

ORDER OF WORSHIP

*"Trust divorced from experience will always dwell in doubt."
- Henry Krause*

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP Stacey Simpson Duke

VOLUNTARY Toccata in G Major - William Hieronymous Pachelbel

***INVOCATION** Arthur Francis

***HYMN 715** Rejoice, the Lord is King *DARWALL'S 148TH*
(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

***THE PSALM** Psalm 40:1-5
Leader: I waited, I waited for the Lord. The Lord stooped down to me and heard my cry.

People: **The Lord drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my footsteps firm.**

Leader: God put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

People: **Happy are those who make the Lord their trust, who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods.**

Leader: How many, O Lord my God, are the wonders and designs you have worked for us. You have no equal!

ALL: Should I proclaim and speak of them, they are more than I can tell!

***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

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 Arthur Francis
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM God is my Shepherd - A. Dvorak

God is my shepherd, I want for nothing.
He shall feed me in pastures green,
By the still waters He leadeth me.
He doth restore my soul.
He shall lead me in ways of peace for His name's sake.
Though in death's dark valley my way must go I will fear no evil for Thou art with me, I will dwell in the house of the Lord, The house of the Lord forever.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Lord's Prayer – "debts") Stacey Simpson Duke

***GOSPEL READING** John 1:29-42 Paul Simpson Duke
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

TIME AS CHILDREN Sue Ellen Glover

***HYMN 526** What a friend we have in Jesus *CONVERSE*
(Preschool - 3rd grade may leave for Children's Worship at this time.)

SERMON *To See for Ourselves* Paul Simpson Duke

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS Holy Art Thou - G.F. Handel
arr. L. Kingsmill

Holy art Thou, Lord God Almighty, who wert and art to come.
Glory and Majesty in heaven are Thine.
Earth lowly bending, swells the full harmony, Blessing and glory to the Lamb for evermore,
for worthy art Thou.
Let all nations and kindreds and peoples give thanks to Thee for evermore.

***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 175** Jesus, the very thought of thee *ST. AGNES*

BENEDICTION

VOLUNTARY Prelude, Fugue and Chaconne in C Major - *Dietrich Buxtehude*

* If you are able, please stand

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
in celebration of Annabel Erskine's birthday
and in appreciation for all she has done and continues to do
for our church family.*

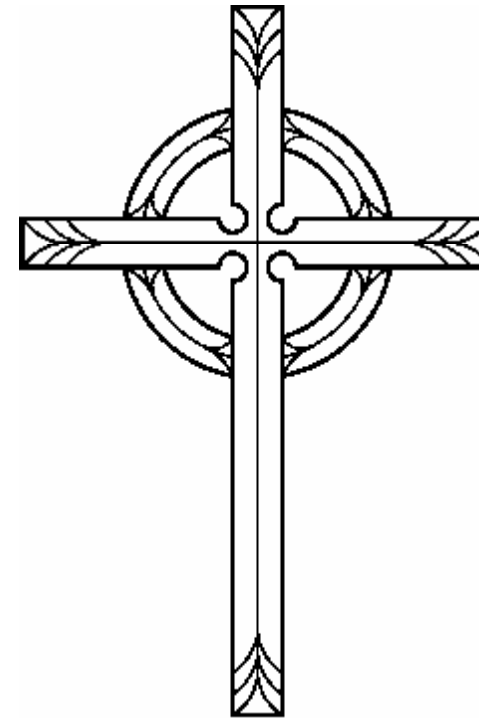
The Prayer Concern Cards are for your use. If you have a prayer concern in addition to those listed here, please fill out a card and pass it to the end of the aisle during the first hymn. We pray for Liz Baker, June Ludwig, Zella Willis, Conrad Juchartz, John Moyer, Bonnie Jensen, Lloyd Crabtree, Carolyn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

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

*2nd Sunday after the Epiphany
January 20, 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.

The Valentine Sale begins today!

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.

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.

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.

Resources for Personal Devotions

Perhaps one of your New Year's resolutions is to spend a quiet time each day with prayer and scripture. The *Secret Place* is available at the Information Counter. This is published quarterly and is offered in regular and large print editions. (It is also free as a gift from one of our members.) The Upper Room publishes a book, *Disciplines*, of one-page daily devotions which follow the lectionary so that each week you can read and meditate on the scriptures that will be included in the upcoming Sunday's worship service. Each week has a different author, drawn from ecumenical ministries throughout the world. These are available from Sue Ellen for \$8.

Texts for next Sunday, January 27:

Isaiah 9:1-4 · Psalm 27:1, 4-9 · 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 · Matthew 4:12-23

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| TODAY, January 20 | 9:30 a.m. - Prayer Group (Room 108) |
| *newsletter & February calendar deadline* | 10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary) |
| Tuesday, January 22 | 9:30 a.m. - ABWM Board (Lounge) |
| | 5:30 p.m. - Vespers (Fellowship Hall) |
| Wednesday, January 23 | 1:30 p.m. - Bible Study (Lounge) |
| | 5:30 p.m. - The Gathering (Campus Center) |
| | 7:30 p.m. - Davis/Diels ChristCare (Lounge) |
| Thursday, January 24 | 7:30 p.m. - Choir Practice (102B) |
| Sunday, January 27 | 9:30 a.m. - Prayer Group (Room 108) |
| | 10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary) |
| | 12:30 p.m. - Annual Financial Meeting (Fell. Hall) |

2008 Annual Financial Meeting/Potluck – next Sunday

The congregation's annual financial meeting will be held next Sunday, January 27 at 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will gather together for a potluck lunch (sign up at the Information Counter) 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.

RAAH Presentation: Next Sunday, January 27, (11:30 a.m., Lounge) 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 seeks to serve families and persons who are most vulnerable, who have the greatest need and seeks to encourage the creation of supportive community in affordable housing developments. In addition to completing \$200,000 capital campaign for Avalon Housing for their Carrot Way housing project, the group is currently working on a \$100,000 capital campaign for Homeplace Community Landtrust. They also support the Michigan Prisoner Reentry Initiative (MPRI).

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 – 3rd 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)

3rd – 6th Grade

10:00 – 11:00 Worship

11:10 – 11:50 Jr. Choir (Room 102)

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

7th 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 - 3rd grade) 12:00 – 12:30

Room 202A, middle level

Jr. Choir (4th grade and older) 11:10 – 11:50

Room 102, lower level

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: The Resurrection* (This class will conclude today.)

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 today.)

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.

'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.