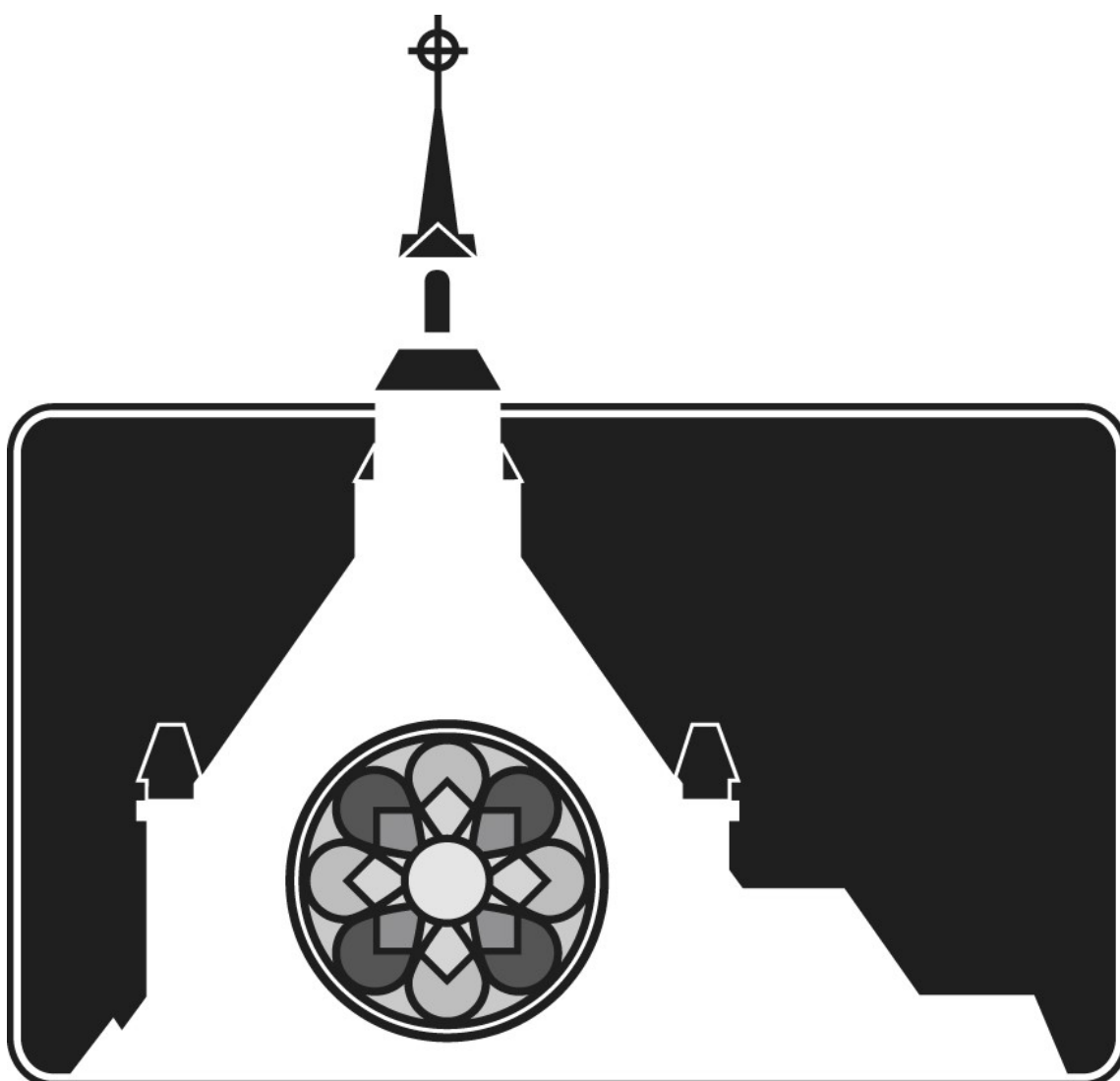




FIRST BAPTIST

CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

2nd Sunday of Easter
April 7, 2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Xan Morgan

PRELUDE

Dialogue Jacques Boyvin
from *Premier Livre d'Orgue, Ton 6* (c.1649-1706, French)

*INVOCATION

Roberta Hause

(*If you are able, please stand)

*HYMN 304

Easter People, Raise Your Voices

REGENT SQUARE

*THE PSALM

Psalm 24:1, 3-6

Roberta Hause

One: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it.

Many: **The world and all that dwells in it belongs to God.**

One: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? Who shall stand in God's holy place?

Many: **Those with clean hands and pure heart, who do not reach for worthless things, who do not speak deceitfully.**

One: These will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God who saves them.

All: **Such is the company of those who look for the Lord, who seek the face of God.**

*GLORIA (Hymn 72, sung twice)

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

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!)

His Name is Wonderful

His name is wonderful, his name is wonderful,
his name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.

He is the mighty King, Master of everything;
his name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.

He's the great Shepherd, the Rock of all ages, almighty God is he;
bow down before him, love and adore him,
his name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Paul Simpson Duke

*GOSPEL READING

John 20:24-29

Paul Simpson Duke

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

arr. by Lloyd Larson

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.

What is our only confidence? That our souls to him belong.

Who holds our days within his hand? What comes apart from his command?

And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ in which we stand.

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.

Where is his grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.

Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?

Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal. O sing hallelujah!

Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and death. Christ is our hope!

Unto the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, he lives! Christ, he lives!"

And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with him!

There we will rise to meet the Lord. Then sin and death will be destroyed.

And we will feast in endless joy when Christ is ours forevermore.

O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal. O sing hallelujah!

Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and death.

SERMON

Reason for Doubt

Paul Simpson Duke

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS *All Who Dwell in the Shadow of the Lord* Z. Randall Stroope

At the first light of day, Lauda, laudé! When the sun reaches noon, Lauda, laudé!

And then at sunset, Lauda, laudé! Lauda, laudé!

All who dwell in the shadow of the Lord, they find a refuge and fortress;

Nation, village or faith of a small child, home they find in him.

May we sing, sing for joy, Lauda, laudé! May our days all be glad, Lauda, laudé!

May we have wisdom, Lauda, laudé!

May we have truth, Lauda, laudé! Lauda, laudé! *Refrain*

Plagues and serpents of the dark, pestilence that stalks the night,

They who harm, who destroy, those who spread fear and terror,

But those who make the Lord most high their refuge and their dwelling,

No fear, no harm, no foe will come near our land,

No shame, no death, no evil consume or destroy. Lauda, laudé! *Refrain*

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 *Élévation in in E Major* by Dom Paul Benoit

The Cup *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight* by James Biery

Prayer after Communion

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

DENNIS

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Festival Voluntary, Op.87

Flor Peeters
(1903-1986, Belgian)

We pray for David Gregg, Joyce Robbins, Esther Floyd, Marlene Francis, Eva Kelly,
Jill Damon, Betty Gerstler, Marilyn Marsh, Katherine Cartee, the McLeod family,
Mike Kelly, Beth Granberry, Grange Burnside, the Sanford family, 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. Offering plates are
located by the door and at the back of the sanctuary. 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). If you would like more information about Children's Ministry, please connect with Xan Morgan (xan@fbca2.org).

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, the 2nd-5th graders will attend Fellowship Time with their families until Children's Choir begins at 11:30.

Youth (grades 6-12) are invited to join adults for Fellowship Time following worship. At 11:30 today, all youth will gather in the Fellowship Hall to rehearse for our upcoming Benefit Show. 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!

Youth Benefit Show. Come enjoy the fun as our Youth Group performs a mix of classical and pop music + fun stories and skits! The money raised from this event will go towards water filters, kids' programming, and travel costs as the team heads to a rural community in Nicaragua. Suggested donation for tickets is \$10/person or \$30/family. With your concert ticket you'll get a raffle ticket with a chance to win prizes. Raffle tickets will be available for purchase at the Benefit Show. We'll also have a silent auction that will go live online on Sunday (we'll send you an email with all the info!) and will wrap up the night of the event. Thank you to everyone who has donated items! You can purchase your ticket for the show at the Ministry Station each Sunday or online at fbca2.org/connect.

Our AD LIBITUM Concert Series will present "Arias and Songs Concert" this coming Friday, April 12 at noon. Lyric soprano Sonja Srinivasan and our own Mariah Boucher on the piano will collaborate to perform a delightful program with arias and songs by Mozart, Dvořák, Grieg, Puccini and Gershwin. This is a free concert and open to all. Mark your calendar. Invite your friends and neighbors. It will be a nice way to celebrate the season of spring.

Campus Ministry Sunday and Celebration of 23 Years of Ministry! Next Sunday, April 14th, our campus ministry group, The Gathering will lead worship. Following the service, we'll head to the Fellowship Hall for a special celebration of The Gathering ministry, Paul and Stacey's leadership over the last 23 years, and Paul's retirement. During the celebration (11:30-12:30p), alumni from The Gathering will be sharing about what the ministry meant to them and how it has shaped their lives now. We hope you're able to join us; your presence will enrich the celebration!

Annual Program Meeting and Proposed Updates to Church Constitution. On Sunday, April 28th after worship, we look forward to celebrating our ministry together as we honor the past 23 years with Pastors Paul and Stacey as our leaders. Our moderator, Robbie Stapleton, has shared more information about this meeting and our constitution in our weekly newsletter. If you are not receiving the bi-weekly newsletter and would like to, please email our office administrator, Kat Becker (office@fbca2.org). Everyone is invited to stay after the meeting for a potluck lunch. The Board of Care and Community will provide chicken, rolls, and beverages. If your last name begins with A-D, please bring fruit or a dessert. If your last name begins with E-M, please bring a salad or vegetables. If your name begins with N - Z, please bring potato, rice, or pasta dish. We look forward to this time together!

Interested in becoming a member of FBCA2? On Sunday, April 28th, Pastor Paul will welcome and bless new members of our church family. 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. If you are interested in becoming a member on the 28th, please connect with Xan Morgan (xan@fbca2.org).

FBCA2 goes BOWLING! Join the FBCA2 church family as we go bowling on Sunday, April 28th at Station 300 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, April 21.

2024 Scholarships Available. Scholarships are available from the Chester and Violet Loucks and Fullerton funds for post-secondary education and for church camp attendance. For an application, please contact Mary Davis (madrad@umich.edu). The deadline for receipt of applications is May 15.

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



Calendar

April 10	Bible Study @1:00p The Gathering @5:30p
April 11	Choir Rehearsal @7:00p
April 12	Ad Libitum Concert @12:00p Youth Benefit Show @ 7:00p
April 13	Friends of the Opera Winners Recital @4:00p
April 14	Campus Ministry Sunday
April 21	Children's Ministry Sunday
April 28	Blessing of New Members Annual Program Meeting @11:15a FBCA2 goes Bowling @5:00p

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