



# FIRST BAPTIST

## CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany  
February 4, 2024

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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## GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Xan Morgan

## PRELUDE

*Communion (Fête-Dieu) on Alleluia*

Pierre Camonin  
(1903-2003, French)

## \*INVOCATION

Chris Grapentine

(\*If you are able, please stand)

## \*HYMN 89 (stanzas 1-2, 4) Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

*HYMN TO JOY*

## \*THE PSALM

Psalm 147:1, 3-7

Chris Grapentine

One: God is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

Many: The Lord heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

God determines the number of stars and gives to all of them their names.

One: Great is our Lord, whose power is abundant, whose understanding  
is immeasurable.

Many: The Lord lifts up the downtrodden; the Lord casts the wicked to  
the ground.

All: Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God!

## \*GLORIA (Hymn 72, sung twice)

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

## \*GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:32-39

Paul Simpson Duke

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

## CONGREGATIONAL SONG O How I Love Jesus (Hymn 170, refrain)

*O HOW I LOVE JESUS*

## TIME AS CHILDREN

Xan Morgan

(Children 5th grade and younger come forward. Following Time as Children, kids  
(through 1st grade) will head to Children's Ministry. On the first Sunday of the month,  
2nd-5th graders remain in worship for Stay for the Service Sunday - S3!)

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Paul Simpson Duke

**ANTHEM***God's Grace Abounds*

Stan Pethel

O precious child, O wand'ring lamb, you'll never stray beyond God's care,  
held close within God's loving hand with ev'ry step God's love is there.  
We have a Father who is kind, a heart where mercy can be found,  
a loving peace to ease the mind, a place wherein God's grace abounds.  
Though pain may come along the way, God will not leave you on your own,  
His grace sufficient for each day will guide you to your final home.  
O rest my soul, and take your ease, you are forever in God's care.  
You will be blessed, where love is found; that place wherein God's  
grace abounds.  
When time is gone, and life is passed, and all God's mysteries are  
made known; we'll have a home with God at last encircled 'round  
His holy throne.  
O rest my soul, and take your ease, you are forever in God's care,  
You will be blessed, where love is found, a place wherein God's  
grace abounds.

**SERMON***Living in the Rhythm*

Paul Simpson Duke

**SILENT REFLECTION****OFFERING OF GIFTS***Here, O My Lord*

- Robert Lehman

Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;  
Here I would touch and handle things unseen;  
Here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,  
And all my weariness upon thee lean.

Here would I feed upon the Bread of God;  
Here would I drink with thee the royal Wine of heav'n;  
Here would I lay aside each earthly load,  
Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiv'n.

I have no help but thine;  
Nor do I need another arm save thine to lean upon;  
It is enough, my Lord, enough indeed;  
My strength is in thy might alone. Amen.

## CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

### Invitation to the Table

#### Prayer of Confession

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

#### Assurance of Pardon

#### \*Passing of the Peace

Greeting:

May the peace of Christ be with you.

Response:

And also with you.

The Lord's Prayer ("debts" - hymnal page 896)

The Bread *In Memory of His Mercy* arr. by Ruth Elaine Schram

The Cup *Since Christ My Soul Sin Set Free* arr. by Young Joo Song

Prayer after Communion

\*HYMN 557 (verse 1) Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

## BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Communion (Fête-Dieu) on O quam suavis est, Domine, spiritus tuus*

(O How Sweet Is Thy Spirit, Lord)

Pierre Camonin

(1903-2003, French)

We pray for Susan and Christopher and the family and friends of Carl Schilperoort.  
We also pray for Esther Floyd, 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.

Today's Fellowship Offering will go towards the Fellowship Fund which provides for  
meeting emergency needs of those within our community. Please give generously.

**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, up through 1st grade, head to Children's Ministry time in the Play Space on the top floor after Time as Children. On the first Sunday of each month it's "S3 - Stay for the Service Sunday" when the 2nd-5th grade class will stay in worship for the whole service. This gives the kids an opportunity to experience and participate in the second half of worship. This is a valuable step in their faith formation as worshipers! They are invited to sit with Xan and their classmates during worship.

Following worship, children (Young 5s-K) have Children's Choir with Coley Roberts and then will join the younger children (birth-4s) for supervised time in our Play Space. We will bring children down to the Fellowship Hall after the annual meeting to join their families for lunch. If you are visiting and would like more information about Children's Ministry, please connect with Xan Morgan ([xan@fbca2.org](mailto: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](mailto:valerie@fbca2.org)).

**Congregational Meeting and Potluck Today.** Our annual financial meeting will be held immediately after worship in the fellowship hall. We have important work to do together, and we hope you'll attend. We'll vote on this year's budget, name member-ship 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. Children and teens will join us for lunch following their programming.

**Wednesday Bible Study** will not meet on February 7 and 14. Class will resume on February 21.

**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 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](http://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).

**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](mailto:psduke718@gmail.com)).

**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 today, 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.*** Pastor Stacey 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](http://fbca2.org/mitten) or connect with Xan Morgan ([xan@fbca2.org](mailto:xan@fbca2.org)), Kay Wilson ([kaywilson614@gmail.com](mailto:kaywilson614@gmail.com)), or Kristin Reynolds ([kristinreynolds@comcast.net](mailto:kristinreynolds@comcast.net)).

**Ash Wednesday Service and Fundraiser Meal.** Christians have been preparing for the celebration of Easter by walking through a holy Lent, patterned after Jesus' temptation in the wilderness, since ancient times. On Wednesday, February 14th, the season of Lent begins; we gather to repent, reflect, and to receive forgiveness. This short, in-person service of prayers and ashes begins at 7:00p in the sanctuary. There is optional childcare provided for infants and toddlers. Before the service at 6:15p, you are invited to a simple meal - chili, kid-friendly mac-n-cheese, bread, fruit, and Valentine's cookies for dessert - in the fellowship hall. The youth and their families are hosting this meal as their first fundraiser for the service-learning trip to AMOS in Nicaragua this summer. Please let us know you're coming to the meal so we can plan accordingly; you can RSVP at the ministry station in the hallway or online at [fbca2.org/connect](http://fbca2.org/connect).

**FBCA2 Youth in Nicaragua.** We are delighted to announce that 8 members of our youth group (and their parents, Marissa Alaniz, and Xan Morgan) will be heading to Nicaragua this summer to learn from and partner with AMOS Health and Hope. AMOS works to reduce health inequities in Nicaragua by empowering local leadership to prevent disease, ultimately saving lives. This service-learning trip will provide opportunities to learn about this community-based health care model, install water filters in a rural community, and offer fun activities for children in the community that relate to the disease prevention goals. We have been partnering with AMOS for over a decade and many from FBCA2 have traveled to AMOS before. We, as a church family, have been committed to AMOS and their vision with financial support and by sponsoring service-learning team trips. To go on this trip, each participant needs to raise/pay about \$900, and to execute our projects, our team needs to raise about \$7,500 together. The first fundraiser is a meal before our Ash Wednesday service on February 14th at 6:15p. You can RSVP for the meal at [fbca2.org/connect](http://fbca2.org/connect) or at the ministry station in the hallway. Thank you in advance for your support!

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



### Calendar

February 4	Annual Congregational Meeting @11:15a
February 5-16	Host Daytime Warming Shelter
February 7	The Gathering @5:30p
February 8	Choir Rehearsal @7:00p
February 14	The Gathering @5:30p AMOS Chili Supper @6:15p Ash Wednesday Service @7:00p
February 21	Bible Study Resumes @1:00p

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