

ORDER OF WORSHIP

*"Forgive
My doubt,
My anger,
My pride.
By Thy mercy
Abase me,
By Thy strictness
Raise me up."
- Dag Hammarskjöld*

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP Stacey Simpson Duke

VOLUNTARY I Call To You, Lord Jesus Christ - *J.S. Bach*

***INVOCATION** Sam Kidd

***HYMN 96** Praise the Lord who reigns above *AMSTERDAM*
(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

***THE PSALM** Psalm 130
Leader: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.
People: Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading.
Leader: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
People: But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.
Leader: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits; and in God's word I hope.
People: My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.
All: Hope in the Lord! For with the Lord is steadfast love and great power to redeem. It is God who redeems us from all our iniquities.

SPECIAL MUSIC Dona Nobis Pacem - *Traditional*
Johnson Memorial Handbells

OLD TESTAMENT READING Ezekiel 27:1-14 Paul Simpson Duke
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM There Is a Green Hill - *arr. Michael Bedford*
Junior Choir

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

EPISTLE READING Romans 8:6-11 Sam Kidd
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

TIME AS CHILDREN Sue Ellen Glover

***HYMN 297** Beneath the cross of Jesus *ST. CHRISTOPHER*
(Preschool - 3rd grade may leave for Children's Worship at this time.)

SERMON *Can These Bones Live?* Paul Simpson Duke

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS Crown of Roses - *Tchaikovsky*

***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 292** What wondrous love is this *WONDROUS LOVE*

BENEDICTION

VOLUNTARY Jesus, My Friend - *Johann Gottfried Walther*

* If you are able, please stand

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
in celebration of Jeanette Halliday's birthday this Wednesday, March 12.
~ Geoff, Max, and Sam Halliday ~*

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 Carol Rees in the death of her sister, Ellen McCrady, and we also 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, Danny Rauser, Mildred MacGregor, Marjorie Shannon and June Ludwig.

We welcome Sarah Albright to the organ this morning. Sarah has recently retired as music director of the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Ann Arbor where she served for twenty-two years. Thank you for sharing your gifts with us. Joel is playing a piano recital today at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Flint.

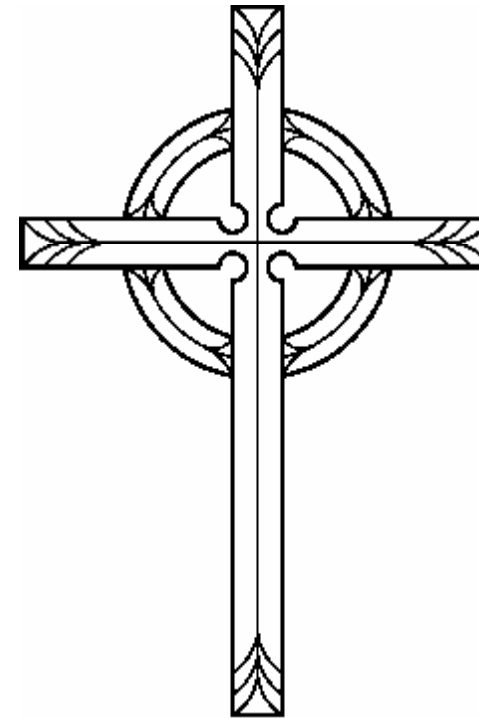
The 2008 America for Christ Offering is received throughout the month of March. Please refer to the insert for more information. You are welcome to use the special envelopes at the end of each pew. Please give generously.

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

*5th Sunday in Lent
March 9, 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. ~

Congregational Discussion: Youth Minister

A congregational meeting will be held after worship on March 30 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. More information will be available preceding the vote.

Texts for next Sunday, March 16:

Palms Liturgy: Matthew 21:1-11 · Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Passion Liturgy: Isaiah 50:4-9a · Psalm 31:9-16 · Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 26:14-27:66 (27:11-54)

2008 Rotating Shelter

The Mission Board will once again host this year's Rotating Shelter beginning the evening of Monday, March 24 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. 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.

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 next Sunday, March 16.** 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.

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| TODAY, March 9 | 9:30 a.m. - Prayer Group (Room 108) |
| | 10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary) |
| | 3:00 p.m. - Memorial Service for Zella Willis |
| Tuesday, March 11 | 5:30 p.m. - Vespers (Fellowship Hall) |
| Wednesday, March 12 | 1:30 p.m. - Bible Study (Lounge) |
| | 5:30 p.m. - The Gathering (Campus Center) |
| Thursday, March 13 | 6:15 p.m. - Handbell Practice (Sanctuary) |
| | 7:30 p.m. - Choir Practice (102B) |
| Sunday, March 16 | 9:30 a.m. - Prayer Group (Room 108) |
| | 10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary) |
| | 12:30 p.m. - Easter Event (Fellowship Hall) |
| | 7:00 p.m. - Second Sunday (Sanctuary) |
- * * *newsletter & April calendar deadline* * *

Easter Event (next Sunday)

Next 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!

"Two Faces in the Shadows" (next Sunday)

Once again our March "Second Sunday" presentation will actually take place on the third Sunday, March 16. The program will be the performance of a Passion play entitled "Two Faces in the Shadows." The drama deals with an imagined encounter in the Upper Room late on the first Good Friday between the two disciples, Peter and Judas, who, each for his own reasons, had betrayed their Master less than twenty-four hours before. The two-person cast is headed by our friend and former interim pastor, Larry Greenfield playing the part of Judas. Larry and his friend William Greene have been staging the play, which Larry describes as "powerful," before Chicago church audiences to much acclaim, and they are eager and excited to bring it to Ann Arbor. An added attraction for us is that the principal author of the play, written in the early 1990's, is none other than our own Paul Duke. For those who might be interested, copies of the play are still available at Amazon.com. The presentation will be in the sanctuary and will begin at 7:00 p.m. There will be a brief time of fellowship and refreshment at the conclusion so that we can all congratulate the cast and author.

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

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

Adult Christian Education (cont’d)

Lenten Small Group (Room 108) Facilitator: Sue Ellen Glover
This small group is meeting during Lent. Participants 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 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!

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.

Holy Week Schedule:

Easter Event: Sunday, March 16, 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Second Sunday: March 16, 7:00 p.m. “Two Faces in the Shadows” play in the First Baptist Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday Service: March 20, 7:30 p.m. at Northside Community Church

Community Good Friday Service: March 21 at 12:00, 12:30 & 1:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church next door (The FBC Choir and Organist, Joel Hastings will perform at the 1:00 service)

Tenebrae Service: March 21, 8:00 p.m. in the First Baptist Sanctuary (childcare provided)

Easter Sunday: March 23, 10:00 a.m. in the First Baptist Sanctuary