

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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*"We who would valiant be: let us not waver,  
but in true constancy follow the Savior.  
There's no discouragement shall make us once relent  
our first avowed intent to live as pilgrims."  
- John Bunyan (alt.)*

**GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP** Stacey Simpson Duke

**VOLUNTARY** Chorale Prelude - We all believe in one God - *J. S. Bach*

**\*INVOCATION** Vernon Jensen

**\*HYMN 662** Stand up and bless the Lord *ST. MICHAEL*  
(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

**\*THE PSALM** from Psalm 138  
Leader: I thank you, Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise.  
People: **On the day I called, you answered me; you increased the strength of my soul.**  
Leader: All the rulers of the earth shall praise you when they have heard the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.  
People: **For the Lord is high yet regards the lowly; but the haughty God perceives from far away.**  
Leader: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies. You stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.  
**ALL: God's purpose for me will be fulfilled. Your love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

**\*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

**WORDS ABOUT REACHING OUT** Bill Foster

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Psalm 121 Paul & Stacey Simpson Duke  
Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God!**

**ANTHEM** Teach me the measure - *arr. Alice Parker*  
Teach me the measure of my days,  
Thou Maker of my frame;  
I would survey life's narrow space,  
And learn how frail I am.

A span is all that we can boast,  
and inch or two of time;  
Man is but vanity and dust In all his flower and prime.

See the vain race of mortals move  
Like shadows o'er the plain;  
The rage and strive, desire and love,  
But all the noise is vain.

What should I wish or wait for, then,  
From creatures, earth and dust?  
They make our expectations vain,  
And disappoint our trust

Now I forbid my carnal hope,  
My fond desires re-call;  
I give my mortal interest up,  
And make my God my All.

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

**\* GOSPEL READING** Luke 18:1-8 Vernon Jensen  
Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God!**

**TIME AS CHILDREN** Sue Ellen Glover

**\*HYMN 141** Children of the heavenly Father *TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA*  
(Preschool - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade may leave for Children's Worship at this time.)

**SERMON** *For the Long Walk* Paul Simpson Duke

**SILENT REFLECTION**

## OFFERING OF GIFTS

In heavenly love abiding

- *Horatio Parker*

In heavenly love abiding, no change my heart shall fear; And safe is such confiding, for nothing changes here. The storm may roar without me, my heart may low be laid, But God is round about me, and can I be dismayed?

Wherever He may guide me, no want shall turn me back; My Shepherd is beside me, and nothing can I lack. His wisdom ever waking, His sight never dims, He knows the way He taketh, and I will walk with Him.

Green pastures are before me, which yet I have not seen, Bright skies will soon be o'er me, where darkest clouds have been, My hope I cannot measure, my path to life is free, My savior hath my treasure, and He will walk with me.

Bonnie Kidd, soprano

## \*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 127

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

*CWM RHONDDA*

## BENEDICTION

## VOLUNTARY

Voluntary in D flat major

- *David N. Johnson*

\* If you are able, please stand

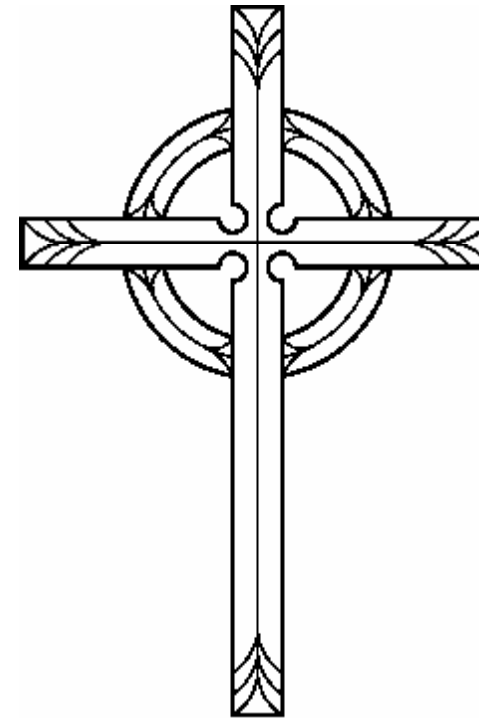
*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God  
in celebration of Ralph Alaniz's 75th birthday from the Alaniz Family.*

*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 John Reed, Conrad Juchartz, John Moyer, Bonnie Jensen, Justin Kerns, Tim Studer, Ruth Scott, Martha Tipton and Paul Wing.

We welcome back Janice Beck to the organ this morning. Janice, who is a concert organist, played here at FBC for over 30 years. Joel is giving a piano recital at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Detroit at 4:00 this afternoon.

We welcome John Trotter as our substitute choir director this morning while Carole is out of town. John is also pursuing a doctorate in conducting at the University of Michigan.

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD



## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

*21st Sunday after Pentecost  
October 21, 2007*

*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. ~*

## Announcements

### Next Sunday's Guests:

Next Sunday, October 28th, we are to have a return visit from two friends from Nicaragua, Damaris Albuquerque, Executive Director of CEPAD, and her husband Gilberto Aguirre who last year came out of retirement to be program director of CEPAD. When they were with us last year they both spoke with energy and enthusiasm during second hour about their multi-faceted ministries in Nicaragua. On Sunday they will both participate in the worship service. Damaris will speak with the children and will also talk briefly about missions as a part of our church's outreach to the world. Gilberto will deliver the morning sermon.

Both Damaris and Gilberto have for many years been an important part of Baptist work and witness in the Third World country they call home. They have fascinating things to tell of how the church served and witnessed effectively during very difficult times. We welcome them both, and look forward to being challenged and inspired by their message.

### Website Survey

The Board of Evangelism is undergoing a thorough review of our church website and has put together a survey that is intended for non-church members/non-attendees who have never visited our website before. The surveys may be picked up at the Information Counter. Please feel free to share them with your friends and neighbors and return them to the church office by Sunday, November 4.

Volunteer Jail Ministry Opportunity: The Washtenaw County Jail offers volunteer opportunities to minister to those whom Christ calls "the least of these," namely, men and women incarcerated and awaiting sentencing in our city. In seeking to respond to this call, you may wish to explore what such ministry to inmates, both women and men, would entail. The next volunteer training session, sponsored by the jail and overseen by the jail administration, will be held on Saturday, Nov. 3 from 9 to noon at the County Jail on Hogback Road (on the corner of Carpenter and Washtenaw). All Christian volunteers will need to have attended this meeting to be eligible for visitation with inmates or for sitting in on one of the classes. For further information, please contact the Rev. Annemarie Kidder, 528-5280.

### Texts for next Sunday, October 28:

Joel 2:23-32 · Psalm 65 · 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 · Luke 18:9-14

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, October 21 (Newsletter & November calendar deadline)	9:30 a.m. - Prayer Group (Room 108) 10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Tuesday, Oct. 23	9:30 a.m. - ABWM Board (Lounge) 5:30 p.m. - Vespers (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday, Oct. 24	1:30 p.m. - Bible Study (Lounge) 5:30 p.m. - The Gathering (Campus Center) 7:30 p.m. - Davis-Diels ChristCare (Lounge)
Thursday, Oct. 25	6:15 p.m. - Handbell Practice (Sanctuary) 7:30 p.m. - Choir Practice (102B)
Sunday, Oct. 28	9:30 a.m. - Prayer Group (Room 108) 10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary) 12:30 p.m. - Celebration of Care (Fellowship Hall)

### Celebration of Care

Next Sunday, October 28, will be an occasion for celebrating all the good things we do to care for others in our church family. We will learn why it is important for us to be a caring community, share a few stories of giving and receiving care, and learn of opportunities to form bonds of friendship by being part of a group within the church. A chili-tasting lunch will start us off at 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All members and friends are encouraged to attend. Please sign up at the Information Counter if you plan to attend and if you need childcare.

### Pavilion Proposal

On Sunday, November 4 we will meet during Second Hour to have a final discussion and to make a decision about the building of the pavilion on the west side of the property. The proposal will be in this week's newsletter and will be available in print next Sunday, October 28.

### Third Quarter Financial Statements

Third quarter financial statements will be available for pick-up at the small table near the Information Counter every Sunday throughout the month of October.

## Children and Youth Christian Education

Nursery 9:30 – 12:30 Room 307

All children are welcome to worship with their families. After the Time as Children portion of the worship service, children in kindergarten – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are invited to Children's Worship.

### 3 and 4 year-olds

10:00 – 12:30 Childcare in the nursery and room 306

### K – 2nd grade

10:00 – 10:30 Worship

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

11:00 – 12:30 Church School (202B)

The Grace Notes choir will not meet today. The children will stay in Church School until 12:30 p.m.

### 3rd – 6th grade

10:00 – 11:00 Worship

11:00 – 11:50 Church School (304)

### 7th grade – High School

10:00 – 11:00 Worship

11:00 – 12:30 Room 107

## Children's Music and Arts Ministry

Jr. Handbells 9:15 – 9:45 Room 305, upper level

Tiny Grace Notes (preschool) 10:45 – 11:00 Room 305, upper level

Jr. Choir (4<sup>th</sup> grade and older) 11:50 – 12:30 Room 102, lower level

## World Mission Offering 2007

*Surprised by the Word: Receive. Give. Be transformed!*

"In our world, over 2 billion people identify themselves as followers of Jesus. But more than twice that many—over 4 billion human beings—have not received life in Jesus' name. International Ministries missionaries are sharing the good news of Jesus Christ in over 30 countries around the world, while IM is working with partners to share the gospel in over 70 countries. Your increased giving to WMO will help IM to make disciples with more people in more places. Those who do not know Jesus—and those who have never heard—deserve the opportunity to come to Christ, grow in Christ and change their world with Christ." WMO will be received throughout the month of October. Please give generously.

## Adult Christian Education

*(Sundays, 11:30 – 12:30)*

### The Jesus Class (Memorial Lounge)

Ron Gregg & 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.

### Young Adult Bible Study (Campus Center)

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.

## Other Adult Learning Opportunities

### Second Sunday Speaker Series:

Each month we feature scholars and visionary church leaders addressing theological and social concerns. On November 11, we welcome Dr. Larry Greenfield, currently Executive Minister for the American Baptist Churches of Metro Chicago. Larry is past President of Northern Theological Seminary and was also an interim pastor for this congregation in 1991-92. To welcome Larry back to Ann Arbor we will have a potluck dinner at 5:30 before his presentation and discussion. (Sign up at the Information Counter.)

### Wednesday Bible Study

(Memorial Lounge, 1:30-2:30 p.m.)

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. Please see Stacey, Paul or Sue Ellen for more information about joining a group.