

ORDER OF WORSHIP

*"Human faith is not so much a sum of answers as it is a way of seeing and acting."
- Richard R. Niebuhr, Experiential Religion*

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP Sue Ellen Glover

VOLUNTARY Chorale Prelude, Op. 122, No. 7 - *Johannes Brahms*
O God, Thou Faithful God

***INVOCATION** Scott Diels

***HYMN 103** Immortal, Invisible, God only wise *ST. DENIO*
(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

***RESPONSIVE READING** from Psalm 40
Leader: I waited patiently for the Lord; He inclined to me and heard my cry.
People: He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.
Leader: He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.
People: Thou hast multiplied, O Lord my God, thy wondrous deeds and thy thought toward us; none can compare with thee!
Leader: I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; lo, I have not restrained my lips.
People: I have not hid thy saving help within my heart, I have spoken of thy faithfulness and thy salvation.

***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 Genesis 26:12-18 Scott Diels
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM The Secret of Christ - *R. Shephard*
For a long time I have held my peace, but now will I speak.
I will lead the blind in a way they know not, in paths that they have not known I will guide them.
I will turn their darkness into light, and I will not forsake them.

And he showed me a pure river of the water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God; and on either side of the river was there a tree of life, and the leaves of the trees were for the healing of nations.

Help us, Lord, to persevere in prayer with minds awake and thankful hearts,
That we may share the secret of Christ with those we meet on our earthly pilgrimage,
following in the steps of Jesus, our Master and our Friend. Amen.
Bonnie Kidd, soprano

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Lord's Prayer - "debts") Sue Ellen Glover

*** GOSPEL READING** John 20:24-31 Ron Tipton
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

TIME AS CHILDREN Sue Ellen Glover

***HYMN 327** Crown Him With Many Crowns *DIADEMATA*
(Preschool - 3rd grade may leave for Children's Worship at this time.)

SERMON *Re-Digging the Wells* Ron Tipton

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS Et in terra pax - *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 154** All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name *CORONATION*

BENEDICTION

VOLUNTARY

Fanfare

- Francis Jackson

* If you are able, please stand

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
in memory of Joe Suits, with gratitude for his heart-warming smile, his sense of
humor, and his spirit which still lives on. Joe would have been 19 today.
~ The Suits 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 Elizabeth Lee, Bill Foster, Linda Jones, John
Reed, Conrad Juchartz, John Moyer, Bonnie Jensen, Justin Kerns, Tim Studer, Ruth
Scott, Paul Wing, Mildred MacGregor and Marjorie Shannon.*

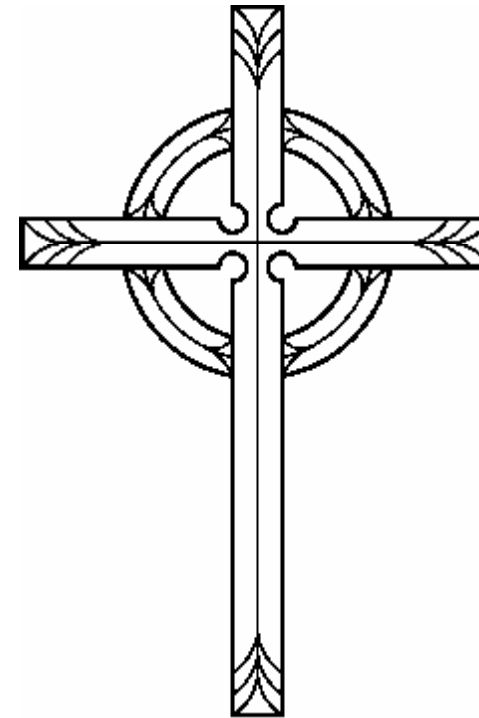
Paul and Stacey are in Kansas City, Missouri, this morning, following the wedding
of their niece last night. Paul and the boys will be returning later this afternoon.
Stacey is going straight to Indiana, for her Women Touched by Grace gathering,
and will return next Sunday afternoon.

We are grateful to have the Reverend Ronald Tipton in the pulpit this morning.
Ron and his wife Donna became members of our congregation after retiring from
the First Baptist Church of Adrian. Ron has also served FBC Ann Arbor as Interim
Minister (2000) and Campus Minister and Co-Minister (1966-1973).

Our guest organist today is Janice Beck, a former member of the First Baptist
Church staff. Following her tenure here she served as organist of the First Methodist
Church of Ann Arbor for several years, followed by a position as organist of historic
St. John's Episcopal Church in downtown Detroit. Throughout her service as a
church organist she also pursued an active career as a concert organist, presenting
recitals throughout the United States and Europe. Prior to her recent retirement, she
served as Artist-in-Residence at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Detroit.

Joel is away playing a piano recital in Buffalo, New York.

THE WORSHIP OF GOD



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

*24th Sunday after Pentecost
November 11, 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. ~

Friendship House Holiday Food Drive

In order to feed several less fortunate families in the Hamtramck area this holiday season, we will have a food/money drive for Friendship House. They are in need of stuffing, canned yams, jello, canned vegetables, canned pumpkin, evaporated milk, cranberry sauce, corn muffin mix, pie crust mix, instant mashed potatoes, etc. Monetary gifts will go towards turkeys, hams and side dishes which Friendship House will purchase. Checks can be made payable to "Friendship House" with "Harvest Food Pantry" on the memo line. (\$15 pays for a meal for a family of four.) Donations will be received at the Information Counter today, during this week in the office and next Sunday, November 18 at both the morning worship service as well as the evening Thanksgiving service we will share with Northside and The Rock churches here at FBC.

AB Women's Ministries Fall Joint Meeting of Circles

The AB Women's Ministries will have their Fall Joint Meeting of Circles this Thursday, November 15 at 1:00 p.m. in the Memorial Lounge. The MacGregor-Stitt Circle will present the program "Women of God Arise" with Nancy Nabors. Dessert and coffee will be furnished by the Beecher-Brewer Circle. All church women are invited to join us for this interesting afternoon.

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!!!

Men's Book Club

The FBC Men's Book Club will be discussing "Crisis of Abundance: Rethinking How We Pay for Health Care" by Arnold Kling. The meeting will be hosted by Cesar Alaniz on Tuesday, November 13th, at 7:00 p.m. Please RSVP to calaniz@umich.edu or 663-4871 if you are able to come. All men are welcome!

Texts for next Sunday, November 18:

Isaiah 65:17-25 · Isaiah 12 · 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 · Luke 21:5-19

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, November 11	9:30 a.m. - Prayer Group (Room 108)
	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	5:30 p.m. - Second Sunday (Fellowship Hall)
Monday, Nov. 12	7:00 p.m. - Bd. of Mission Action (Conf. Room)
Tuesday, Nov. 13	5:30 p.m. - Vespers (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 p.m. - Board of Worship (Conf. Room)
	7:00 p.m. - Men's Book Club (Alaniz home)
Wednesday, Nov. 14	1:30 p.m. - Bible Study (Lounge)
	5:30 p.m. - The Gathering (Campus Center)
	7:30 p.m. - Davis-Diels ChristCare (Lounge)
Thursday, Nov. 15	1:00 p.m. - ABWM Joint Circles (Lounge)
	7:30 p.m. - Choir Practice (102B)
Sunday, Nov. 18	9:30 a.m. - Prayer Group (Room 108)
	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	12:30 p.m. - Financial Campaign Lunch (Fell. Hall)
	7:30 p.m. - Thanksgiving Service (Sanctuary)

Second Sunday Speaker Series – Tonight

Each month we feature scholars and visionary church leaders addressing theological and social concerns. Join us this evening for a potluck dinner (5:30) as we welcome Dr. Larry Greenfield, currently Executive Minister for the Metro Chicago Region of the American Baptist Churches, past President of Northern Theological Seminary and an interim pastor for this congregation in 1991-92. Dr. Greenfield's address, "*Mission Impossible? Being a Baptist with Integrity Today*," will begin at 7:00 p.m. followed by a discussion until 8:00. Childcare will be provided.

Thanksgiving Service

Next Sunday evening, November 18, at 7:30, there will be a joint Thanksgiving service that will include Northside Community Church, The Rock Baptist Church, and our church. The service will occur in our sanctuary. We hope that many of you will be able to attend.

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

K – 2nd grade

10:00 – 10:30 Worship
10:30 – 11:00 K – 3rd grade: Children's Worship (Room 202A)
11:00 – 12:00 Church School (Room 202B)

3rd – 6th grade

10:00 – 11:00 Worship
11:00 – 11:50 Church School

7th – High School

10:00 – 11:00 Worship
11:00 – 12:30 Church School (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
Grace Notes (K-3rd grade)	12:00 – 12:30	Room 202A, mid-level
Jr. Choir (4 th grade and older)	11:50 – 12:30	Room 102, lower level

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 Nandasmo. 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)!

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 - Teachings of Jesus: Wisdom Tradition

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

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.

Financial Campaign Potluck Luncheon

There will be a luncheon next Sunday, November 18 at 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up at the Information Counter if you plan to attend and what type of potluck dish you plan to bring.