

ORDER OF WORSHIP

*"Love is the willingness to take responsibility."
- Reinhold Niebuhr*

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP Paul Simpson Duke

VOLUNTARY Aubade - *Louis Vierne*

*** INVOCATION** Bill Ames

*** HYMN 96** Praise the Lord who reigns above *AMSTERDAM*
(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

*** THE PSALM** Psalm 4:3-8
Leader: The Lord hears my prayers.
People: **Be in awe of God! Do not sin; ponder on your bed and be still.
Make justice your sacrifice, and trust in the Lord.**
Leader: There are many who say, "Oh that we might see some good!"
People: **You have put gladness in my heart more than when their grain and
wine abound.**
**ALL: I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O Lord,
make me lie down in safety.**

*** 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 Gilberto Aguirre

EPISTLE READING Galatians 2:11-14
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC Give Me Jesus - *Traditional*
Johnson Memorial Handbells Junior Choir

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

*** GOSPEL READING** John 3:22-30 Bill Ames
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

TIME AS CHILDREN Damaris Albuquerque

*** HYMN 408** The Gift of Love *GIFT OF LOVE*
(Preschool - 3rd grade may leave for Children's Worship at this time.)

SERMON *Who Are We?* Gilberto Aguirre

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS Praise to the Lord - *H. Distler*

Praise to the Lord, the almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
Gather ye round, let us make music resound! Praise him in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wond'rously reigneth.
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently, sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen, how thy hearts wishes have been granted in what he ordaineth?

*** 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 428** For the healing of the nations *CWM RHONDDA*

BENEDICTION

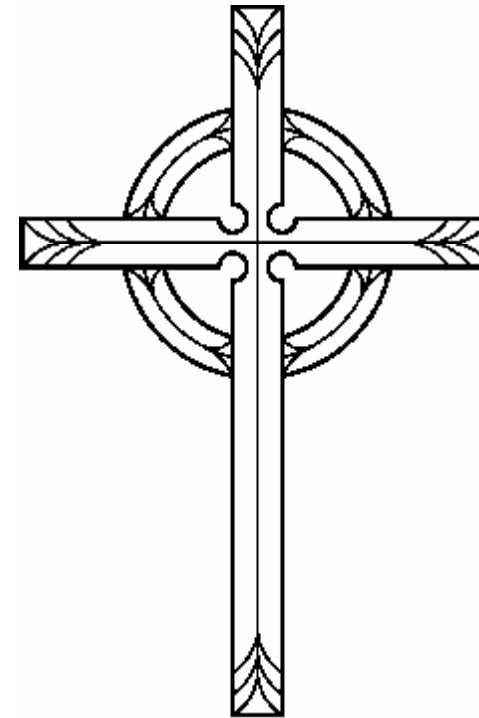
VOLUNTARY Toccata - *Louis Vierne*

* If you are able, please stand

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
in celebration of Jeannette and Geoff Halliday's 9th wedding anniversary.*

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, Paul Wing, Vernon Tipton, Mildred MacGregor and Marjorie Shannon.

THE WORSHIP OF GOD



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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

*22nd Sunday after Pentecost
October 28, 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. ~

Today's Guests:

Today we 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. Today 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.

Youth Collecting For Christmas Gifts

The Youth will be conducting Vespers on December 4 and will give the guests gift bags. These gift bags will be filled during Youth Worship in November and will include many useful items that are purchased by the Youth, such as flashlights, combs, toothbrushes, and handwarmers. The Youth very much appreciate your donations as well – items such as AA batteries, travel size cosmetics, aspirin/Tylenol, band-aids, pocket tissue packs, etc. can be dropped off at the Information Counter. Warm clothing is especially needed now that the weather has changed. The Youth will also have a basket for socks, hats, gloves, mittens, long-underwear and any warm clothing you would like to donate. Thank you!!!

Calendar Sale

Once more, the children and youth church school classes are selling *God's Creation calendars* to raise funds for school scholarships for the children in Nandasmö. These heavyweight and beautifully photographed calendars include a scripture verse for inspiration. At \$7 they are great gifts! The children will sell them before and after worship, or you may call Sue Ellen and we will mail you a calendar (or two or three)!

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 next Sunday, November 4.

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, October 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)

Tuesday, Oct. 30

5:30 p.m. - Vespers (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, Oct. 31

Happy Halloween!

1:30 p.m. - Bible Study (Lounge)
5:30 p.m. - The Gathering Halloween Party (Duke's)

Thursday, Nov. 1

7:30 p.m. - Choir Practice (102B)

Sunday, Nov. 4

Daylight Saving Time ends – set clocks back

9:30 a.m. - Prayer Group (Room 108)
10:00 a.m. - Worship Service - Communion
11:30 a.m. - Pavilion Proposal (Lounge)
(Newsletter Deadline)

Celebration of Care - Today

This afternoon 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.

Pavilion Proposal

Next 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. Please refer to the proposal in this week's newsletter.

Third Quarter Financial Statements

Third quarter financial statements are available for you to pick up at the small table near the Information Counter through today. Please save the church a stamp!

October 25th Newsletter

If you opted to pick up your newsletter, this week's edition is waiting for you at the Information Counter or in the brochure racks. Thank you!

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 – 3rd grade are invited to Children's Worship.

3 and 4 year-olds

10:00 – 10:45 Childcare in Nursery
10:45 – 11:00 Tiny Grace Notes Choir (Room 305)
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 Choir (Room 202A)

This Sunday: Grade 4 – High School.....Youth Worship

10:00 – 11:00 Worship
11:00 – 12:30 Youth Worship (Room 107)
11:50 – 12:30 Jr. Choir (Room 102)

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
Grace Notes (K-3rd grade) 12:00 – 12:30 Room 202A, mid-level
Jr. Choir (4th grade and older) 11:50 – 12:30 Room 102, lower level

World Mission Offering 2007

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

Bring hope to people suffering with HIV/AIDS. HIV/AIDS continues to be a huge challenge. International Ministries missionaries are working on this problem in Africa, Asia and the Americas. But more would like to become missionaries and join them. Your increased giving to WMO will help IM do more to bring life in the face of this deadly scourge. Those at risk of—and those suffering from—HIV/AIDS need the opportunity to come to Christ, grow in Christ and change their world with Christ. The WMO 2007 will be received through today. Please give generously.

Texts for next Sunday, November 4:

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 · Psalm 119:137-144 · 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11:12
Luke 19:1-10

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. This Week: Jesus' Birth and Incarnation

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 Sunday, 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.