



FIRST BAPTIST

CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

4th Sunday after the Epiphany
January 28, 2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Xan Morgan

PRELUDE

He Hideth Me

arr. by Karen Kuehmann
Maryann Bowen, English Horn

*INVOCATION

Kathy Mortensen

(*If you are able, please stand)

*HYMN 66

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

*THE PSALM

Psalm 71:1-6

Kathy Mortensen

One: God, in you I take my refuge; let me never be put to shame.

Many: **In your goodness, deliver me and help me.**

One: Be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me.

Many: **God, you are my hope; from my youth you have been my trust.**

All: **On you I have leaned from my birth; my continuing praise is of you.**

*GLORIA (Hymn 72, sung twice)

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Song of Solomon 8:6-7

Kathy Mortensen

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

O How I love Jesus

O HOW I LOVE JESUS

(Hymn 170, 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

Bill Foster

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

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 13

Paul Simpson Duke

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM *O Lord, How Excellent Is Thy Name* Benedetto Marcello

Benedetto Marcello

O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Thy name in all the Earth
I will be glad and rejoice in Thee
I will sing praise unto Thy name
For Thou shalt judge in righteousness, O Thou Most High
The Lord shall judge in righteousness
Great God who dwelleth in Zion, we put our trust in Thee

SERMON *Love Is All that Lasts* Paul Simpson Duke

Paul Simpson Duke

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether* J.H. Ossewaarde

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Draw us in the Spirit's tether;
For when humbly, in thy name,
Two or three are met together,
Thou art in the midst of them:
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya!
Touch we now thy garment's hem.

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

OLD 100TH

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 408 The Gift of Love *GIFT OF LOVE*

GIFT OF LOVE

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Greeting: May the peace of Christ be with you.
Response: And also with you.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Voluntary in B-flat Major* Arthur Page
(1846-1916, English)

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*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of Pearl Hsu and Harry & Elizabeth Lee.*

~ The Lee family ~

We 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, 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).

Loving Our Neighbors! You are an important part of the hospitality we offer to our unhoused neighbors in February. Thank you for your generous response. **We are close to having everything covered, however, we still have 14 opportunities to provide a grocery item for the hot meals we will serve.** For example, we still need rolls, onions, canned fruit, salad, etc. You can sign up online at fbca2.org/connect or at the Ministry Station in the hallway to indicate what you're able to bring. Questions? Please contact one of our Here Anchor Team Members (Mary Davis, Sue Ellen Glover, Carolyn Grapentine, Tom Gebhardt, and Xan Morgan).

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.

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).

Rescheduled! FBC Women's Book Club meets on Tuesday, January 30 at 7:00p at the home of Mary Davis (madrada@umich.edu). We will be discussing *The Good Earth* by Pearl Buck. Join us whether or not you have read the book.

Honoring Pastor Stacey Simpson Duke - February 27th marks the first anniversary of Pastor Stacey Simpson Duke dying. We are honoring her life and ministry in a few ways; we hope you find these opportunities meaningful and helpful.

Art Memorial - During the Annual Congregational Meeting on February 4th, the FBC committee organizing the memorial and the artist will be sharing about the art that is being created in Pastor Stacey's honor.

Gathering to Read Stacey's Prayers and Sermons - On Tuesday, February 27th we'll gather together to read and listen to prayers and sermons written by Pastor Stacey. The gathering will be led by Xan Morgan at Robbie and Bill Stapleton's house (528 Sunset Road, Ann Arbor) from 7:00-9:00p. You are welcome to bring a salty or sweet treat to share if you'd like.

Mitten Knitting Class - Last February, one of our dear pastors, Stacey Simpson Duke, passed away. She was a marvelous knitter and often spun roving into yarn before sitting with a project. A cozy knitted mitten pattern has been found in which one can incorporate pieces of Stacey's roving. We have wool roving of Stacey's that is ready to be made into something beautiful. All knitters are welcome to join us to make thrums from roving and weave them into mittens. The class will be held at Spun on two consecutive Thursdays, March 7 and 14 from 3:30-5:30. We are honored to have Carol Ullmann, creator of the Thrummed Mittens pattern, as our instructor. On February 22, there will be an initial gathering of participants at FBC in the Memorial lounge from 3:30 till 5:30. We will review the pattern and start the homework. Stacey's roving will be available for purchase. To sign up for the class, please go to fbca2.org/mitten or connect with Xan Morgan (xan@fbca2.org), Kay Wilson (kaywilson614@gmail.com), or Kristin Reynolds (kristinreynolds@comcast.net).

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 30	Women's Book Club @7:00p
January 31	Bible Study @1:00p
	The Gathering @5:30p
February 1	Choir Rehearsal @7:00p
February 4	Annual Congregational Meeting @11:15a
February 5-16	Host Daytime Warming Shelter