

ORDER OF WORSHIP

"Disillusionment is the loss of illusion – about ourselves, about the world, about God – and while it is almost always painful, it is not a bad thing to lose the lies we have mistaken for the truth. Disillusioned, we come to understand that God does not conform to our expectations... Disillusioned, we find out what is not true and are set free to seek what is – if we dare."

- Barbara Brown Taylor

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP Stacey Simpson Duke

VOLUNTARY Nachspiel aus C-dur - J.G. Frech

***INVOCATION** Astrid Beck

***HYMN 303** The day of resurrection LANCASHIRE
(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

***THE PSALM** Psalm 116:12-28
Leader: What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?
People: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord;
I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of the people.
Leader: O Lord I am your servant; you have loosed my bonds.
People: I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.
All: I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of the people.

***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 1:17-23 Astrid Beck
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM O Lord in Thee have I trusted - G. F. Handel
O Lord in Thee have I trusted.
Let me never be confounded.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Stacey Simpson Duke

***GOSPEL READING** Luke 24:13-35 Paul Simpson Duke
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

TIME AS CHILDREN Sue Ellen Glover

***HYMN 521** I want Jesus to walk with me SOJOURNER
(Preschool - 3rd grade may leave for Children's Worship at this time.)

SERMON Past Imperfect Paul Simpson Duke

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS Set me as a Seal - R. Clausen
Set me as a seal upon thy heart,
as a seal upon thy arm,
for love is as strong as death.
Many waters cannot quench love.
Neither can the floods drown it.

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** Blest be the tie that binds DENNIS
(PG. 557) (1ST stanza)

BENEDICTION

VOLUNTARY

Postlude on "St. Thomas"

- Dennis R. Johnson

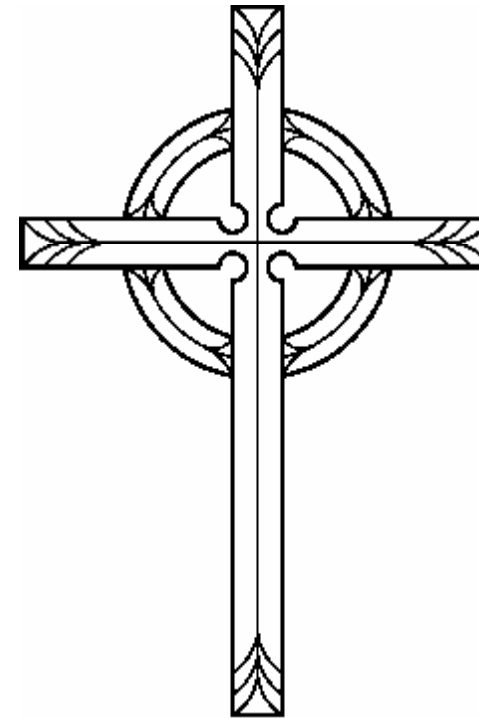
THE WORSHIP OF GOD

* If you are able, please stand

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
in honor and recognition of Carey Viviano
for her service to First Baptist Church.
~ Bonnie and Vern Jensen ~*

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, Marian Carter, Ruth Scott, Paul Wing, Susan Edwards, Mildred MacGregor, Marjorie Shannon, June Ludwig and Frances Hinderer.

Today's Fellowship Offering will go towards the Fellowship Fund which provides for meeting emergency needs of those within our community. Please give generously.



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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

*3rd Sunday of Easter
April 6, 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 Annual Program Meeting:

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.

Also, we are planning to have the reports available the Sunday before the meeting (April 20), therefore Carey would greatly appreciate receiving reports (via e-mail) by *this Wednesday, April 9th*. Thank you!

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.

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 13:

Acts 2:42-47 · Psalm 23 · 1 Peter 2:19-25 · John 10:1-10

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, April 6	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service - <i>Communion</i>
Tuesday, April 8	5:30 p.m. - Vespers (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 p.m. - Board of Worship (Conference Room)
Wednesday, April 9	1:30 p.m. - Bible Study (Lounge)
	5:30 p.m. - The Gathering (Campus Center)
	7:30 p.m. - Davis/Diels ChristCare (Lounge)
Thursday, April 10	6:15 p.m. - Handbell Practice (Sanctuary)
	7:30 p.m. - Choir Practice (102B)
Sunday, April 13	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (<i>Communion</i>)

* *newsletter deadline* *

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. Please be sure to fill in missing birthdays, e-mail addresses, work numbers, and cell phone numbers, if you'd like them included. *It has been updated since last week with corrections and additions so you may want to check one last time.* There are also blank pages if you'd like your contact information added. The new edition of the church directory will be available next Sunday, April 13.

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 - 3rd grade) 12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. room 202A, middle level

Jr. Choir (4th grade and older) 11:10 a.m. – 11:50 a.m. room 102, lower level

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

The following two new spring adult classes begin today:

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: 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.

AARON AHUVIA is a Professor of Marketing at the University of Michigan-Dearborn and teaches Social Marketing at the University of Michigan Ross School of Business. Aaron does research, teaches and consults on consumer psychology and related topics for governments, non-profits, universities and corporations around the world. Aaron serves on the executive committee of Brit Tzedek v’Shalom: The Jewish Alliance for Justice and Peace. Brit Tzedek is pro-Israel and pro-Peace and has quickly become America’s largest Jewish peace group, with over 38,000 supporters in over 40 chapters nationwide.

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.