



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
OF ANN ARBOR

22nd Sunday after Pentecost October 29, 2023

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Paul Simpson Duke

One: Friends, we gather this day to celebrate life –

Many: The life we have been given by God,

One: The life we share with one another in community,

Many: The life that Jesus gives in abundance.

One: Let us be grateful for the joy of life,

Many: And let us worship God.

PRELUDE

Chorale on Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott (Excerpt)
(A Mighty Fortress Is Our God)

Albrecht Hänlein
(1840-1909, German)

*INVOCATION

Cindy Harrison

(*If you are able, please stand)

*HYMN 155 (stanzas 1-2, 4, 6)

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

DIADEM

*THE PSALM

Psalm 90:1-2, 13-14

Cindy Harrison

One: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**Many: Before the mountains were born or the earth was brought forth,
you are God without beginning or end.**

One: Turn, O Lord! How long? Have compassion on your people.

**All: Fill us full every morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice
and be glad all our days.**

*GLORIA (Hymn 72, sung twice)

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 34:1a, 4-5

Paul Simpson Duke

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

CONGREGATIONAL SONG (see insert)

God Be in My Head

LYTLINGTON

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.)

IN-GATHERING AND ART CELEBRATION OF ABUNDANT LIFE

As we wrap up our stewardship season, we take seriously the call to be a COMMUNITY of COMPASSION, JUSTICE & LOVE. Please take a moment to share your commitments using the card provided in your bulletin. You are invited to bring forward your commitment card and your pledge card, if you haven't already, and place them in the offering plate. Then take a moment at

our communal art piece to weave in a piece of ribbon - you and your gifts strengthen the fabric of this community and our work together towards ABUNDANT LIFE for all.

All to Jesus I Surrender and Just as I Am, Arranged by Shin-Ae Chun

Shin-Ae Chun, piano

BLESSING OF OUR COMMITMENTS

Paul Simpson Duke

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

Rolf Bouma

ANTHEM

You are the Light

Tom Fettke

Coley Roberts, Isaac Thompson, Lucy Thompson, *trio*

You are the Light we see.
You are the Truth we know.
You are the Life we live.
You are the Hope, You are the Joy,
You are the Song we sing.
Living God, loving God,
We glorify your name.
High and Holy One come down,
We lift our hearts in praise.

Prince of Peace, Immanuel,
Jesus, Lord of Love.
Within our hearts Your light.
Within our minds Your truth.
Within our lives Your love;
Living Your hope, spreading Your joy.
Singing Your beautiful song;
Singing Your beautiful song.

***GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 22:34-40

Cindy Harrison

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Fulfillments Beyond Us

Paul Simpson Duke

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Blessing

Katie Morgan Bart

Coley Roberts, Isaac Thompson, Lucy Thompson, *trio*

May the road rise up to meet you;
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
And the rains fall soft upon your fields.
Until we meet again, my friend, until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

***HYMN 529** (stanzas 1-2, 4-5)

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Greeting: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *This Is My Father's World and He's Got the Whole World in His Hand*

Brant Adams
Instrumentation by Shin-Ae Chun
Charlie Duke, acoustic guitar
Emmanuel Morgan, electric guitar
Shin-Ae Chun, keyboard

Call to Worship written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good'.
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We pray for Paul Larson, 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, the Sanford family, Simona Butler, John Rowe, Fay Key, and Jackie.

Bonnie Kidd, our choir director, is at home, recovering from knee surgery this past Thursday. We pray for good healing for Bonnie, and we thank Coley, Isaac, and Lucy for their beautiful music today.

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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 wrap up our stewardship season in worship today, 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. Pledges can be placed in the offering plate as it comes by during worship or mailed to church. The Stewardship Team will be sharing stewardship updates in the upcoming newsletter. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to 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 conclude our discussion. Today we'll talk about some of the big questions we have ourselves.

Next Sunday, November 5, is 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. Please bring them to church this week, or bring them with you to church on November 5, though you'll need to arrive early so that we can suitably add them to the arrangement of photos at the front of the sanctuary.

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 a concert "Music and Poetry on Winter and Christmas" on Friday, December 1 at noon. Heather Entrekin will read beautiful, inspiring poems on the theme of winter and Christmas along with music performed by Shin-Ae Chun on the organ and piano. The program includes poems written by Longfellow, Cummings, Frost, Rossetti and more and music composed by Vivaldi, Tchaikofsky, Liszt, Rowley and more. There will also be carol singing which the audience is invited to participate in. This concert will help you prepare yourself for the season of Advent and Christmas in a meaningful way. It is a free concert and open to all. 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 31	The Gathering @5:30p
November 1	Bible Study @1:00p
November 2	Choir Rehearsal @7:00p
November 5	All Saints' Sunday
November 26	Sanctuary Decoration @11:30a
December 1	Ad Libitum Concert @12 noon
December 3	Advent Event @4:00-6:00p