

ORDER OF WORSHIP

*"This is the element that all the stories about Christ's return to life have in common.... He never approached from on high, but always in the midst, in the midst of real people, in the midst of real life and the questions that real life asks."
- Frederick Buechner*

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP Stacey Simpson Duke

VOLUNTARY Christ Is Arisen - Flor Peeters

***INVOCATION** Becky Miller

***HYMN 308** Thine be the glory *JUDAS MACCABEUS*
(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

***THE PSALM** Psalm 16:7-9, 11
Leader: I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.
People: I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.
Leader: Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.
All: You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

***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 1 Peter 1:3-9 Becky Miller
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM Soon and Very Soon - A. Crouch
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King;
Hallelujah! We're going to see the King.
No more dying there, we are going to see the King;
Hallelujah! We're going to see the King.

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

***GOSPEL READING** John 20:19-23 Paul Simpson Duke
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

TIME AS CHILDREN Sue Ellen Glover

***HYMN 141** Children of the heavenly Father *TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA*
(Preschool - 3rd grade may leave for Children's Worship at this time.)

SERMON *The Living* Paul Simpson Duke

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS Praise the Lord - G. F. Handel
Praise the Lord!
Let songs of joy break forth!
Sing alleluia, praise his name forevermore!
Shout, sing, come dance and celebrate.
Sing alleluia! Sing for joy!

***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 420** Breathe on me, Breath of God *TRENTHAM*

BENEDICTION

VOLUNTARY

Toccata on "O Filii et Filiae"

- Lynnwood Farnam

* If you are able, please stand

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
in celebration of Spring.
~ the Barron family ~*

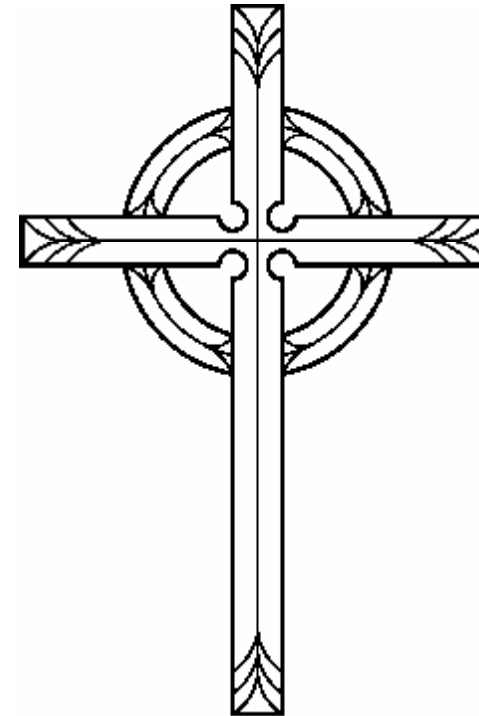
The Prayer Concern Cards are for your use. If you have a prayer concern in addition to those listed here, please fill out a card and pass it to the end of the aisle during the first hymn. We pray for Elizabeth Lee, Linda Ames, Conrad Juchartz, John Moyer, Bonnie Jensen, Lloyd Crabtree, Justin Kerns, Marian Carter, Ruth Scott, Paul Wing, Susan Edwards, Mildred MacGregor, Marjorie Shannon, June Ludwig and Frances Hinderer.

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

*2nd Sunday of Easter
March 30, 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. ~

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.

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.

2008 Directory Proofing

Please stop by the tables near the Information Counter to proof your information. You are welcome to make corrections or to write "OK" if the information is correct. *It has been updated since last week with corrections and additions.* There are also blank pages if you'd like your contact information included. Please be sure to fill in missing birthday(s), new e-mail addresses, work numbers, and cell phone numbers if you'd like them included. The new edition of the church directory will be available April 13.

America for Christ Offering

The 2008 America for Christ Offering is received through today. Please refer to the insert in this bulletin for more information. You are welcome to use the special envelopes at the end of each pew. Please give generously.

Texts for next Sunday, April 6:

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 · Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 · 1 Peter 1:17-23 · Luke 24:13-35

TODAY, March 30	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
(newsletter deadline)	11:30 a.m. - Congregational Vote: Youth Minister
	5:00 p.m. - Congregational Conversation about our church's name (Fellowship Hall)
	8:00 p.m. - Rotating Shelter (Fellowship Hall)
Tuesday, April 1	5:30 p.m. - Vespers (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday, April 2	1:30 p.m. - Bible Study (Lounge)
	5:30 p.m. - The Gathering (Campus Center)
Thursday, April 3	6:15 p.m. - Handbell Practice (Sanctuary)
	7:30 p.m. - Choir Practice (102B)
Sunday, April 6	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (<i>Communion</i>)

Congregational Vote: Youth Minister

A congregational meeting will be held in the Memorial Lounge at 11:30 today to act on the proposal to seek a half-time youth minister, with a funding commitment for compensation (salary and benefits) for three years. Funding will be provided by the congregation as a whole. The rationale developed by the Board of Christian Education and job description for this position are available at the Information Counter. Please refer to the March 19 newsletter for more information.

Congregational Conversation About Our Church's Name

We will gather for conversation and supper this evening at 5:00 p.m. All will be welcome to speak. Any written comments turned in to Mary Davis will be read to the group. Soup will be provided. Please bring a salad, dessert or bread to share. Childcare will be available. Please refer to the March 19 newsletter for more information.

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

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:

Because of the congregational meeting, church school classes and Youth Worship will not begin until after the meeting.

3's and 4's

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Worship with family or childcare in nursery

12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. Church School (room 306)

K – 2nd grade

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Worship

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Children's Worship (room 202A)

11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Grace Notes

12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. Church School

3rd – 5th grades:

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Meet with Sue Ellen in room 202A and B

12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. Church School (room 304)

7th Grade – high school

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Worship

Youth 6th grade and older are invited to go to the meeting and after the meeting, meet for Youth Worship until 12:30 p.m. in room 107.

Children's Music and Arts Ministry:

Jr. Handbells Not meeting today

Tiny Grace Notes (preschool) 10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Room 306

Grace Notes (K - 3rd grade) 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (today only) Room 202A

Jr. Choir (4th grade and older) Not meeting today

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

There will be no second hour classes today due to the Congregational Vote.

New Spring Adult classes beginning next Sunday, April 6 at 11:30 a.m.:

Religion and Peacemaking in the Middle East (Lounge)

Ron Gregg and Sarah Heidt, facilitators

This series of presentations by local Arabs, Jews and Christians will examine the possibilities for a peaceful outcome of the Israeli/Palestinian conflict from a variety of perspectives, especially the religious. A time for questions and discussion will follow each presentation.

APRIL 6: The Psychology of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

With polls showing that a solid majority of Israelis and Palestinians support a two-state solution, why is peace so difficult to achieve? Aaron Ahuvia argues that basic human psychology, and a well-founded lack of trust on both sides, have been significant contributing factors to the continuation of the conflict. This talk provides an accessible explanation of current psychological research, shows how this causes biases in the way both sides look at the other, and suggests practical ways of getting past these obstacles to achieve a lasting peace.

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Earth Crammed With Heaven (Room 108)

Ron Tipton, leader

Using a book by Elizabeth Dreyer, a laywoman who is concerned about a "spirituality of everyday life," we will follow a small group format. Participants will commit to consistent attendance and preparation each week (reading portions of the book), with group time spent in sharing and growing through spiritual disciplines. The book is available at the Information Counter.