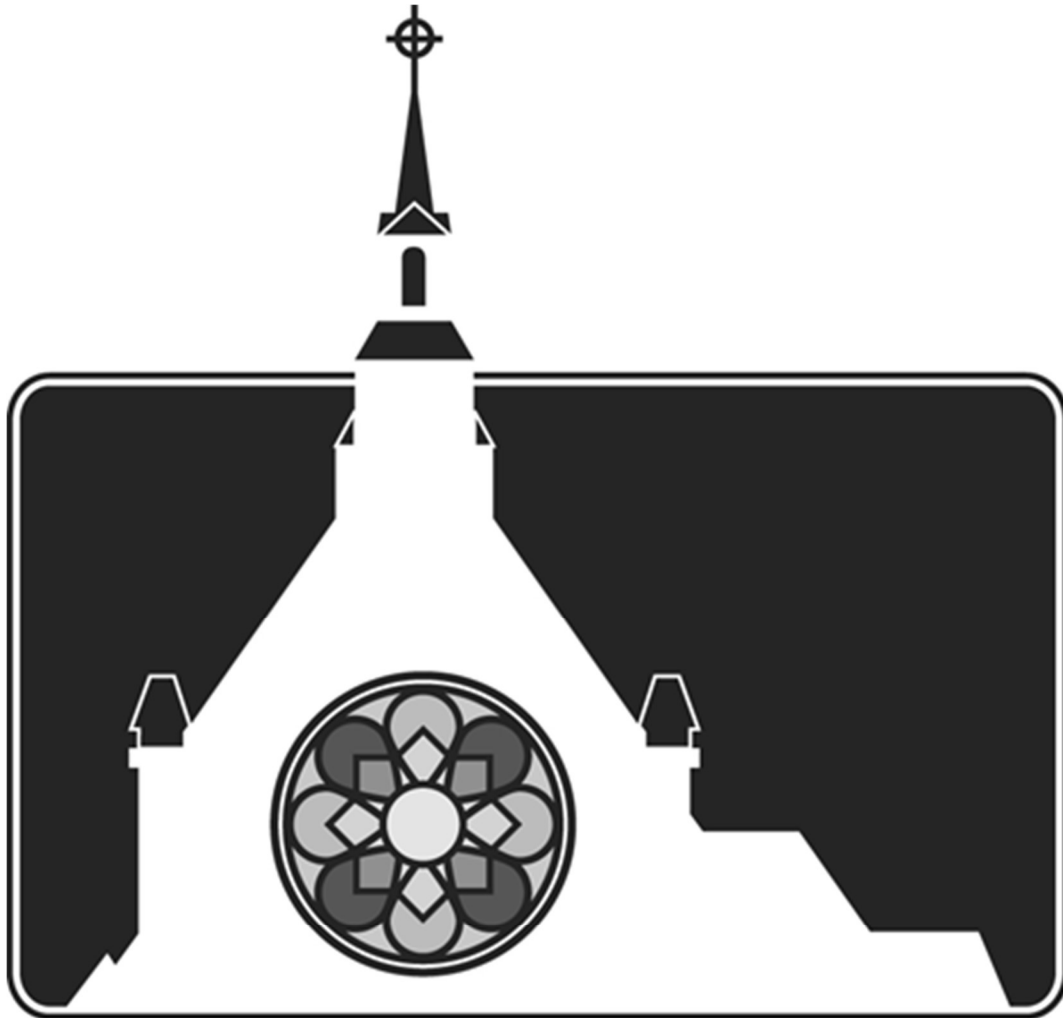




FIRST BAPTIST

CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

1st Sunday after Pentecost
May 26, 2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Paul Simpson Duke

PRELUDE

Out of the Ivory Palaces
(My Lord Has Garments so Wondrous Fine)

arr. by Fred Bock
(b.1972, English)

*INVOCATION

Beth Foster

(*If you are able, please stand)

*HYMN 101

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

DUKE STREET

*THE PSALM

from Psalm 90

Beth Foster

One: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

Many: **Before the mountains were born, or the earth brought forth,
you are God, without beginning or end.**

One: A thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past.

Many: **Our years come to an end like a sigh, they are soon gone,
and we fly away.**

One: So teach us to number our days so that we will gain a heart
full of wisdom.

All: **Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.**

*GLORIA (Hymn 72, sung twice)

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

EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 13:5-6, 8

Beth Foster

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

CONGREGATIONAL SONG I'm Goin' a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing

(Hymnal 333; verses: sing then dance)

I'M GOIN' A SING

TIME AS CHILDREN

Valerie Francia

[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)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Paul Simpson Duke

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Bless the Lord, O My Soul

- Michail Ippolitof-Ivanof

Bless the Lord, O my soul. Blessed art Thou, O Lord;

Bless the Lord, O my soul. Bless the Lord and forget not all His benefits.

Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name.

He is gracious and plentiful in mercy. He crowneth thee with loving kindness.

He will not always chide, nor keep His wrath forever.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

SERMON

Turning Seasons

Paul Simpson Duke

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

- Harold Friedell

Draw us in the Spirit's tether;

For when humbly, in thy name,

Two or three are met together,

Thou art in the midst of them.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Touch we now thy garment's hem.

All our meals and all our living

Make as sacraments of thee,

That by caring, helping, giving,

We may true disciples be.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

We will serve thee faithfully.

As the brethren used to gather

In the name of Christ to sup,

Then with thanks to God the Father

Break the bread and bless the cup,

Alleluia! Alleluia!

So knit thou our friendship up.

***DOXOLOGY** (Hymnal 95) Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD 100TH

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN** (see insert)

Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated

HENDON

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Greeting: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fugue in G Major, BWV 577

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1759, German)

We pray for the family and friends of Eva Kelly, Mervyn Juchartz, David Gregg, Esther Floyd, Betty Gerstler, Marilyn Marsh, John Milbourne, Peg & Joe Bradford, Katherine Cartee, Keith Maurer, the McLeod family, Mike Kelly, Beth Granberry, Grange Burnside, the Sanford family, John Rowe, and Fay Key.

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of Joe Mortensen.*

~ Kathy Mortensen ~

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.

No formation classes for adults, youth, and children today and no children's choir. Classes and activities resume on June 2. Please 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 the play space upstairs following Time as Children. You may pick up your children after worship in the nursery or in the Children's Ministry wing. If you would like more information about Children's Ministry, please connect with Xan Morgan (xan@fbca2.org).

Youth Ministry. Youth (6th – 12th grade) will not be meeting for Youth Group this week. If you would like more information about Youth Ministry or would like to receive the Youth Group newsletter, a weekly email about upcoming Youth Events, contact Valerie Francia (valerie@fbca2.org).

Board and Staff Retreat. We look forward to gathering on Wednesday, June 26th from 5:00-8:00p to connect, reflect, and plan with all FBCA2 board members and staff. Our interim pastor, Rick Mixon (begins October 1) will be joining us! Dinner from Jerusalem Garden and childcare will be provided. Please RSVP at fbca2.org/connect. Questions? Connect with Robbie, our Moderator, or Xan Morgan, Director of Community Life.

A Singing Church: Hymns of Our Faith. This celebration of hymns next meets on June 2 and June 9. 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. Come join us!

Baby Celebration! Join us during fellowship time on June 9th for a special Baby Celebration for Christine Hwang and Jeff Withington. We will share in their joy as they await their baby's arrival and offer our blessings. You are welcome to bring a card or gift. Christine and Jeff are registered at babylist.com.

Meet our Interim Pastor! We are delighted to announce that Rev. Dr. Randle (Rick) Mixon will be joining us on October 1 as our Intentional Interim Pastor. Rick is an ordained American Baptist minister with over 50 years of experience in pastoral ministry, church leadership, and social justice advocacy. He is a long-time member of Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church, in Oakland, CA, the church that ordained him in 1996 as the first openly LGBTQIA+ Baptist to be ordained. Rick has served as interim minister of three congregations, currently serves as Affiliate Professor of Pastoral Care at Berkeley School of Theology and is an emeritus board member of the Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists. Rick will be coming to visit us and to preach on Sunday, June 30th. We hope many of you can be here to meet him!

Pastor Paul's Last Sunday with Fellowship Time Celebration. Join us on Sunday, June 16th for worship. Following the service, we'll gather in the fellowship hall to give Paul his gift and to delight in baked goods from Afternoon Delight. We hope you will be able to join us.

Retirement Gift for Pastor Paul. As we near the end of Pastor Paul's tenure with our church, we want to recognize both Paul and Stacey's time with us in a tangible way. Consequently, we invite you to consider donating to a monetary gift. Checks can be made out to Paula Burton and mailed to church (517 E. Washington, Ann Arbor, MI 48104) or transferred to her via Venmo (@pmburton13). The gift will be presented to Paul on June 16th. Questions? Please connect with Cesar Alaniz, Paula Burton, or Arthur Francis.

FBC Ladies' Book Club. The next meeting of the FBC Ladies' Book Club is scheduled for Tuesday, June 18th at 7 pm. We will be discussing Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt. Please contact Janice Stumpf with any questions. All ladies are invited!

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



Calendar

May 27	Memorial Day – Church Office Closed
May 30	Choir Rehearsal @7:00p
June 16	Pastor Paul's Last Sunday with Fellowship Time Celebration
June 16-22	Church Camp for the Youth
June 18	Ladies Book Club @7:00p
June 26	Board/Staff Retreat @5:00p
June 30-July 3	Church Camp for Children and Youth CITs

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