

ORDER OF WORSHIP

*"Our union with God is our union with one another."
- Thomas Aquinas*

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP Stacey Simpson Duke

VOLUNTARY Garotte in D Major - J. S. Bach
Vivian Faber, violin; Nancy Faber, piano

***INVOCATION** Christina Alaniz

***HYMN 79** (stanzas 1-4) Holy God, we praise thy name *GROSSER GOTT*
(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

***THE PSALM** Psalm 27:1-2, 13-14
Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
People: The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
Leader: Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.
People: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.
ALL: Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for 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

EPISTLE READING 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Paul Simpson Duke
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM Come, ye that love the Lord Albion - arr. Alice Parker
Come, ye that love the Lord, The God that rules on high,
And let your joys be known; That all the earth surveys
Join in a song with sweet accord, That rides upon the stormy sky,
While ye surround his throne: And calms the roaring seas-
Let those refuse to sing This awful God is ours,
Who never knew our God; Our Father and our love;
But servants of the heavenly King He will send down his heavenly powers,
May speak their joys abroad. To carry us above.

Text: Isaac Watts

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

***GOSPEL READING** Matthew 4:12-23 Christina Alaniz
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

TIME AS CHILDREN Sue Ellen Glover

***HYMN 398** Jesus calls us *GALILEE*
(Preschool - 3rd grade may leave for Children's Worship at this time.)

SERMON *Becoming One* Paul Simpson Duke

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS Prayer of St. Francis - A. Pote

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.
Where there is injury, thy pardon, Lord.
Where there is doubt, let there be faith.

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.
Where there's despair let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, let there be light,
Where there is sadness, let there be joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console.
To be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.
For it is in giving that we rejoice
and it is in pardoning that we are pardoned.

And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Text: St. Francis of Assisi

***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 545

The Church's one foundation

AURELIA

BENEDICTION

VOLUNTARY

Violin Concerto No. 2 (3rd movement)
Vivian Faber, violin; Nancy Faber, piano

- F. Seitz

* If you are able, please stand

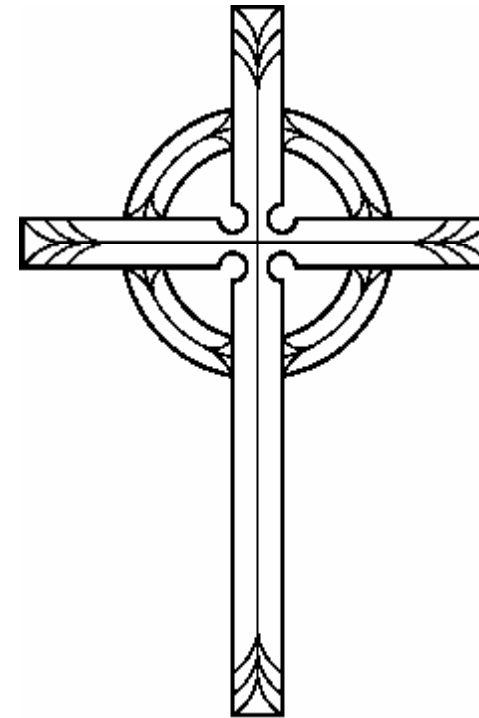
*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
in celebration of the End of January Birthday Club:
Annabel Erskine (Jan. 20), Helen Johnson (Jan. 29), Zella Willis (Jan. 30)
and in loving memory of Orrin Inbody (Jan. 30).
~ Beverly Inbody ~*

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, Linda Ames, June Ludwig, Zella Willis, Elizabeth Lee, Conrad Juchartz, John Moyer, Bonnie Jensen, Lloyd Crabtree, Carolyn Hillebrand, Justin Kerns, Marian Carter, Tim Studer, Ruth Scott, Paul Wing, Susan Edwards, Mildred MacGregor, Marjorie Shannon and Ed Burton (Patty Simmons' son, on a mission trip in Kenya).

We welcome Ling-Ju Lai, a native of Taiwan and a doctoral student in piano performance at the University of Michigan. Ling-Ju was the harpsichordist in January's Second Sunday Series performance of Vivaldi's *Gloria*. Thank you for playing the organ for us this morning. We are also grateful to 9-year-old Vivian Faber and her mother, Nancy, for sharing their gifts with us.

Stacey will be attending the New Baptist Covenant Celebration in Atlanta, Georgia, later this week. The Celebration, first envisioned and initiated by former President Jimmy Carter, will be attended by 20,000 Baptists from across North America in an unprecedented demonstration of Baptist unity. Stacey will be gone Wednesday through Sunday.

THE WORSHIP OF GOD



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

*3rd Sunday after the Epiphany
January 27, 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.

TODAY, 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)
Tuesday, January 29	5:30 p.m. - Vespers (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday, January 30	1:30 p.m. - Bible Study (Lounge)
	5:30 p.m. - The Gathering (Campus Center)
Thursday, January 31	6:15 p.m. - Handbell Practice (Sanctuary)
	7:30 p.m. - Choir Practice (102B)
Sunday, February 3	9:30 a.m. - Prayer Group (Room 108)
<i>*newsletter deadline*</i>	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service – Communion
	11:30 a.m. - Congregational Discussion re: Youth Minister Proposal (Lounge)

Youth Valentine Sale

Express your appreciation, friendship or love to your church friends, your family and your sweetheart! Only today and next Sunday are left to purchase your valentines from the youth. 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 the Sister Church in Nicaragua.

'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 for pick-up through today – please save the church a stamp!

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.

Resources for Personal Devotions

Lenten Devotionals, provided by the Board of Christian Education, are available at the table near the ramp and Information Counter. (Lent starts this Wednesday.) There are materials for all ages – children, youth and adults and many for families.

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.

January 23 Newsletter

If you opted to pick up your newsletter (as opposed to having it e-mailed or mailed), your copy of the latest edition is available at the Information Counter or in any of the three brochure racks around the church buildings.

Texts for next Sunday, February 3:

Exodus 24:12-18 · Psalm 99 · 2 Peter 1:16-21 · Matthew 17:1-9

2008 Annual Financial Meeting/Potluck – Today

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 - Today: Today at 11:30 a.m. in the Lounge there will be a presentation (sponsored by the Board of Mission Action) by the Religious Action for Affordable Housing group. 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. This group seeks to serve families and persons who are most vulnerable and who have the greatest need by supporting affordable housing projects that create a substantial number of affordable units. It promotes housing that remains affordable in perpetuity through the stewardship of the Homeplace Community Land Trust, is committed to ecologically sound and efficient use of land. RAAH recently completed a \$200,000 capital campaign for Avalon Housing for their Carrot Way housing project and will speak to us regarding 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 Youth Worship (Room 107)

7th Grade – High School

10:00 – 11:00 Worship

11:50 – 12:30 Youth Worship (Room 107)

Children's Music and Arts Ministry

Jr. Handbells will resume on February 3 and 10.

Tiny Grace Notes (preschool) will resume on February 3 and 10.

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)

Beginning Sunday, February 10, there will be two adult opportunities:

Foundations of Faith (Lounge)

Leader: Rev. Ron Tipton

Christian life and mission are built on a foundation of personal faith. This class will focus on the spiritual foundation for belief and mission. We will explore such topics as the meaning of personal faith; our relationship with God in Christ; the use of the Bible in guiding and sustaining our faith; the place of imagination, symbols, music, and art in personal faith; the role of the Church as the Body of Christ; and such concerns as may arise from our discussions.

Lenten Small Group (Room 108)

Facilitator: Sue Ellen Glover

A small group is being formed to meet on Sunday mornings during Lent. Participants will commit to consistent attendance, shared leadership, and preparation each week by reading essays, meditations and sermons (up to 50 pages per week) by writers such as Barbara Brown Taylor, Frederick Buechner, Henri Nouwen, and others. We will use our group time to share the personal meanings these writings had and to share other resources which have impact on our spiritual lives. Please sign up at the Information Counter today or next week if you would like to join this group.

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.

Youth Minister Proposal – Discussion next Sunday

A proposal is before us for FBC to call a half-time Minister of Youth. A meeting will be held during Second Hour next Sunday, February 3, for discussion of the vision for this expanded ministry and outreach, and to discuss details of the position, its potential impact on our youth, our church, and our community. Issues of funding will also be addressed. A summary sheet of the vision for this ministry is available at the Information Counter and is in the current newsletter. Please plan on joining us for this very important discussion.