

ORDER OF WORSHIP

*"The union of people with God is the union of people with one another."
- Thomas Aquinas*

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP Sue Ellen Glover

VOLUNTARY Prelude - Eugene Thayer

***INVOCATION** Vern Jensen

***HYMN 547** O church of God, united *ELLACOMBE*
(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

***THE PSALM** Psalm 23 (in unison)
The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still water. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and they staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

***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

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 2:42-47 Stacey Simpson Duke
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM Rejoice in the Lord Always - H. Purcell
Rejoice in the Lord always,
and again I say rejoice.
Let your moderation be known unto all men.
The Lord is at hand.

Be careful for nothing;
but in every thing
by prayer and supplication
with thanksgiving,
let your requests be made known unto God.

And the peace of God,
which passeth all understanding,
shall keep your hearts and minds
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Lord's Prayer - "debts") Sue Ellen Glover

***GOSPEL READING** John 10:1-10 Vern Jensen
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

TIME AS CHILDREN Sue Ellen Glover

***HYMN 381** Savior, like a shepherd lead us *BRADBURY*
(Preschool - 3rd grade may leave for Children's Worship at this time.)

SERMON Friends Stacey Simpson Duke

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS Jesu, the very thought of Thee - E. Bairstow
Jesu, the very thought of thee
With sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far thy face to see,
And in thy presence rest.

***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 549**

Where charity and love prevail
(vv. 1-4)

ST. PETER

BENEDICTION

VOLUNTARY

Festal Song

- *John Ebenezer West*

* If you are able, please stand

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
in joyful celebration of the marriage of Laura Paul and Tony Parmelee.*

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, Bonnie Bates, Conrad Juchartz, John Moyer, Bonnie Jensen, Lloyd Crabtree, Justin Kerns, Marian Carter, Ruth Scott, Paul Wing, Susan Edwards, Mildred MacGregor, Marjorie Shannon, June Ludwig, Frances Hinderer and the family and friends of David Noel Freedman.

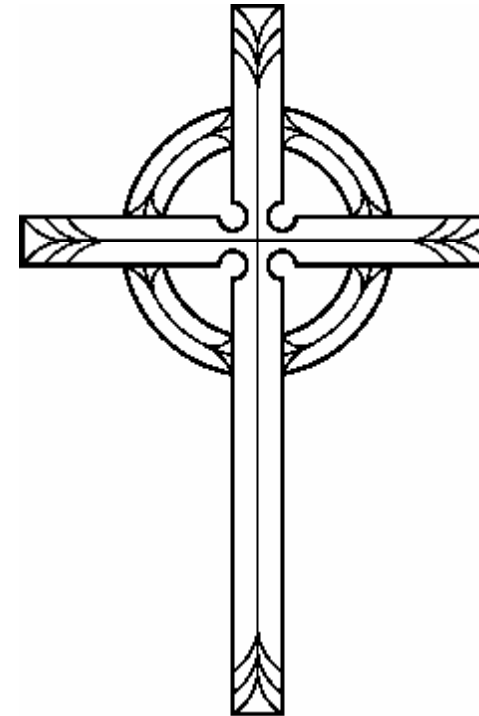
Paul is preaching today at Crescent Hill Baptist Church in Louisville, Kentucky. As part of its centennial celebration, the church is commemorating "The Crescent Hill Hymn," which he co-authored some years ago.

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD



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*4th Sunday of Easter
April 13, 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. ~

2008 Phone Directory

The latest edition of the church directory is available for you to pick up at the Information Counter.

Birthday Party-In-a-Bag:

On Sunday, May 11 our congregation will celebrate the 180th birthday of our church! We are celebrating this event with a special mission project for the clients of Friendship House, our ABC mission in Hamtramck. We would like to provide 18 parties-in-a-bag – please see the example in the Christian Education hallway. You may bring a whole bag or just some of the ingredients. The bags should include a cake mix and frosting (cupcake and cake pans have already been donated), party napkins, plates, other party necessities and a toy. Donations of whole bags or contents for the bags will be accepted through May 11.

Texts for next Sunday, April 20:

Acts 7:55-60 · Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 · 1 Peter 2:2-10 · John 14:1-14

Scholarship Money Available

Money from the Chester and Violet Loucks Memorial Scholarship Fund is available for those pursuing post-secondary education or continuing education.

“Scholarships may be granted to supplement the cost of achieving these goals:

1. To obtain a post-secondary education, i.e., at the college or post-graduate level.
2. To develop or improve skills, obtain training or enrichment through camps, conferences, or continuing education experiences that relate to and enhance the work and ministry of First Baptist Church Ann Arbor.”

Money from the Robert L. Johnson Memorial Scholarship Fund is available to provide support for those wishing to attend conferences at Green Lake.

Applications for both scholarships will be available at the information desk or from Mary Davis via email (madrada@umich.edu). Loucks Fund applications are due by May 11. Please give or send applications to Mary Davis, 1414 Iroquois Pl, Ann Arbor, MI 48104.

~ The Scholarship Committee

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 *outside* the Fellowship Hall for refreshments.

TODAY, April 13	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
* <i>newsletter deadline</i> *	
Tuesday, April 15	1:00 p.m. - Beecher-Brewer Circle (Lounge)
	5:30 p.m. - Vespers (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 p.m. - Board of Trustees (Conference Room)
	7:00 p.m. - Ladies Book Club (T. Canell's home)
Wednesday, April 16	1:30 p.m. - Bible Study (Lounge)
	7:30 p.m. - Nandasmo Task Force (Conf. Room)
Thursday, April 17	12:00 p.m. - MacGregor-Stitt (R. Hause's home)
	6:15 p.m. - Handbell Practice (Sanctuary)
	7:30 p.m. - Choir Practice (102B)
Sunday, April 20	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)

2008 Annual Program Meeting & Report:

The congregation's annual program meeting will be held Sunday, April 27 at 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will gather together for a potluck lunch followed by the meeting. We will elect officers and board members for the coming year and be updated on activities and work of various groups within the church. We will also act on a constitutional proposal from the Board of Evangelism to change its name to the Board of Outreach. The members of the Board believe that this more inclusive term better reflects the work of the board. The Board of Care and Community will need help with set-up and clean-up. Childcare will be provided for the meeting.

We are planning to have the reports available the Sunday before the meeting which is next Sunday, April 20, therefore if you haven't already sent your report to Carey (preferably via e-mail) please do so by this Wednesday, April 16 at the latest. Thank you!

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’s and 4’s

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Worship with family or childcare in nursery
11:00 a.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. – 11:00 a.m. Children’s Worship (room 202A)
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Church School (room 202B)
12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. Grace Notes (room 202B)

3rd – 6th grades

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Worship
11:10 a.m. – 11:50 a.m. Jr. Choir (room 102)
11:50 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Youth Worship (room 107)

7th Grade – high school

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Worship
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Jr. Choir and/or Youth Worship (room 107)

Children’s Music and Arts Ministry:

Jr. Handbells	9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	room 306
Tiny Grace Notes (preschool)	10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	room 306
Grace Notes (K - 3 rd grade)	12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.	room 202A, middle level
Jr. Choir (4 th grade and older)	11:10 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.	room 102, lower level

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

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.

Today: Palestinian Realities on the Ground/ Possibilities for Peace –

Randa Nasir and Rula Bawardi, two Palestinian-American women talk about their personal experiences, current realities for their family and friends in Palestine, and what Palestinians can do to work for peace.

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 will be available in class.

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.