



FIRST BAPTIST

CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

3rd Sunday after the Epiphany
January 21, 2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Xan Morgan

PRELUDE

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy
(Tune: Restoration)

George Shearing
(1919-2011, English)

*INVOCATION

Charlie Duke

(*If you are able, please stand)

*HYMN 62 (stanzas 1, 5, 7) All Creatures of our God and King *LASST UNS ERFREUEN*

*THE PSALM

Psalm 62:5-6, 8-9, 11-12

Charlie Duke

One: For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from God.

All: **God alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.**

One: Trust in God at all times, O people; pour out your heart to your Maker;
God is a refuge for us.

All: **Those of low estate are but a breath, those of high estate are a delusion;
in the balances they go up; together they are lighter than breath.**

One: Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs
to God.

All: **Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord. For you repay to all according
to their work.**

*GLORIA (Hymn 72, sung twice)

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 55:6-9

Charlie Duke

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

O How I love Jesus

O HOW I LOVE JESUS

(Hymnal 179, refrain)

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

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

Paul Simpson Duke

*GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:14-20

Paul Simpson Duke

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Assurance

arr. by John Ness Beck

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.
This is my story, this is my song. Praising my Savior, all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song. Praising my Savior, all the day long.
Perfect submission, all is at rest. I in my savior am happy and blest.
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness,
lost in His love.
This is my story, this is my song. Praising my Savior, all the day long.
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SERMON

Leaving Behind

Paul Simpson Duke

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul

- Matthew Merker

Dear refuge of my weary soul, on You, when sorrows rise,
On You, when waves of trouble roll, my fainting hope relies.
To You I tell each rising grief, for You alone can heal;
Your Word can bring a sweet relief for ev'ry pain I feel.
Have you bid me seek Your face, and shall I seek in vain?
Can the ear of sov'reign grace be deaf when I complain?
No, still the ear of sov'reign grace attends the mourner's prayer;
May I ever find a place to breathe my sorrows there.
O gracious God, where shall I flee? You are my only trust;
My weary soul will cleave to You, though prostrate in the dust.
Your mercy seat is open still, here let my soul retreat;
With humble hope attend Your will and wait beneath Your feet.

*DOXOLOGY (Hymnal 95) Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD 100TH

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 358 (stanzas 1-2, 4-5) Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

REST

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Greeting: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

[Allegro]
from *Concerto in G Major*

- Vivaldi-Bach

We also pray for Esther Floyd, Mary Gregg, Marlene Francis, Eva Kelly, Jill Damon, Betty Gerstler, Marilyn Marsh, Mervyn Juchartz, David Gregg, Mike Kelly, Beth Granberry, the Stotts family, Lovely Varghese, Paul Larson, Grange Burnside, the Sanford family, Mrs. Essie Slaughter, Simona Butler, John Rowe, and Fay Key.

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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 in the fellowship hall. We look forward to connecting with you!

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 Youth Room below the sanctuary 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).

Book Discussion Group. During the month of January, Pastor Paul leads a discussion of *Everything Happens for A Reason: And Other Lies I've Loved* by Kate Bowler. We hope you'll join us for this conversation and time of connection each Sunday in January (11:30-12:30p).

Congregational Meeting and Potluck on Sunday, February 4. Our annual financial meeting will be held after worship on February 4. We have important work to do together, and we hope you'll attend. We'll vote on this year's budget, name membership changes and honor those in our community who have died over the past year, and share a potluck meal together. As we honor those who have died, we will share about the art memorial that is underway to celebrate Pastor Stacey's ministry. A copy of the financial report will be made available on Sunday, January 28. The Board of Care and Community will provide chicken, rolls, and beverages (as well as plates and utensils). If your last name begins with A-D, please bring a salad or vegetable; begins with E-M, please bring a potato, rice, or pasta dish; or begins with N - Z, please bring fruit or a dessert. Volunteers will be ready to receive your meal donation in the kitchen before worship. Please provide heating or refrigeration directions and be sure that your dish and serving utensil are labeled with your name. Children and teens will join us for lunch following their programming.

Loving Our Neighbors! You are an important part of the hospitality we offer to our unhoused neighbors in February. We will be hosting the Daytime Warming Center for another two weeks (Feb 5-9 and Feb 12-16). There are many ways to show love to our neighbors.

You Gave Me Food: You can provide a portion of a lunchtime meal to be served each Tuesday. All offerings should be brought to church by the Sunday before the scheduled meal. You can provide a lunchtime meal as a household or with a group from church on Thursdays or Fridays.

You Gave Me Clothing: You can purchase underwear, socks, and other items through our Amazon Wish List. Simply choose the items you would like to purchase and when prompted to choose the shipping address, click "First Baptist Church's Gift Registry Address." Items will be shipped directly to church.

Sign up online at fbca2.org/connect or stop by the ministry station in the hallway to indicate how you plan to offer hospitality. Indicate which food item or whole meal you'll provide and/or which items you have purchased through the Amazon Wish List. Questions? Please contact one of our Here Anchor Team Members (Mary Davis, Sue Ellen Glover, Carolyn Grapentine, Tom Gebhardt, and Xan Morgan).

Membership Matters! Membership is about responding to God's call to take the next step in your spiritual journey, and to belong to a community of people who are striving together to do the work of God's limitless love with purpose and passion. By becoming a member of First Baptist Church, you are making a commitment to partner with us as we seek together to claim, cultivate, and proclaim the good news of God's love for our world. Your commitment will make a positive difference in your life, in the life of this church, and in the world around us. **How do I become a member?** That's a great question, and we're glad you asked! The first step is to come to our Inquirers Gathering on Sunday, January 28 (3:00p-5:00p, at the Morgan home, 2614 Page Court). This relaxed gathering offers an opportunity to get to know each other, learn more about First Baptist Church, hear how you can connect with the life and ministry of this congregation, ask questions, and get some insight into what membership at FBCA2 means. If you can't attend the gathering, you can contact Pastor Paul to indicate your interest in learning more about church membership.

The Gathering is our campus ministry. This semester we will meet on **Wednesday** 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).

FBC Women's Book Club meets on Tuesday, January 23 at 7:00p at the home of Mary Davis (madrad@umich.edu). We will be discussing *The Good Earth* by Pearl Buck. Join us whether or not you have read the book.

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



Calendar

January 23	Women's Book Club @7:00p
January 24	Bible Study @1:00p
	The Gathering @5:30p
January 25	Choir Rehearsal @7:00p
January 28	Inquirers Gathering @3:00p
February 4	Annual Congregational Meeting @11:15a
February 5-16	Host Daytime Warming Shelter