

ORDER OF WORSHIP

*"Creativity is the basic attribute of God."
- Hermann Cohen*

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP Paul Simpson Duke

VOLUNTARY The Children of God - *Olivier Messiaen**
"All who receive the Word of God become children of God"

***INVOCATION** Gad Lim

***HYMN 694** Come, ye thankful people, come *ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR*
(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

***RESPONSIVE READING** Isaiah 12:2-6
Leader: Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the Lord God is my strength and my might; God has become my salvation.
People: **With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.**
Leader: And you will say in that day: give thanks to the Lord; proclaim that the Lord's name is exalted.
People: **Sing praises to the Lord, who had done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth.**
ALL: Shout aloud and sing for joy, royal Zion, for great in your midst is the holy one of Israel.

***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 Isaiah 65:17-25 Paul Simpson Duke
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM King Jesus hath a Garden - *Traditional*
King Jesus hath a garden, filled with divers flow'rs where I go culling posies gay, all times and hours.

Refrain:
There naught is heard but Paradise bird, harp, dulcimer, lute, with cymbal, trump and tymbal, and the tender soothing flute.

The Lily white in blossom there, is purity: the Violet, with sweet perfume, Humility.
The bonny Damask Rose is known as Patience.
The blithe and thrifty Marygold, Obedience.

Refrain
Ah! Jesu Lord, my heal and weal, my bliss complete, make thou my heart thy garden plot, fair, trim and neat.

Refrain:
That I may hear this music clear, harp, dulcimer, lute, with cymbal, trump and tymbal, and the tender soothing flute.

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

EPISTLE READING 2 Corinthians 5:16-17 Gad Lim
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

TIME AS CHILDREN Sue Ellen Glover

***HYMN** (see insert) Day by day and with each passing moment *BLOTT EN DAG*
(Preschool - 3rd grade may leave for Children's Worship at this time.)

SERMON *The Creator* Paul Simpson Duke

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS Dona Nobis Pacem - *W. A. Mozart*
Grant us peace, Amen.

***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 384

Love divine, all loves excelling

BEECHER

BENEDICTION

VOLUNTARY

Now Thank we All our God

- Sigfrid Karg-Elert

* If you are able, please stand

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
from the Purchase Memorial fund.*

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, Linda Jones, John Reed, Conrad Juchartz, John Moyer, Bonnie Jensen, Justin Kerns, Tim Studer, Ruth Scott, Paul Wing, Mildred MacGregor and Marjorie Shannon.

Stacey has been in Indiana this past week attending her Women Touched by Grace gathering. She will return this afternoon.

We welcome back Janice Beck to the organ today, as Joel is away playing a piano recital in Brantford, Ontario.

* Oliver Messiaen, the composer of the opening voluntary, was born in Avignon, France in 1908. A child prodigy, he entered the Paris Conservatory of Music at the age of 11. In 1931 he became organist of the Church of the Trinity in Paris, a post he held until his death in 1992. After World War II, he joined the faculty of the Paris Conservatory. He was a prolific composer whose compositions reflected his deep religious faith. Today he is considered to be amongst the greatest composers of the 20th century, and his many works for organ are among his finest. *The Children of God*, characteristic of his music, exploits asymmetrical rhythms and dissonant, triadic harmonies.

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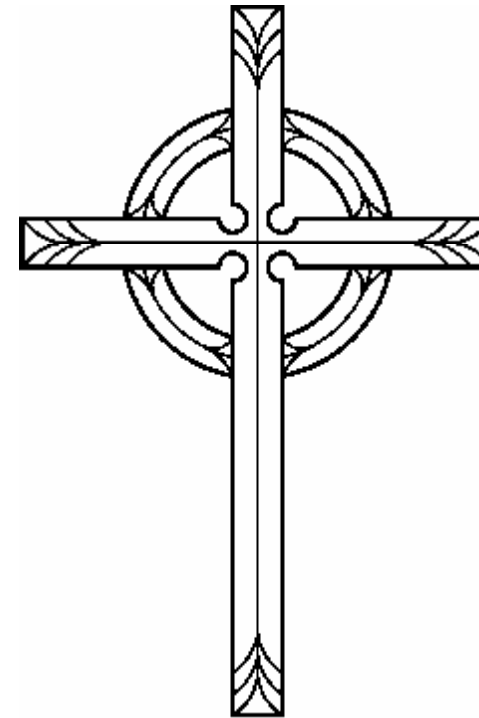
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THE WORSHIP OF GOD



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25th Sunday after Pentecost

November 18, 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 are having 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 this morning, as well as at this evening's Thanksgiving service.

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!!!

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.

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)!

Texts for next Sunday, November 25:

Jeremiah 23:1-6 · Isaiah 1:68-79 · Colossians 1:11-20 · Luke 23:33-43

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 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)
Tuesday, Nov. 20	5:30 p.m. - Vespers (Fellowship Hall)
	5:30 p.m. - Board of Christian Educ. (Conf. Room)
	7:00 p.m. - Board of Trustees (Lounge)
Thursday, Nov. 22	<i>Happy Thanksgiving!</i> (church and offices closed)
Friday, Nov. 23	(church and offices closed)
Saturday, Nov. 24	(church and offices closed)
Sunday, Nov. 25	9:30 a.m. - Prayer Group (Room 108)
	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Thanksgiving Service - Tonight

This evening 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. Childcare will be provided.

Financial Campaign Potluck Luncheon - Today

Everyone is invited to a fellowship lunch today at 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Pavilion Decision

The proposal to build a pavilion on the west side of the property was approved by a 3:1 margin. The project will begin as soon as possible. You will soon be hearing from the Homelessness Task Force and the Mission Action board inviting you to support the cost of the pavilion construction.

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

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' Program: The Kingdom of God"

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.)
Bible Study has been cancelled for this Wednesday, November 21, however will resume Wednesday, November 28. Rev. Paul Simpson Duke leads a study of the Gospel of John, chapters 12-21. Join us 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.