



FIRST BAPTIST

CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

4th Sunday in Lent
March 10, 2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING

Xan Morgan

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: What wondrous Love is this?

Many: Love that ate with sinners, Love that welcomed children.

One: What wondrous Love is this?

Many: Love that healed the lame, Love that listened to the silenced.

One: What wondrous Love is this?

All: Love that died for us, Love that rose for us, Love that still
forgives and knows us.

One: Family of God, we are in the presence of such Love.
Let us worship God.

Sara Are, Embodied Lenten Prayers *Sanctified Art*

PRELUDE

Nearer, My God, to Thee (Bethany)

Seth Bingham

(1882-1972, American)

Tune sung by Alexandra DaSilva

*INVOCATION

James Mast

(*If you are able, please stand)

*HYMN 98

To God Be the Glory

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*THE PSALM

from Psalm 107

James Mast

One: Give thanks to God. God is good! God's loyal love endures forever.

Many: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so!

One: Let them thank God for such liberating Love, for all the holy wonders
done for humankind.

Many: For God satisfies the thirsty soul; God fills the hungry with good things.

All: Let those who are wise give heed to these things. Let them ponder the
Love of the Lord.

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 2:1-10

James Mast

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

Astrid Beck

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

*GOSPEL READING

John 3:14-18

Paul Simpson Duke

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Lamb of God, Grant Us Peace

- Z. Randall Stroope

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Dona nobis pacem. Dona nobis pacem. O Lord, we pray for unity, pray for purity, pray for your strength and your blessing. *Refrain*

Lord, forgive our sin as we forgive those of others; save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, Thine is the power, Thine is the glory forever and ever. *Refrain*

SERMON

Lifted Up

Paul Simpson Duke

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS

To Canaan's Land I'm on My Way

- Fred Gramann

Coley Roberts, soloist

To Canaan's land I'm on my way, where the soul never dies.

Dear friends, there'll be no sad farewell. There'll be no tear-dimmed eyes, where all is joy and peace and love, where the soul never dies.

A rose is blooming there for me, where the soul never dies.

It blooms for all eternity, where the soul never dies.

A lovelight beams across the foam, where the soul never dies.

It shines to light the shores of home, where the soul never dies.

*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 95)

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD 100TH

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 298

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

HAMBURG

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Greeting: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Benedictus

Alec Rowley
(1892-1958, English)

We pray for David Gregg, Joyce Robbins, Esther Floyd, Marlene Francis, Eva Kelly, Jill Damon, Betty Gerstler, Marilyn Marsh, Jessica Lael & Javier Castro, the McLeod family, Mike Kelly, Mari Francia, Beth Granberry, Lovely Varghese, Grange Burnside, the Sanford family, 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).

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.

The FBC Ladies' Book Club. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 12th at 7 pm, Mary Gregg's home. 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.

Children's Ministry families are invited join us for our Faith + Family small group outing at Ypsi-A2 Fowling Warehouse on Friday, March 15 from 6-8:30pm! Childcare with pizza dinner will be provided at church starting at 6pm. Parents will head over to the Fowling Warehouse (3050 Washtenaw Ave, Ypsi) to try our hand at this bowling/football hybrid. BYOB; pizza will be provided. Please RSVP to Jillian Mast (jgloverdvm@gmail.com).

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. 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. Today is the last day to sign up for this month's suppers.

Cock-a-doodle-POO Bingo! This summer, a team of FBCA2 youth and their parents will be visiting AMOS Health and Hope in Nicaragua. Their goal is to fundraise \$7,500 to purchase and transport water filters to a rural community. Every morning in Nica, our youth team will wake up to the sounds of animals greeting the day. So, on March 17th following worship we will have our next fundraising event in the Fellowship Hall with chickens! Lindsay and Chris Duke are bringing chickens to POO on a bingo board! Yep, you read that right. We're selling bingo squares for \$25 and the person who purchases the lucky square - determined by the chicken POO! - will win \$317 on 3/17! One does not need to be present to win which makes this a great opportunity to invite friends and family to join in on the fun! You can purchase tickets online (fbca2.org/connect) or at church over the next couple of weeks. Thank you for supporting our youth and the work of AMOS Health and Hope in this fun way! On March 17th during fellowship time, we'll have face painting, a "guess the number" challenge, a photo booth, and a rooster crowing contest while we wait for the chicken to do her thing! Questions? Connect with Kevin or Xan Morgan, our parent coordinators for this fundraiser.

Join the FBCA2 church family as we go bowling on Sunday, April 28th from 5-7p. We hope many of you will be able to join in on this fun, intergenerational outing. The cost for this event is \$15/person or \$40/family which will include 2 hours of bowling, shoe rental, pizza, and pop. Church is able to cover the cost of bowling as needed. Please rsvp (fbca2.org/connect) by Sunday, March 31st.

Community Good Friday Service. We have a longstanding tradition of joining with sister churches First United Methodist and First Congregational to offer the community a midday Good Friday service. We are hosting at First Baptist this year and Pastor Paul will be preaching. Join us at 12:00 noon on Friday, March 29. This service will be live streamed on YouTube and Facebook.

Good Friday Tenebrae Service. Join us for our Good Friday service of shadows at 8:00p, as we sit together in the growing darkness to hear again the story of Jesus' Passion in word, song, and silence, and ponder its meaning for our lives.



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

Calendar

March 12	Women's Book Club @7:00p
March 13	Bible Study @1:00p The Gathering @5:30p
March 14	Choir Rehearsal @7:00p
March 15	Ad Libitum Concert @12:00p Faith & Family Small Group @6:00p
March 16&17	Shared Suppers
March 17	AMOS Sunday & Fundraiser
March 29	Community Good Friday Service @12:00p A Service of Tenebrae @8:00p
April 28	FBCA2 goes Bowling! @5:00p

Easter Lily Order Form

I / We would like to order an Easter Lily (\$25 each) to be given:

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

Given by: _____

Enclosed is my check made out to "First Baptist Church" for \$____, for a total of ____ plant(s), which will be displayed on the chancel Easter Sunday, and may be picked up following the service that day. **Paid orders must be received by Friday, March 31.** You can sign up at the ministry station or get the form to the office.