



FIRST BAPTIST

CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

2nd Sunday in Lent
February 25, 2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING

Xan Morgan

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PRELUDE

Aus der Tiefe rufe ich, Herr, zu dir Carl Phillip Emmanuel Bach
(Out of the Depths I Cry, Lord, to Thee) (1714-1788, German)

*INVOCATION

Astrid Beck

(*If you are able, please stand)

*HYMN 400

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

*THE PSALM

from Psalm 22

Astrid Beck

One: God, you are my praise in the great assembly.

All: The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek the Lord shall
lift up their praise.

One: For dominion belongs to the Lord; God is ruler above all nations.

All: Posterity will serve God; future generations will hear of the liberation
God has given!

EPISTLE READING

Galatians 2:19-20

Astrid Beck

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

CONGREGATIONAL SONG (Hymn 402, v 4) Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

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

Paul Simpson Duke

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

***GOSPEL READING**

Mark 8:31-38

Paul Simpson Duke

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Jesu, Grant Me This I Pray

- C.H. Kitson

Jesu, grant me this I pray,
Ever in Thy heart to stay:
Let me evermore abide,
Hidden in Thy wounded side.

If the flesh, more dangerous still,
Tempt my soul to deeds of ill,
Naught I fear when I abide,
In Thy heart and wounded side.

If the evil one prepare,
Or the world, a tempting snare,
I am safe when I abide
In Thy heart and wounded side.

Death will come one day to me;
Jesu, cast me not from Thee:
Dying let me still abide
In Thy heart and wounded side.

SERMON

The Losing, the Finding

Paul Simpson Duke

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Ave Verum Corpus

- Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Ave verum corpus,
Natum de Maria virgine;
Vere passum immolatum
In crucis pro homine.
Cuius latus perforatum
Unda fluxit et sanguine.
Esto nobis praegustatum
In mortis examine.

*Hail, true body,
Born of the Virgin Mary;
Who truly suffered, slaughtered
On the cross for humanity.
Whose side was pierced
Pouring out water and blood.
Be a foretaste for us
In our ordeal of death.*

***DOXOLOGY** (Hymn 95) Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow *OLD 100TH*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN** (see insert)

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

ASSAM

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Greeting: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fugue in A Minor, Op. 123

Joseph Rheinberger
(1839-1901, Liechtensteiner)

*The chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God
in loving memory of Stacey Simpson Duke*

~ Paul, Charlie, and Rob Duke ~

We pray for David Gregg, Esther Floyd, Joyce Robbins, Marlene Francis, Eva Kelly, Jill Damon, Betty Gerstler, Marilyn Marsh, Mervyn Juchartz, Mike Kelly, Mari Francia, Beth Granberry, Lovely Varghese, Grange Burnside, the Sanford family, Simona Butler, John Rowe, and Fay Key.

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).

A Singing Church: Hymns of Our Faith - This series is a celebration of hymns! Led by Sorbie Richner, with occasional help from Paul Duke, we will explore questions like: What do hymns do for us, and why are they so important? What is the character of a hymnal? What are our favorite hymns and why? What are the qualities of good hymn tunes and hymn texts, and how do they work? What can we learn from the history of hymns and the different eras and cultures they've come from. And much more. One of the sessions will be a hymn-sing, and singing will be featured as part of many of the sessions. This series promises to be enlightening and inspiring. Come join us!

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). If you'd like to make a meal for The Gathering, please sign up at fbca2.org/connect.

Honoring Pastor Stacey Simpson Duke - This Tuesday, the 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 - To honor the vibrant life of Pastor Stacey, fiber artist Jenny Schu is weaving a tapestry. The words "Yes, And" appear throughout the vivid threads. A committee has been working with Jenny since Summer 2023 to envision an artwork that will embody Pastor Stacey's love of words, fiber, movement, and abundant life. Some information about the project was shared at the Annual Meeting. If you would like to contribute to this creative memorial, you can: 1) donate cash or check to the church office, designated for Art Memorial Project, 2) donate via PayPal (@fbca2.org). Questions? Connect with Grace VanderVliet (gracevandervliet@gmail.com).

Gathering to Read Stacey's Prayers and Sermons - On Tuesday, February 27th we'll gather 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. For more information, please go to fbca2.org/mitten.

Concert4aCause presents *There's No Place Like Home*, a cabaret of solos & ensembles performed by the U-M Musical Theatre Department highlighting the need for safe homes & communities. Proceeds from this concert will go to SOS Community Services. The concert will be held on Saturday, March 9, at 3:00 PM in the First Baptist Church of Ann Arbor sanctuary and is sponsored by the Reinhart Charitable Foundation. C4aC events are free & open to the public. For information, reservations & donations, please visit: concert4acause.org. Walk-ins welcome.

The FBC Ladies' Book Club. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 12th at 7 pm, Location TBA. We will discuss *Our Missing Hearts* by Celeste Ng. Hope you can join us! Please do not hesitate to contact Janice Stumpf if you have any questions. All ladies are welcome!

Our AD LIBITUM Concert series will resume on Friday, March 15, at noon with Violin and Piano Concert. A sister duo, Maria and Ekaterina Bessmeltseva will perform Congratulatory Rondo for Violin and Piano by Alfred Schnittke and Sonata in G Major for Violin and Piano by Guillaume Lekeu. Maria teaches violin at University of Toledo (Toledo, OH) and University of Findlay (Findlay, OH). She is also a member of the Toledo Symphony Orchestra (Toledo, OH). Ekaterina is a concert pianist and educator and currently holds a large online private piano studio from California, New York, Alaska, Michigan, and South Africa. This concert is free and open to the public. Mark your calendar. Invite your friends and neighbors.

Our next Shared Suppers evenings are March 16 and 17. 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. Children/youth are welcome to participate. Shared transportation can also be arranged.

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



Calendar

February 28	Bible Study @1:00p
February 29	Choir Rehearsal @7:00p
February 27	Prayer and Sermon Gathering
March 16&17	Shared Suppers
March 17	AMOS Sunday & Fundraiser
March 30	Women's Book Club @7:00p
April 7	FBCA2 goes Bowling!

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