

ORDER OF WORSHIP

*"One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see."
- John 9:25*

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP Sue Ellen Glover

VOLUNTARY Amazing Grace - *arr. Craig Phillips*

***INVOCATION** Ed Voss

***HYMN 57** (vv. 1-4, 7) O for a thousand tongues to sing
(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards) *AZMON*

***THE PSALM** Psalm 23
Leader: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
People: The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures,
Leader: He leads me beside still waters, he restores my life,
People: He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
Leader: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will
fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they
comfort me.
People: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you
anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows.
Leader: Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life;
People: and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

EPISTLE READING Ephesians 5:8-14

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM The Lord is my shepherd - *H. Goodall*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Stacey Simpson Duke

***GOSPEL READING** John 9:1-41

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

TIME AS CHILDREN Sue Ellen Glover

***HYMN 163** Ask ye what great thing I know *HENDON*
(Preschool - 3rd grade may leave for Children's Worship at this time.)

SERMON *What We Know* Stacey Simpson Duke

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS O Dearest Lord, Thy Sacred Head - *Trad. American Tune
arr. D. Johnson*

O dearest Lord, Thy sacred head with thorns was pieced for me;
O pour thy blessing on my head that I may think for thee.

O dearest Lord, thy sacred hands with nails were pierced for me;
O shed thy blessing on my hands, that they may work for thee.

O dearest Lord, thy sacred feet with nails were pierced for me;
O pour thy blessing on my feet that they may follow thee.

O dearest Lord, thy sacred heart with spear was pierced for me;
O pour thy Spirit in my heart that I may live for thee.

Charise Hastings, flute

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
(1ST stanza)

DENNIS

BENEDICTION

VOLUNTARY

Concerto IV in F Major: Allegro

- G.F. Handel

* If you are able, please stand

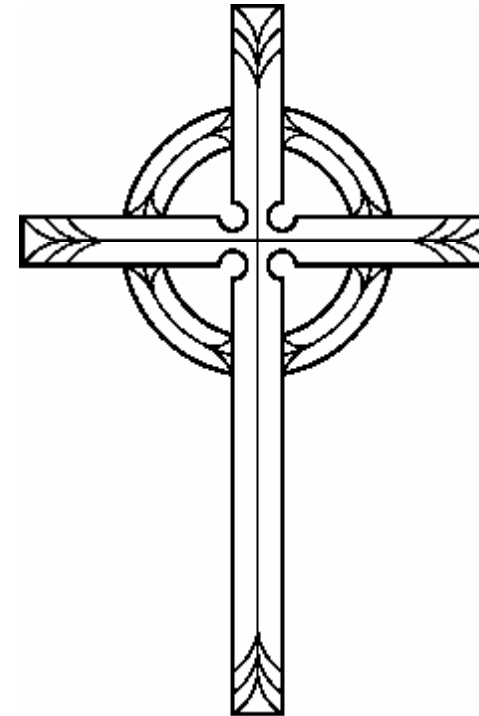
*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
in celebration of Sue Ellen Glover's birthday today.*

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, Mary Gregg, Dot Reed, Elizabeth Lee, Conrad Juchartz, John Moyer, Bonnie Jensen, Lloyd Crabtree, Justin Kerns, Marian Carter, Ruth Scott, Paul Wing, Susan Edwards, Mildred MacGregor, Marjorie Shannon and June Ludwig.

Paul is in Plains, Georgia, preaching in a series of services today through Wednesday.

Today's Fellowship Offering will go towards the 2008 America for Christ Offering which will be received throughout the month of March. There are special envelopes at the end of each pew for this purpose. Please give generously.

THE WORSHIP OF GOD



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

*4th Sunday in Lent
March 2, 2008*

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The Reverends Paul and Stacey Simpson Duke, *Pastors*

*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. ~

Texts for next Sunday, March 9:

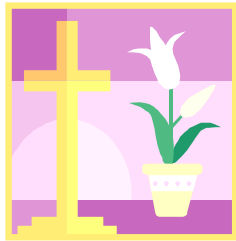
Ezekiel 37:1-14 · Psalm 130 · Romans 8:6-11 · John 11:1-45

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.

2008 Flower Calendar

There is still a wide choice of dates available on the 2008 Flower Calendar which is posted on the downstairs bulletin board. The arrangements are from Tom Thompson's Florist and cost \$30. The dedication appears in the bulletin the week you host them. You are welcome to do whatever you wish with the arrangement following the service.



EASTER LILY ORDER FORM

I / We would like to order an Easter Lily (\$15 each) to be given:

In honor of: _____.

In memory of: _____.

Given by: _____.

Enclosed is my check made out to "First Baptist Church" for \$_____, for a total of _____ plants, which will be displayed on the chancel Easter Sunday, and may be picked up following the service that day. Paid orders must be received by Sunday, March 16 to be included in the Easter bulletin. If you choose to mail your order to the office please write "ATTN: Carey" on the envelope and be sure to write "Easter Lily" on the memo line of your check.

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, March 2 9:30 a.m. - Prayer Group (Room 108)
- (newsletter deadline) 10:00 a.m. - Worship Service - *Communion*
- Tuesday, March 4 5:30 p.m. - Vespers (Fellowship Hall)
- Wednesday, March 5 1:30 p.m. - Bible Study (Lounge)
- 5:30 p.m. - The Gathering (Campus Center)
- Thursday, March 6 7:30 p.m. - Choir Practice (102B)
- Friday, March 7 7:30 p.m. - IPCRI Event (see insert)
- Sunday, March 9 * *Daylight Saving Time Begins*
- 9:30 a.m. - Prayer Group (Room 108)
- 10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 3:00 p.m. - Memorial Service for Zella Willis

Easter Event: Sunday, March 16, 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. Lunch, crafts, the Easter story and an egg hunt! Designed for families with children - invite your family and friends!

2008 Rotating Shelter

The Mission Board will once again host this year's Rotating Shelter beginning the evening of Monday, March 24 running through the evening of Monday, March 31 (please note: there is one added evening this year making a total of seven full nights). The men arrive at 8:00 p.m. each night and leave the next morning at 7:00 a.m. The shelter program provides sleeping arrangements for homeless men throughout the cold months. FBC has participated in this program since its inception many years ago and considers it to be an important part of our mission outreach. At least two volunteers, preferably three, are needed each evening to spend the night as hosts. If you are able and willing to help out this year please sign up at the Information Counter.

Nursery care is available on the 3rd floor from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. this morning.

All children are welcome to worship with their families. After the Time as Children portion of the worship service, preschoolers may go to the nursery for childcare and their church school class starting at 11:00 a.m. Children in kindergarten – 3rd grade are invited to Children’s Worship.

Children and Youth Christian Education

3 and 4 year-olds

10:00 – 11:00 Worship with family or childcare in nursery
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 (Room 202B)

3rd – 6th Grade

10:00 – 11:00 Worship
11:10 – 11:50 Jr. Choir (Room 102)
11:50 – 12:30 Church School (Room 304)

7th Grade – 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 306
Tiny Grace Notes (preschool)	10:45 – 11:00	Room 306
Grace Notes (K - 3 rd grade)	12:00 – 12:30	Room 202A, middle level
Jr. Choir (4 th grade and older)	11:10 – 11:50	Room 102, lower level

Adult Christian Education (11:30 – 12:30)

Foundations of Faith (Lounge)

Leader: Rev. Ron Tipton

Christian life and mission are built on a foundation of personal faith. This class will focus on the spiritual foundation for belief and mission. We will explore such topics as the meaning of personal faith; our relationship with God in Christ; the use of the Bible in guiding and sustaining our faith; the place of imagination, symbols, music, and art in personal faith; the role of the Church as the Body of Christ; and such concerns as may arise from our discussions.

Lenten Small Group (Room 108)

Facilitator: Sue Ellen Glover

Participants will commit to consistent attendance, shared leadership, and preparation each week by reading essays, meditations and sermons (up to 50 pages per week) by writers such as Barbara Brown Taylor, Frederick Buechner, Henri Nouwen, and others. We will use our group time to share the personal meanings these writings had and to share other resources which have impact on our spiritual lives.

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! (Please note: David Bucholtz will be the guest teacher this week.)

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.

2008 America For Christ Offering

“The United States is the third largest mission field on our planet. We have millions of people right here, on the doorsteps of our churches, our homes, our schools, who have deep hunger—and not just for food or education or a warm bed, but also for comfort, hope, and the assurance that someone, somewhere cares. It’s National Ministries’ mission to bring Christ-centered transformation to individuals, churches and communities across our country and Puerto Rico. We share God’s love through a host of ministries.” Please consider giving generously to the 2008 America for Christ Offering, which supports such ministries, and will be received throughout the month of March.