

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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*"Baptism... is about celebrating the incomparable gift we receive as creatures beloved of God ... (and) about more fully engaging the responsibility that this identity entails."*

- Kathleen Norris

### GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Paul Simpson Duke

### VOLUNTARY

Concerto in A Minor - *Adagio*

- A. Vivaldi  
arr. Bach

### \*INVOCATION

Mary Gregg

### \*HYMN 606

Come, let us use the grace divine

*KINGSFOLD*

(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

### \*THE PSALM

from Psalm 29

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

People: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.

Leader: The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

People: The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

Leader: The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars.

People: The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

Leader: The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

People: The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forests bare.

Leader: In God's temple all say, "Glory!"

People: The Lord sits enthroned.

Leader: May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

People: Praise the Lord!

### \*GLORIA

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 42:1-9

Mary Gregg

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

### ANTHEM

Quoniam tu solus sanctus from *Gloria*

- A. Vivaldi

You alone are holy. You alone, Lord.

You alone are the most high, Jesus Christ.

With the Holy Spirit in glory of God the Father.

Amen

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Lord's Prayer – "debts")

Paul Simpson Duke

### \*GOSPEL READING

Matthew 3:13-17

Stacey Simpson Duke

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

### TIME AS CHILDREN

Sue Ellen Glover

### \*HYMN 420

Breathe on me, Breath of God

*TRENTHAM*

(Preschool - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade may leave for Children's Worship at this time.)

### SERMON

*Beloved and Pleasing*

Stacey Simpson Duke

### SILENT REFLECTION

### OFFERING OF GIFTS

Et in terra pax from *Gloria*

- A. Vivaldi

And on earth peace and goodwill to all men.

### \*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below.

Praise him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### \*HYMN 189

Fairest Lord Jesus

*ST. ELIZABETH*

**BENEDICTION**

**VOLUNTARY**

Concerto in A Minor - *Allegro*

- A. Vivaldi  
arr. Bach

\* If you are able, please stand

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God  
from the McCrow Memorial Fund.*

*The Prayer Concern Cards are for your use.* If you have a prayer concern in addition to those listed here, please fill out a card and pass it to the end of the aisle during the first hymn. We pray for Liz Baker, June Ludwig, Zella Willis, Conrad Juchartz, John Moyer, Bonnie Jensen, Lloyd Crabtree, Carolyn Hillebrand, Justin Kerns, Marian Carter, Tim Studer, Ruth Scott, Paul Wing, Susan Edwards, Mildred MacGregor, and Marjorie Shannon.

Texts for next Sunday, January 20:

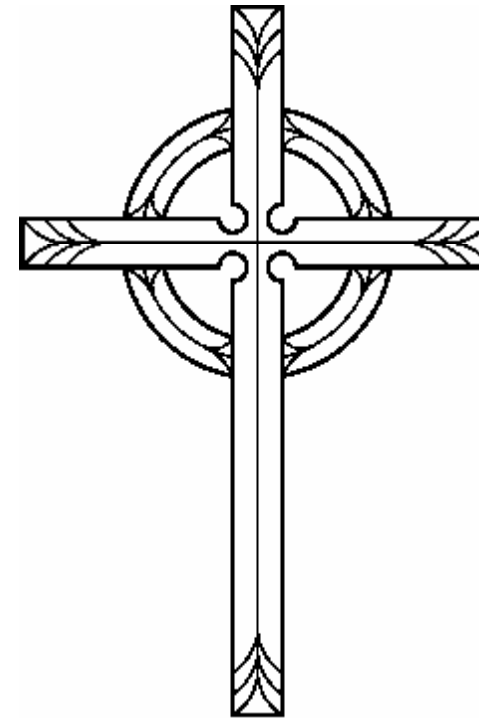
Isaiah 49:1-7 · Psalm 40:1-11 · 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 · John 1:29-42

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# THE WORSHIP OF GOD



**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR**

*Baptism of the Lord  
January 13, 2008*

*Please sign the Welcome Pad during the Offertory and pass it down the pew.  
If you are a visitor, please also fill out a yellow "Welcome" slip and place it in the offering plate.*

*~ Please turn off all cell phones and pagers. Thank you. ~*

## A n n o u n c e m e n t s

We warmly welcome all those who have come to worship with us today! Everyone is invited to join the events listed in this insert. Immediately following the service, please join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments.

### Other Adult Learning Opportunities

*Wednesday Bible Study (Memorial Lounge, 1:30 – 2:30)*

Rev. Paul Simpson Duke leads a study of the Gospel of John, chapters 12-21. Join us each week for fellowship, learning and great snacks!

*Small Groups (ChristCare)* – Centered on Bible study, fellowship, mission, prayer and worship, we currently have two groups: one which meets monthly and the other which meets every other week. See Stacey, Paul or Sue Ellen for more information about joining a group.

### 2008 Flower Calendar is up!

The 2008 Flower Calendar is now posted on the downstairs bulletin board. Please sign up if you are interested in hosting the chancel flowers, especially if you'd like a specific Sunday in 2008. The dedication appears in the bulletin the week you host them. The arrangements are from Tom Thompson's Florist and cost \$30. You are welcome to do whatever you wish with the arrangement following the service.

### Board of Care & Community

The Board of Care & Community will meet today at 11:15 a.m. at the stage end of the Fellowship Hall.

**The Valentine Sale begins next week!** Express your appreciation, friendship or love to your church friends, your family and your sweetheart! Each Sunday before and after worship the Youth (and parents) will be selling valentines which will be delivered by the Youth on February 10. For the next 3 Sundays, you will be able to purchase blank Valentine cards (\$1 each) at tables near the Information Counter and the Fellowship Hall. After you fill out these cards to all your chosen valentines, return them to the Youth (by February 4). The cards will be sorted and will be delivered to all your Valentines on February 10, along with a gift from the Youth. All profits from this sale will be donated by the Youth to a charity of their choice.

TODAY, January 13

9:30 a.m. - Prayer Group (Room 108)  
10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
11:15 a.m. - Bd. of Care & Community (Fell. Hall)  
2:00 p.m. - Vivaldi Lecture (Lounge)  
3:00 p.m. - Vivaldi Concert (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, January 15

1:00 p.m. - Beecher-Brewer Circle (Lounge)  
5:30 p.m. - Vespers (Fellowship Hall)  
5:30 p.m. - Bd. of Christian Educ. (Conf. Room)  
7:00 p.m. - Board of Trustees (Lounge)

Wednesday, January 16

1:30 p.m. - Bible Study (Lounge)  
5:30 p.m. - The Gathering (Campus Center)  
7:30 p.m. - Executive Council (Lounge)

Thursday, January 17

1:00 p.m. - MacGregor-Stitt Circle (Eva Kelly's)  
7:30 p.m. - Choir Practice (102B)

Sunday, January 20

*(newsletter & February  
calendar deadline)*

9:30 a.m. - Prayer Group (Room 108)  
10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)

### Vivaldi Concert - Today

Please plan on joining us for an exciting Second Sunday event this afternoon. Our Sanctuary Choir will present a concert of works by Antonio Vivaldi featuring the *Gloria* with solo appearances by Bonnie Kidd and Lucy Thompson. A lecture discussing these works will be given by Carole Ott, Director of Music, at 2:00 p.m. in the Memorial Lounge. The performance will begin at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We hope to see you there!

### 2008 Annual Financial Meeting

The congregation's annual financial meeting will be held Sunday, January 27 at 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will gather together for a potluck lunch followed by the meeting at which we will consider and approve a budget for 2008. Please plan to attend. Childcare will be provided for the meeting. Also, if you owe Carey information for the report, please have it to her (preferably via e-mail) by Friday, January 18. Thank you!

**Nursery** care is available on the 3rd floor from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. this morning.

All children are welcome to worship with their families. After the Time as Children portion of the worship service, preschoolers may go to the nursery for childcare and their church school class starting at 11:00 a.m. Children in kindergarten – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are invited to Children's Worship.

### **Children and Youth Christian Education**

*Families, please note that there have been changes to the schedule of some classes and the Jr. Choir.*

#### **3's and 4's**

10:00–11:00 Worship with family or childcare in nursery

11:00–12:30 Church School (Room 306)

#### **K – 2nd grade**

10:00–10:30 Worship

10:30–11:00 Children's Worship (Room 202A)

11:00–12:00 Church School (Room 202B)

12:00–12:30 Grace Notes (Room 202B)

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

10:00 – 11:00 Worship

11:10 – 11:50 Jr. Choir (Room 102)

11:50 – 12:30 Church School (Room 304)

#### **7<sup>th</sup> Grade – High School**

10:00 – 11:00 Worship

11:00 – 12:30 Church School (Room 107)

### **Children's Music and Arts Ministry**

Jr. Handbells will resume in February

Tiny Grace Notes (preschool) will resume in February

Grace Notes (K - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade)                      12:00 – 12:30                      Room 202A, middle level

Jr. Choir (4<sup>th</sup> grade and older)                      11:10 – 11:50                      Room 102, lower level

### **'07 Year-end Financial Statements & '08 Pledge Envelopes**

Please pick up your 2007 year-end financial statements and your 2008 pledge envelopes at the little table near the Information Counter. They will be available every Sunday throughout the month of January.

### **Adult Christian Education (11:30 – 12:30)**

**The Jesus Class** (Memorial Lounge)

**Ron Gregg and Sue Ellen Glover, leaders**

In recent decades there have been new conversations, speculations, questions, and convictions -- among scholars and in churches -- about Jesus. There has been new dialogue about his identity and his mission, a re-visioning of traditional understandings of what we mean when we say "God is in Christ." This class is examining the issues and questions that are currently being raised. It is a safe place to think, ask questions, and exchange views about important theological and spiritual issues. We don't expect everyone to agree on one theological position, but we will thoughtfully engage each other on the issues. *This week: Atonement.* This class will conclude next Sunday, January 20.

**Young Adult Bible Study** (Campus Center Living Room)

**Marlene & Arthur Francis, leaders**

We are undertaking a study of the books of the Hebrew Bible known as "The Minor Prophets." The name speaks to the relative length of the books and not to their importance. In these often-overlooked writings are to be found some of the earliest articulations of the principles of justice and compassion which today are essential elements of the Christian Gospel. We will begin by considering how the moral and ethical decay which began soon after Solomon's kingdom was divided led not only to the prophetic calls for repentance, but also to the eventual conquest and exile of the peoples of both Israel and Judah. A brief manual, giving dates, some historical and biographical background and a summary of the basic message of each book, will be available. This class will conclude Sunday, January 27.

**RAAH Presentation:** On Sunday, January 27, we will have a special presentation by a representative of Religious Action for Affordable Housing (sponsored by the Board of Mission Action.) RAAH seeks to achieve a significant increase in the supply of permanently affordable housing in Washtenaw County, in collaboration with religious congregations and non-profit housing groups. RAAH directs financial contributions to efforts that increase housing opportunities for low income households and supports the Homeplace Community Land Trust and the Michigan Prisoner Reentry Initiative (MPRI).

### **Cooks Needed for The Gathering**

Volunteers are needed to cook meals for our campus ministry program, The Gathering. This is a much-appreciated ministry of hospitality for students who are away from home and don't often get a home-cooked meal. Please sign up at the Information Counter where instruction sheets are provided for you to take with you.