

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Xan Morgan

PRELUDE

The King of Love My Shepherd Is, Op. 14

(Chorale Prelude on St. Columba)

Robin Milford

(1903-1959, English)

*INVOCATION

(*If you are able, please stand)

Joyce Robbins

*HYMN 152

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

FOREST GREEN

*THE PSALM

from Psalm 22:25-28, 30

Joyce Robbins

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

Many: 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.

Many: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord.

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

*GLORIA

(Hymn 72, sung twice)

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

WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS: PHIL CHRISTMAN, PAUL AND DANA LARSON, JAMIE, IAN, GWEN, ELEANOR, AMELIA, AND LORETTA MILLS, AMANDA, LUKE AND JACK SHUTKO, ERIN SCOTT

Congregation: We gladly welcome you into this church home. We pledge to learn with you, to serve with you, and to grow with you in the family of Jesus Christ.

New Members: We accept your welcome and offer our lives to love and serve with you to the glory of God.

Congregation: We are all made richer in faith because of your joining us. May the Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us all to be good friends to each other and fully faithful to the calling of God on our lives together.

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

His Name Is Wonderful

HIS NAME IS WONDERFUL

(Hymnal 174)

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

DJ Reed

(Lord’s Prayer (“debts”) on hymnal page 896)

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 8:26-39

Paul Simpson Duke

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Cantate Domino

Hans Leo Hassler

Cantate Domino canticum novum,

Cantate Domino omnis terra.

Cantate Domino et benedicite nomini Ejus,

Annuntiate de die in diem salutare Ejus.

Annuntiate inter gentes gloriam Ejus,

In omnibus populis mirabilia Ejus,

Sing to the Lord a new song,

Sing to the Lord all the earth.

Sing to the Lord and bless His name,

Announce His salvation from day to day.

Announce among the nations His glory,

And His wonders to all peoples.

SERMON

Belonging After All

Paul Simpson Duke

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Set Me as a Seal

René Clausen

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm;

for love is as strong as death.

Many waters cannot quench love; neither can the floods drown it.

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm;

for love is as strong as death.

*DOXOLOGY

(Hymnal 95)

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD 100TH

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN

(see insert)

In Unity We Lift Our Song

EIN FESTE BURG

Words: Ken Medema

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Greeting: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

How Firm a Foundation, No. 12
from *Gospel Preludes, Book 4*

William Bolcom
(b. 1938, American)

We pray for the family and friends of the **Rev. Robert Wallace**. We also pray for **Jill Damon, Mervyn Juchartz, Joyce Robbins, David Gregg, Esther Floyd, Marlene Francis, Eva Kelly, Betty Gerstler, Marilyn Marsh, Katherine Cartee, Keith Maurer, the McLeod family, Mike Kelly, Beth Granberry, Grange Burnside, the Sanford family, Simona Butler, John Rowe, and Fay Key.**

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of church family no longer with us in this space,
but with us in our hearts.*

~ Kat Becker ~

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

517 East Washington Street

Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104-2015

Telephone: 734/663-9376

Email: office@fbca2.org Website: fbca2.org

The Reverend Dr. Paul Simpson Duke, *Pastor*

Xan Morgan, *Director of Community Life*

Valerie Francia, *Associate for Youth Ministry and Communications*

Bonnie Kidd, *Sanctuary Choir Director*

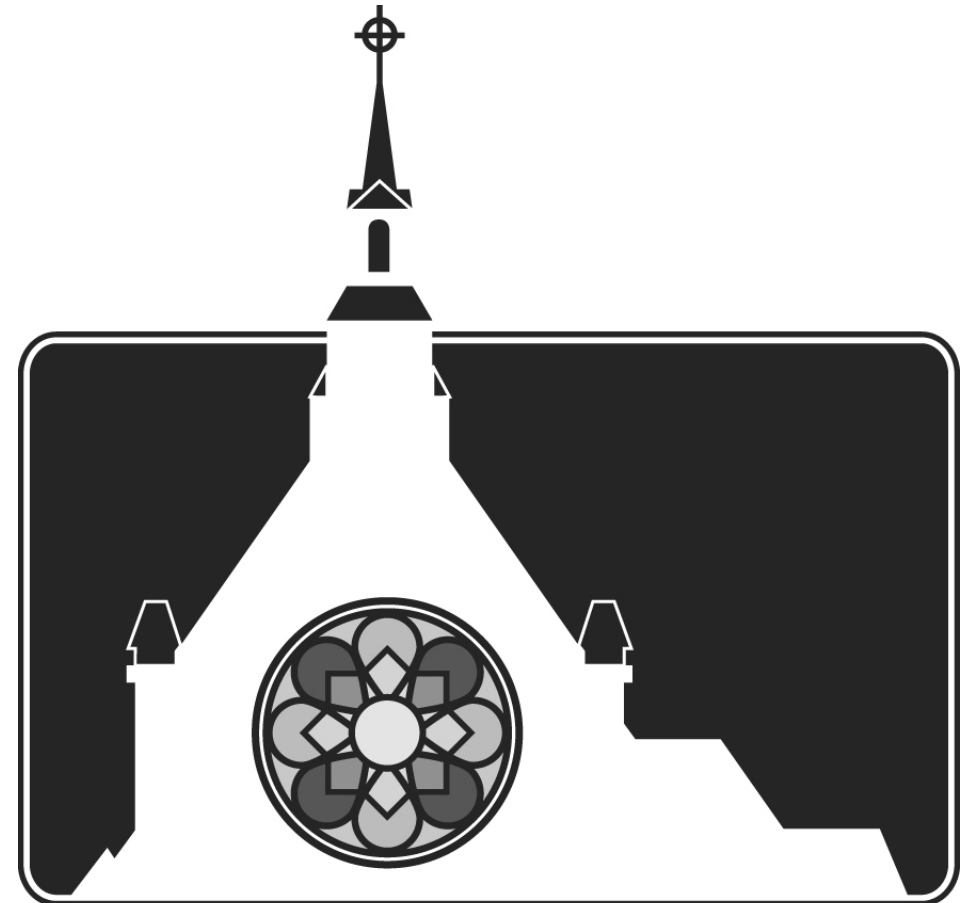
Dr. Shin-Ae Chun, *Organist*

Coley Roberts, *Children's Choir Director*

Kate Santini, *Nursery Caregiver*

Lee Foley, *Facilities Manager*

Kat Becker, *Administrator*



FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

5th Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

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.

American Baptist Women's Ministries Breakfast. The breakfast scheduled for May 4 has cancelled and will be rescheduled TBA. Please reach out to Carolyn Grapentine (csgrape@aol.com) for more information about the group.

Our AD LIBITUM Concert Series will present the season's final concert "Well-Tempered Clavier, Book 1 (Fugues Nos.1-15)" on Friday, May 17 at noon. J.S. Bach composed 48 pairs of prelude and fugues in 12 major and 12 minor keys which were assembled in two books. Alice Van Wambeke, Gail Jennings and Shin-Ae Chun will perform these beautifully composed fugues on harpsichord, organ and piano. It will be a unique experience to hear these fugues on three different keyboard instruments. This concert is free and is open to the public. Refreshments will follow. Mark your calendar and invite your friends and neighbors!



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 28	Annual Program Meeting @11:15a FBCA2 goes Bowling @5:00p
May 1	Bible Study @1:00p The Gathering @5:30p
May 2	Choir Rehearsal @7:00p
May 12	Youth Ministry Sunday
May 17	Ad Libitum Concert @12:00p
May 18	Retirement Party @4:00p

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 our Annual Program Meeting & Celebration of 23 Years of Ministry right after worship in Fellowship Hall. We look forward to celebrating together as we honor Pastors Paul and Stacey's ministry among us. Everyone is invited to stay after the meeting for a potluck lunch. The children and youth will join us for lunch at the conclusion of the meeting.

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).

Paul's Retirement Party! Join us on Saturday, May 18 (4-6p), for a church-wide, intergenerational gathering to celebrate Paul's next season of life and thank him for his 23 years of faithful service to our church community! The party will be hosted at the home of Susan Schilperoort and Christopher Kendall (3435 Cottontail Lane) and will include a catered meal. Gluten free and vegetarian options will be provided. Please RSVP online (fbca2org/retirement) or at the ministry station by Sunday, May 12.