March 19, at 12:15pm. The program will feature Bach's vocal and instrumental music. Organist Alice Van Wambeke, pianist Ling-Ju Lai, violinist Phoebe Gelzer-Govatos with Shin-Ae Chun on continuo organ will respectively perform *Fugue in E-flat Major, BWV 552* (known as St. Anne) for organ, *Tocatta in C Minor, BWV 911* for keyboard, *Violin Sonata in E Minor, BWV 1023* for violin and continuo. This concert will also introduce an early music vocal ensemble, directed by Shin-Ae Chun, which has recently been created with volunteer singers from our own community to perform sacred music of the Renaissance and Baroque eras. The ensemble will perform *Wohl mir, dass ich Jesum habe* from *Cantata BWV 174* and two four-part chorale settings *Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr* and *Herr Gott, dich loben alle wir*. This is a free concert and open to all. Mark your calendar. Invite your friends and neighbors. Come and enjoy a potpourri of beautiful music by J.S. Bach. If you would like to help with refreshments, please contact Shin-Ae Chun ([shinaechun@gmail.com](mailto:shinaechun@gmail.com)).

### *Children & Youth Education and Music*

Children and Youth are an important part of our life together at First Baptist Church. All children are welcome in worship; Worshipful Play Bags are available as you enter the sanctuary. 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)) or our Youth Minister, Pastor Stacey Simpson Duke ([staceyduke@gmail.com](mailto:staceyduke@gmail.com)).

Children (4-years old through 2nd grade) leave for Church School following Time as Children. Children's Choir (K-5th grade) meets from 11:30am-noon. You may pick up your children at 11:30am from their Church School classrooms, at 12:00 from the choir room or at the end of 2nd Hour programming (12:30) back in the classrooms. Youth Church School class is from 11:30am-12:30 pm in the youth room.

On the first Sunday of each month it's "S3 - Stay for the Service Sunday" when the 3rd-5th grade class will stay in worship for the whole service. This gives the kids an opportunity to experience and participate in the second half of worship. This is a valuable step in their faith formation as worshipers! They will also attend Fellowship Time with their families.