



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
OF ANN ARBOR

21st Sunday after Pentecost October 22, 2023

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING

Xan Morgan

CALL TO WORSHIP

Harvey Slaughter

One: God of justice, God of love,

Many: God who calls out in the voices of the ancient prophets,

One: Who demands that justice roll down like waters,

Many: And righteousness like a mighty stream!

One: Who calls us to do justice –

Many: To do justice!

One: To love kindness –

Many: To love kindness!

One: And to walk humbly with you, today and every day.

Many: Make us instruments of your justice, of your peace, of your love.

One: Beloved, come, let us worship God!

Many: Let us worship God!

PRELUDE

O Gott, du frommer Gott, BWV 767 (Partita 5)
(O God, You Righteous God)

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750, German)

*INVOCATION

(*If you are able, please stand)

Harvey Slaughter

*HYMN 185

When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

*THE PSALM

from Psalm 99

Harvey Slaughter

One: God is Sovereign—let the people tremble!

Many: Let the people praise God's name. The Lord is holy, full of power.

One: O God, our Sovereign, you love what is right, you have established equity,
justice, and right.

All: Exalt the Lord our God, and offer your worship, for the Lord our God is holy.

*GLORIA (Hymn 72, sung twice)

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

DEDICATION

Congregational Response: With God's help we will seek to follow Christ
ourselves, that these parents may be strengthened
in faith, and this child, surrounded by love,
may be nurtured in the way that leads to life.

SCRIPTURE READING

Amos 5:11-12, 14-15, 23-24; Micah 6:8

Paul Simpson Duke

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

TIME AS CHILDREN

Xan Morgan

(Children are invited to come forward. Following Time as Children, the children will engage with the art and then head to Children's Ministry.)

ART CELEBRATION OF ABUNDANT LIFE: JUSTICE AND LOVE

In the end, what matters most isn't just what we believe. It's also what we do. It isn't just about our convictions. It's also about our actions - that we might more humbly walk with God, that we might more dearly love kindness, that we might more courageously do justice in all we do. You are invited to come forward and write your prayer for *more* - a world that is more just, more kind, more humble - on our communal art piece.

Pass It On by Mark Hayes

Shin-Ae Chun, piano

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

ANTHEM

O Come to the House of the Lord

Roy Hopp & R.E. Whitney

O, come to the house of the Lord! Rejoice in his mercy and love.
Sing Praise to his name, his mercies proclaim;
Come, all, to the house of the Lord. Come, all, to the house of the Lord.

O, come to the house of the Lord! Repent of your anger and fear.
Your sorrow and shame confess in Christ's name;
Come, all, to the house of the Lord. Come, all, to the house of the Lord.

O, come to the house of the Lord! Receive help and strength from his word.
God's promises claim, rejoice that you came;
Come, all, to the house of the Lord. Come, all, to the house of the Lord.

SERMON

Let It Roll Down Like Waters

Paul Simpson Duke

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Come to Zion

Arr. by Kevin Siegfried

Come to Zion, come to Zion, sin-sick souls in sorrow bound.
Lay your cares upon the altar where true healing may be found.
Shout alleluia, alleluia. Praise resounds o'er land and sea.
All who will may come and share the glories of this jubilee.

*HYMN 557 (stanzas 1, 3-4) God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Greeting: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

In the Sweet By and By

Arr. by Joel Raney
(b.1956, American)

Michelle Ding and Shin-Ae Chun, *piano duo*

To our bountiful Father above, we will offer our tribute of praise
For the glorious gift of His love and the blessings that hallow our days.
In the sweet by and by, we shall meet on that beautiful shore.

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*The silk flowers on the chancel are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of Phyl & Bud White.*

~ Their family ~

We pray for the family and friends of Justin. We also pray for **Betsy Foote, Mary Gregg, Marlene Francis, Betty Doman, Eva Kelly, Jill Damon, Betty Gerstler, Marilyn Marsh, Esther Floyd, Mervyn Juchartz, David Gregg, Debra Snyder White, Peter & Lani VanEck, Grange Burnside, Mrs. Essie Slaughter, Simona Butler, John Rowe, Fay Key, Jackie, and Amy.**

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We're glad you're here! Please take a moment to fill out the Connection Card in your bulletin and place it in an 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.



You may place your offering in one of the plates when they are passed. Or make your offering online using this QR code or via PayPal (@fbca2) and place a Connection Card indicating so in the offering plate.

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

Join us for refreshments after worship in the fellowship hall. We look forward to connecting with you!

Abundant Life Stewardship Season. As we begin our stewardship season, we invite you to join us in giving thanks for all the resources — spiritual, theological, physical, and financial — that support our work together. Your generosity is a meaningful expression of your faith in God and commitment to God's work. You can complete your 2024 pledge card online (fbca2.org/connect) or pick up a pledge card from the pew or at the ministry station in the hallway. Questions? Connect with a member of our Stewardship Team - Martin Magers, Robbie Stapleton, and Xan Morgan.

Children's Ministry. 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 years). Children (through 5th grade) leave for Church School following Time as Children. Children's Choir (PreK-5th grade) meets from 11:30-noon. You may pick up your children at 11:30 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. If you would like more information about Children's Ministry, please connect with Xan Morgan (xan@fbca2.org)

Youth (grades 6-12) are invited to join adults for Fellowship Time following worship and then head to the Children's Ministry Wing for Youth Group, 11:30a- 12:30p. All youth grades 6-12 are invited to enjoy snacks and games and discuss their faith together. If you would like more information about Youth Ministry, please connect with Valerie Francia (valerie@fbca2.org).

Today, in our Adult Formation series, "We Seek To...", we continue our discussion of "We Seek to Honor Questions." In today's session, led by Robbie Stapleton and Paul Duke, we will hear some of the "Big Questions" asked by teens in our congregation, and how such questions can be honored and engaged in our community. Join us for what is bound to be an intriguing and helpful discussion.

November 5 is All Saints Sunday, a day when our thoughts turn to people dear to us who have died. This year we will display photos of many of these in the sanctuary. We invite you to bring photos of one or more persons—family members, friends, or others—who have been important to you and who are now deceased. We are accepting pictures of many kinds: framed or unframed, professional or amateur, small or large (though no larger than 9 x 12). Please bring them to church by October 29. We look forward to a service of grateful remembrance, hope, and love; and we hope that the faces of many of the saints we have known will be visible to us all. We invite all to participate.

Our next Shared Suppers evenings are November 11 and 12. The Board of Care and Community sponsors this opportunity for our FBC Family to gather and get to know one another better. What better way to do that than around a table? We gather in smallish groups (6-8ish) in homes for Shared Suppers. The groups will be different every time so folks can interact with those they may not know so well. If you are interested in being on the list of participants, email Mary Davis or stop by the Ministry Station at church to leave your name and email. Being on the list only indicates interest, not a commitment to come. You will be contacted for availability about two weeks before each supper. Of course, everyone won't be able to come every time. Children/youth are welcome to participate. Shared transportation can also be arranged.

The Gathering is our campus ministry on Tuesday nights from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. It's a safe, open space where undergraduate and graduate students can explore and express their questions and their doubts, learn from others, and be supported in their personal faith and growth. If you're interested in being a part of this ministry, contact Paul Duke (psduke718@gmail.com).

Join us for Midweek Bible Study! The group will meet on Wednesdays at 1:00pm in the memorial lounge. They continue to study the Gospel of Luke, led by Dr. Astrid Beck.

It is a treat to have flowers for worship! Would you like to help make this happen? If so, choose a Sunday and then bring a bouquet of flowers to church on Sunday morning by 9:40am. Questions? Connect with Maryann Bowen, Board of Worship (mb_bowen@comcast.net).

Our AD LIBITUM Concert Series presents its second concert of the season "Harpichord" this Friday, October 27, at noon. Edward Parmentier, Professor Emeritus of Music at the University of Michigan, will perform music by François Couperin, Byrd, Froberger and d'Anglebert. Parmentier has performed throughout the United States, Russia, Western Europe, Japan, and Korea on harpsichord and on historic organs. His collection of recordings has won both critical and popular acclaim. This is a free concert and open to the public. Mark your calendar. Invite your friends and neighbors.

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



Calendar

October 8-29	Abundant Life Stewardship Season
October 24	The Gathering @5:30p
October 25	Bible Study @1:00p
October 26	Choir Rehearsal @7:00p
October 27	Ad Libitum Concert @12:00p
November 5	All Saints' Sunday
November 26	Sanctuary Decoration @11:30a
December 3	Advent Event @4:00-6:00p