



FIRST BAPTIST

CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

3rd Sunday in Lent
March 12, 2023

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Xan Morgan

One: The hour is coming.

Many: **The hour is here.**

One: Worship the Lord in spirit and truth.

Many: **Our God welcomes worship in spirit and truth.**

One: The Lord's Messiah is coming among you!

All: **The one called the Christ will show us all things.**

PRELUDE

Fairest Lord Jesus

Arr. by Rebecca Bonam

Piano duet: Linda Turner, Shin-Ae Chun

*INVOCATION

Richard Bowser

(*If you are able, please stand)

*HYMN 98

To God Be the Glory

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PSALM

Psalm 95:1-11

Richard Bowser

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

TIME AS CHILDREN

Xan Morgan

(Children are invited to come forward. Following Time as Children, kids (through 5th grade) will leave for Church School.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Richard Bowser

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 17:1-7

Heather Entrekin

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

Cast Me Not Away

Robert J. Powell

Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.

Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

O Lord, open thou our lips; and our mouths shall show forth thy praise.

Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy spirit from me.

SERMON

Hard Questions

Heather Entrekin

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS

O Saviour of the World

John Goss

O Saviour of the world, who by Thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us,
Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 474

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

PRECIOUS LORD

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Greeting: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

When Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

William C. Steere
(c.1879-1960, American)

We pray for the family and friends of **Stacey Simpson Duke**. We also pray for **Jill Damon, Betty Gerstler, Deb Levine, Marilyn Marsh, Esther Floyd, Lauren Bowen, Grange Burnside, Fred Vanosdall, Mrs. Essie Slaughter, Allison Lovell, Mia Jermano, Tom and Terri Rubenstein, John Rowe, Fay Key, Kris Ledyard Arges, and Jackie.**

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of Stacey Simpson Duke.*

~ Her Church Family ~

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Church service hearing aids are available at the back of the sanctuary.

We're glad you're here! Please take a moment to fill out the Connection Card in your bulletin and place it in offering plate when it comes by later in the service. You can indicate any prayer requests you have and let us know if you'd like a name tag and/or our bi-weekly communication about the life of the church.

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. Nursery care is available for children (infant through 3 yrs) on the top floor. Children (through 5th grade) leave for Church School following Time as Children.

Following worship, children (Young 5s-K) have Children's Choir with Coley Roberts and younger children (birth-4s) are invited to have supervised time in our play space. Care is provided for children until 12:30p when 2nd Hour classes for adults and teens wrap up. Please pick up your kids in the play space on the top floor. Youth (grades 6-12) are invited to join adults for Fellowship Time following worship and then head down to the Youth Room (directly underneath the Sanctuary) for Youth Group, 11:30a- 12:30p. If you are visiting and would like more information, please connect with Xan Morgan (xan@fbca2.org).

Parenting as a Spiritual Journey Book Group. We gather in the Children's Ministry wing living room following fellowship time (11:30-12:30p) to discuss *Parenting as a Spiritual Journey* by Rabbi Nancy Fuchs- Kreimer. Kids will be engaged with Children's Choir and supervised play during this time. You are welcome to join the discussion any and all weeks as you are able.

Sermon Discussion and Group Sharing. Sundays, 11:30a-12:30p. Dick Bowser will lead the conversation today on the themes, questions, implications, and possible applications of the sermon just preached in the Sunday service. It's a free-flowing discussion in which all ideas, perspectives, questions, and concerns are welcome. Opportunity is also given each week for participants to offer personal sharing if they wish, so that we can know and support each other better. Join us in the Memorial Lounge for this time of thoughtful discussion and connection.

Our AD LIBITUM Concert Series resumes in March with two inspiring concerts. "Deep in Thoughts" this coming **Tuesday, March 14** at noon is a meditative concert. Shin-Ae Chun will perform organ music written by Herbert Howell, J.S. Bach, Frescobaldi, Max Reger, Maurice Duruflé and others. "Born in 1685" on **Friday, March 24** at noon will feature various forms of music by Bach and Handel. Alice Van Wambeke (harpsichord), Phoebe Gelzer-Govatos (violin) and Shin-Ae Chun (organ and harpsichord) will perform in several different musical settings. These concerts are free and open to the public. Mark your calendar and invite your friends and neighbors.

Join us for Midweek Bible Study! NOTE: Time change for March 15, when we will meet at 12 Noon in the memorial lounge. The group is studying the Gospel of Luke, led by Dr. Astrid Beck.

We are continuing our weekly Night Prayer on Tuesday evenings during Lent. During this season, Night Prayer will begin at 8:00p and will be on Zoom rather than Facebook Live and led by lay leaders. You can find the Zoom link each week online at fbca2.org/nightprayer.

Poetry and Faith discussion group. Join a lively, though virtual, discussion of poems and faith. We next gather via Zoom at 7:00pm on March 27. The link is fbca2.org/poetry. We meet monthly.

FBC Men's Book Club. The snowed-out meeting of the FBC Men's Book Club has been rescheduled. We will meet Tuesday, March 28, at 7:00 pm. We will gather at the home of Dan Barry to discuss, *Rescuing Socrates* by Roosevelt Montas. All men are welcome. Please contact Dan Barry or Cesar Alaniz with any questions.

Campus Ministry on Wednesdays at 6:30p in the Memorial Lounge. Subscribe to the weekly e-newsletter at <https://bit.ly/2N0FYGa>.

Seek, serve, and grow with us! More information about these opportunities at fbca2.org/connect or use the QR code to the right.



Calendar

March 12	Parenting as a Spiritual Journey Group @11:30a in Children's Ministry wing
	Sermon Discussion Group @11:30a in the Lounge
March 14	AD LIBITUM Concert @12 noon in the Sanctuary
March 15	Bible Study @12:00 noon in Lounge
	The Gathering @6:30p in the Lounge
March 16	Sanctuary Choir rehearsal @7:00p
March 27	Poetry & Faith Discussion Group @7:00p on Zoom



Easter Lily Order Form

I / We would like to order an Easter Lily (\$22 each) to be given:

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

Given by: _____

Enclosed is my check made out to "First Baptist Church" for \$_____, for a total of _____ plant(s), which will be displayed on the chancel Easter Sunday, and may be picked up following the service that day. **Paid orders must be received by Friday, March 31.** Please leave them in Kat's mailbox in the office.