

ORDER OF WORSHIP

*"It is only with one's heart that one can see clearly.
What is essential is invisible to the eye."*

- Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP Paul Simpson Duke

VOLUNTARY Praise be to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ - *Helmut Walcha*

***INVOCATION** David Robbins

***HYMN 73** O Worship the King *LYONS*
(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

***RESPONSIVE READING (hymnal, #208)** Canticle of Zechariah

***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 Jeremiah 23:1-6 David Robbins
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM Qui sedes - *A. Vivaldi*
Who sits at the right hand of the father, have mercy on us.
Lucy Thompson, soloist

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

EPISTLE READING Colossians 1:11-20 Stacey Simpson Duke
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

TIME AS CHILDREN Sue Ellen Glover

***HYMN 188** Christ is the world's light *CHRISTE SANCTORUM*
(Preschool - 3rd grade may leave for Children's Worship at this time.)

SERMON *The Visible Invisible* Stacey Simpson Duke

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS Now Thank We all our God - *J. Cruger*
Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices;
Who, from out mother's arms, Has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love, And still is ours today.

All praise and thanks to God, the Father now be given.
The Son, and Him who reigns with them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, and shall be evermore.

***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 155** All hail the power of Jesus' name! *DIADEM*
(v v. 1-3, 6)

BENEDICTION

VOLUNTARY Fanfare - *William Mathias*

* If you are able, please stand

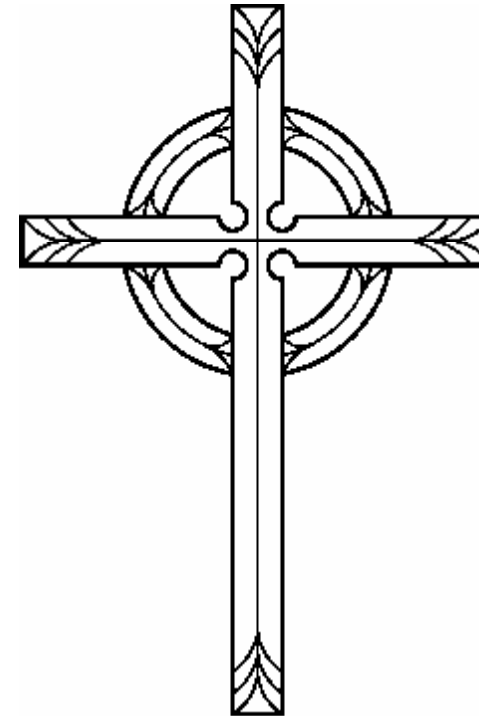
*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of Lillie and Charles Cross,
who were married on November 25, 1887.
They served as deacons at the First Baptist Church of Norwich, Connecticut.
~ Charles and Doris Fraker, Jr. ~*

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

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

*Christ the King Sunday
November 25, 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. ~

Ladies Book Club

The FBC Ladies Book Club will meet this Tuesday, November 27th, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss, "Water for Elephants" by Sara Gruen. All are welcome! Toni Stearns has graciously invited us to her home. Please let her know if you plan to attend, 668-7965. Any questions, contact Janice Stumpf at 663-4871 or jlstumpf@umich.edu.

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, December 2.

Christmas Celebration

Bazaar items for the Christmas Celebration, which will take place Sunday, December 9th, can be brought to the Information Counter Sunday mornings or to the church office during the week (9-5 Mon-Thurs, 9-1 Fridays). Please be sure to have your name and suggested price on the items. The baked goods can be brought to the Fellowship Hall or kitchen Saturday morning, December 8th, between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. or on Sunday morning (December 9th) before church. Again, please have your name and suggested price on the baked goods. Also, do not bring in any items which need refrigeration.

Announcements

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 25	9:30 a.m. - Prayer Group (Room 108)
(Newsletter & December calendar deadline)	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Tuesday, Nov. 27	5:30 p.m. - Vespers (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 p.m. - Ladies Book Club (T. Stearns home)
Wednesday, Nov. 28	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. 29	6:15 p.m. - Handbell Practice (Sanctuary)
	7:30 p.m. - Choir Practice (Room 102B)
Sunday, Dec. 2	9:30 a.m. - Prayer Group (Room 108)
	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service – Communion
	2:00 p.m. - Alternative Fair (Fell. Hall, Lounge)

Advent Devotionals and Resources

The time before Christmas can be stressful! To make this season more meaningful and more focused on the coming of Christ, the Board of Christian Education is offering Advent resources for all ages, available today and next Sunday, December 2. Included in these materials are fun activities and calendars for children and families in which to count down the days to Jesus' birthday. There are also daily devotionals for youth and adults, as well as for families. Treat yourself and your loved ones to times of wonder and quiet reflecting on the holiness of this season.

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 (in 202A).

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)

Today: Grade 4 – high school

10:00 – 11:00 Worship
11:00 – 12:30 Youth Worship (Youth 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 (4th 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 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)!

Texts for next Sunday, December 2:

Isaiah 2:1-5 · Psalm 122 · Romans 13:11-14 · Matthew 24:36-44

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 - 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.)

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.