

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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*"The transfiguration of Jesus belies all the ways we dilute the stringent wine of the Gospel.  
The blinding light and the voice from the clouds challenge faith that has turned  
tepid, perfunctory, and bored."  
- Daniel Clendenin*

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

**VOLUNTARY** Prelude in C Major - J.S. Bach

**\*INVOCATION** Clay Scott

**\*HYMN 139** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty *LOBE DEN HERREN*  
(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

**\*THE PSALM** from Psalm 99  
Leader: The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon  
the cherubim; let the earth quake!  
People: Let them praise your great and awesome name.  
Leader: Holy is God! Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established  
equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.  
People: Extol the Lord our God; worship at God's footstool. Holy is God!  
Leader: Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the  
Lord our God is holy.  
People: The Lord our God is holy.  
ALL: Praise the Lord!

**\*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

**EPISTLE READING** 2 Peter 1:16-21 Stacey Simpson Duke  
Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God!

**ANTHEM** Lord, for thy tender mercies' sake - Richard Farrant  
Lord, for Thy tender mercies' sake, lay not our sins to our charge, but forgive that is  
past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives, to decline from sin and incline our  
virtue, that we may walk with a perfect heart, before Thee now and evermore.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** Paul Simpson Duke

**\*GOSPEL READING** Matthew 17:1-9 Clay Scott  
Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God!

**TIME AS CHILDREN** Sue Ellen Glover

**\*HYMN 173** Christ, whose glory fills the skies *RATISBON*  
(Preschool - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade may leave for Children's Worship at this time.)

**SERMON** *Eyewitnesses of Majesty* Stacey Simpson Duke

**SILENT REFLECTION**

**OFFERING OF GIFTS** Gifts of the Holy Spirit - A. Bassett  
Almighty God, who gave us the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit, Increase in us  
daily we pray the manifold gifts of his grace that we may know the freedom of the  
children of God and bear witness boldly for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ who  
now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. One God forever and ever.  
Amen.

**CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION**  
Invitation to the Table  
Prayer of Confession and the Lord's Prayer ("debts")  
Assurance of Pardon  
\*Passing of the Peace  
Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you.  
Response: And also with you.  
The Bread and the Cup  
Prayer after Communion

\*HYMN OF FELLOWSHIP  
(PG. 557)

Blest be the tie that binds  
(1<sup>ST</sup> stanza)

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BENEDICTION

VOLUNTARY

Fugue in C Major

- J.S. Bach

\* If you are able, please stand

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God  
in memory of Robert P. Scott.  
~ Mr. Thomas Scott ~*

*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 Linda Ames, Zella Willis, June Ludwig, Elizabeth Lee, Conrad Juchartz, John Moyer, Bonnie Jensen, Lloyd Crabtree, Carolyn Hillebrand, Justin Kerns, Marian Carter, Tim Studer, Ruth Scott, Paul Wing, Susan Edwards, Mildred MacGregor, and Marjorie Shannon.

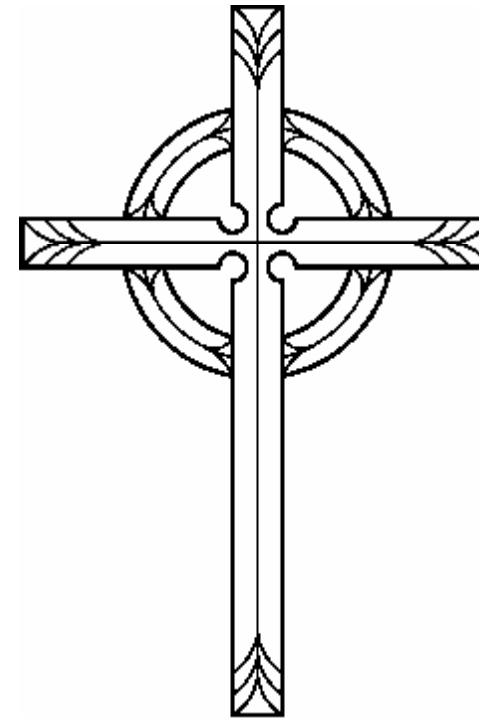
Today's Fellowship Offering will go towards the Fellowship Fund which provides for meeting emergency needs of those within our community. Please give generously.

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# THE WORSHIP OF GOD



**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR**

*Transfiguration Sunday  
February 3, 2008*

*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. ~*

## Other Adult Learning Opportunities

*Wednesday Bible Study (Memorial Lounge, 1:30 – 2:30)*

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

## Youth Valentine Sale

Express your appreciation, friendship or love to your church friends, your family and your sweetheart with valentines being sold by the youth! Today is the last day to purchase (and return) your valentines. Please turn in your completed valentines to the youth today or to the office by Wednesday, February 6. The valentines will be delivered next Sunday (or mailed) along with a gift from the youth. All profits from this sale will be donated by the youth to the Sister Church's school in Nandasmö.

## Cooks Needed for The Gathering

Volunteers are needed to cook meals for our campus ministry program, The Gathering. This is a much-appreciated ministry of hospitality for students who are away from home and don't often get a home-cooked meal. Please sign up at the Information Counter where instruction sheets are provided for you to take with you.

## Resources for Lent

Lenten Devotionals, provided by the Board of Christian Education, are available at the table near the ramp and Information Counter. (Lent starts this Wednesday.) There are materials for all ages – children, youth and adults and many for families.

## 2008 Flower Calendar is up!

The 2008 Flower Calendar is now posted on the downstairs bulletin board. Please sign up if you are interested in hosting the chancel flowers, especially if you'd like a specific Sunday in 2008. The dedication appears in the bulletin the week you host them. The arrangements are from Tom Thompson's Florist and cost \$30. You are welcome to do whatever you wish with the arrangement following the service.

## Texts for next Sunday, February 10:

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 · Psalm 32 · Romans 5:12-19 · Matthew 4:1-11

## **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.

<b>TODAY, February 3</b>	9:30 a.m. - Prayer Group (Room 108)
<i>*newsletter deadline*</i>	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service - <i>Communion</i>
	11:30 a.m. - Congregational Discussion re: Youth Minister Proposal (Lounge)
	4:00 p.m. - Vespers Super Bowl Party (Fellow. Hall)
Monday, February 4	7:00 p.m. - Board of Evangelism (Conf. room)
Tuesday, February 5	5:30 p.m. - Vespers (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday, February 6	1:30 p.m. - Bible Study (Lounge)
	5:30 p.m. - The Gathering (Campus Center)
	7:00 p.m. - Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary)
	7:30 p.m. - Davis/Diels ChristCare (Lounge)
Thursday, February 7	6:15 p.m. - Handbell Practice (Sanctuary)
	7:30 p.m. - Choir Practice (102B)
Sunday, February 10	9:30 a.m. - Prayer Group (Room 108)
	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)

## Youth Minister Proposal – Discussion Today

Please be reminded that an important discussion is taking place today during Second Hour. The meeting is to discuss a proposal from our Board of Christian Education to call a half-time Minister of Youth. The meeting will present the vision for an expanded ministry to youth and their families, what such a minister might accomplish, how the life of the church and community could be impacted, and how such a position could be funded. This will not be a formal business meeting. We believe, however, that this discussion is extraordinarily important for the faithfulness, growth, and vitality of our church and its mission in the present and future. Please join us for this important meeting.

## Ash Wednesday Service – February 6

Please plan on attending the Ash Wednesday service this Wednesday, February 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Childcare will be provided.

