

ORDER OF WORSHIP

*"I had been my whole life a bell and never knew it until at that moment
I was lifted and struck."*

- Annie Dillard

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP Stacey Simpson Duke

VOLUNTARY Pastorale and Musette - Henry Kihlken

***INVOCATION** Chantalle Brock

***HYMN 145** Morning has broken *BUNESSAN*
(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

***THE PSALM** Psalm 31:1-5
Leader: In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; let me never be put to shame; in your
righteousness, deliver me.
People: Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for
me, a strong fortress to save me.
Leader: You are truly my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake, lead me
and guide me.
People: Take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.
All: Into your hands I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O
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 1 Peter 2:2-10 Paul Simpson Duke
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM In thee, O Lord - J. Marshall

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

***GOSPEL READING** John 14:8-14 Chantalle Brock
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

TIME AS CHILDREN Sue Ellen Glover

***HYMN 451** Be thou my vision *SLANE*
(Preschool - 3rd grade may leave for Children's Worship at this time.)

SERMON *The Opposite of Zero* Paul Simpson Duke

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS The Lord Into His Garden Comes - D. Dicie
The Lord into his garden comes, the spices yield their rich perfume,
The lilies grow and thrive.
Refreshing showers of grace divine from Jesus flows to every vine
which makes the dead revive.
O that this dry and barren ground in springs of water may abound,
a fruitful soil become.
The desert blossoms as the rose while Jesus conquers all
His foes and makes his people one.
Come brethren, ye that love the Lord, who taste the sweetness of His word,
in Jesus' ways go on.
Our troubles and our trials here will only make us richer there
when we arrive at home.
The glorious time is moving on the gracious work is now begun,
my soul a witness is.
I taste and see the pardon free for all mankind as well as me
who come to Christ may live.

***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 (SEE INSERT)** In unity we lift our song *EIN' FESTE BURG*

WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS:

Emily Boris, Theodora Danciu and Alexandre Dasilva

Congregation: We gladly welcome you into this church home.
We pledge to learn with you, to serve with you,
and to grow with you in the family of Jesus Christ.

New Members: We accept your welcome and offer our lives
to love and serve with you to the glory of God.

Pastors: *We are all made richer in faith because of your joining
us. May the Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us all to be
good friends to each other and fully faithful to the
calling of God on our lives together.*

BENEDICTION

VOLUNTARY Fantasy on "Ein Feste Burg" - *Michael Praetorius*

* If you are able, please stand

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
in memory of family and loved ones.
~ Iris Martin ~*

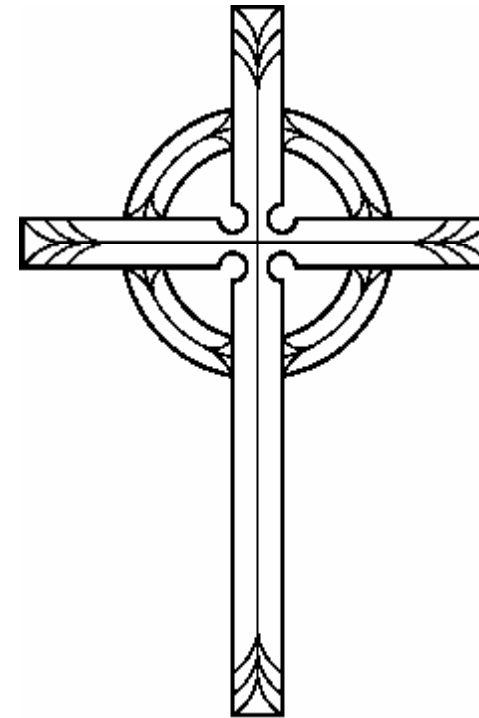
The Prayer Concern Cards are for your use. If you have a prayer concern in addition to those listed here, please fill out a card and pass it to the end of the aisle during the first hymn. We pray for Elizabeth Lee, Linda Ames, Les George, Bonnie Bates, Conrad Juchartz, John Moyer, Bonnie Jensen, Lloyd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

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD



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*5th Sunday of Easter
April 20, 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. ~

Welcome, New Members!

Emily Boris is transferring her membership from First Baptist in Jackson, where she grew up. She has degrees in religion and music from St. Lawrence University and Northwestern, and is a church musician as a singer and violinist. She looks forward to sharing these interests with her new and very welcoming congregation.

Theodora Danciu and Alexandre Dasilva:

Theodora and her parents immigrated to the US in 1984 and settled in the San Francisco Bay area. In 1990, Theodora moved to Boston to continue her studies and in 1998 she met Alexandre who came to Boston from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil to complete his doctorate. After three months of being in a class together, Theodora and Alexandre started dating and got married in 2001 (at the First Baptist Church of Boston!). Theodora moved to Ann Arbor in September of 2007 and Alexandre in December of 2007 to start as faculty at the University of Michigan School of Dentistry where they both practice their clinical specialties and conduct research. Theodora is a dentist, a maxillofacial pathologist and a basic science researcher. Alexandre is also a dentist, a chronic facial pain specialist and neuroscientist. At the end of April, they are expecting their first children: twin girls. Theodora's parents Ted and Aurora, will visit quite frequently to take care of the babies. In their free time, Theodora and Alex enjoy going to movies, classical music concerts, meeting friends and traveling. They are both very happy to become members of our church.

2008 Phone Directory

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

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 (madrad@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 20	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Tuesday, April 22	9:30 a.m. - ABWM Board (Lounge)
	5:30 p.m. - Vespers (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 p.m. - Men's Book Club (Diels' home)
Wednesday, April 23	1:30 p.m. - Bible Study (Lounge)
	7:30 p.m. - Davis-Diels ChristCare (Davis' home)
Thursday, April 24	6:15 p.m. - Handbell Practice (Sanctuary)
	7:30 p.m. - Choir Practice (102B)
Saturday, April 26	9:00 a.m. - Workday in Chapman Room
Sunday, April 27	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	12:30 p.m. - Annual Program Meeting (Fell. Hall)
	* <i>newsletter & May calendar deadline</i> *

2008 Annual Program Meeting, Potluck & Report

The congregation's annual program meeting will be held next 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. Childcare will be provided for the meeting. The reports are available at the Information Counter today for your review before next Sunday's meeting.

The format for the annual meeting lunch will take the form of an old-fashioned potluck. Everyone please bring a dish – main dish, salad, vegetable, dessert, bread or rolls – and **your own table setting** (dishes and flatware). By not providing a main dish we save money, and by not having paper and plastic we not only save money but reduce the amount of trash. We will have paper/plastic available for those not "in the know" or who forgot to bring their own settings, but we would like to work on reducing the amount of those throw-away items. Please sign up at the information counter for your choice of a dish to bring. Please be assured that even if you do not sign up, you are most welcome and encouraged to attend the lunch and meeting. There is always plenty of food and an interesting and important meeting.

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. Church School (room 304)

7th grade – high school

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Worship
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Church School (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

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.

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: Israeli Realities on the Ground/Possibilities for Peace –

Eyal Dolev, an Israeli-American and an officer in the Israeli army talks about his personal experiences, current realities for his family and friends in Israel, and what Israelis 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.

Texts for next Sunday, April 27:

Acts 17:22-31 · Psalm 66:8-20 · 1 Peter 3:13-22 · John 14:15-21