

ORDER OF WORSHIP

"Anxiety comes from strain, and strain is caused by too complete a dependence on ourselves, on our own devices, our own plans, our own idea of what we are able to do."

-Thomas Merton

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Paul Simpson Duke

VOLUNTARY

Spring Song

- Edwin H. Lemare

*INVOCATION

Mary Davis

*HYMN 89

Joyful, joyful we adore thee

HYMN TO JOY

(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

*THE PSALM

Psalm 131

Leader: O Lord, my heart is not lifted up, my eyes are not raised too high;

People: I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me.

Leader: But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother; my soul is like the weaned child that is with me.

People: O Israel, hope in the Lord from this time on and 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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 49:8-16a

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Grant Peace, We Pray

- F. Mendelssohn

Grant peace we pray, in mercy, Lord.

In our time peace, oh send us!

For there is none on earth but Thee,

None other to defend us.

Thou only Lord canst fight for us.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord's Prayer ("debts")

Paul Simpson Duke

*GOSPEL READING

Matthew 6:24-34

Stacey Simpson Duke

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

TIME AS CHILDREN

Sue Ellen Glover

*HYMN 462

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus

TRUST IN JESUS

(Preschool - 3rd grade may leave for Children's Worship at this time.)

SERMON

The Hard Command

Stacey Simpson Duke

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Shall we gather by the river

- A. Copland

Shall we gather by the river,
Where bright angel's feet have trod,
With its crystal tide forever
Flowing by the throne of God.

Soon we'll reach the shining river,
Soon our pilgrimage will cease,
Soon our happy hearts will quiver
With the melody of peace.

Yes, we'll gather by the river,
The beautiful, the beautiful river,
Gather with the saints by the river
That flows by the throne of God.

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*DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 188

Christ is the world's light

CHRISTE SANCTORUM

WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBER: Pat Williams-Boyd

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 Member: I accept your welcome and offer my life
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 Air with Variations - Edwin H. Lemare

* If you are able, please stand

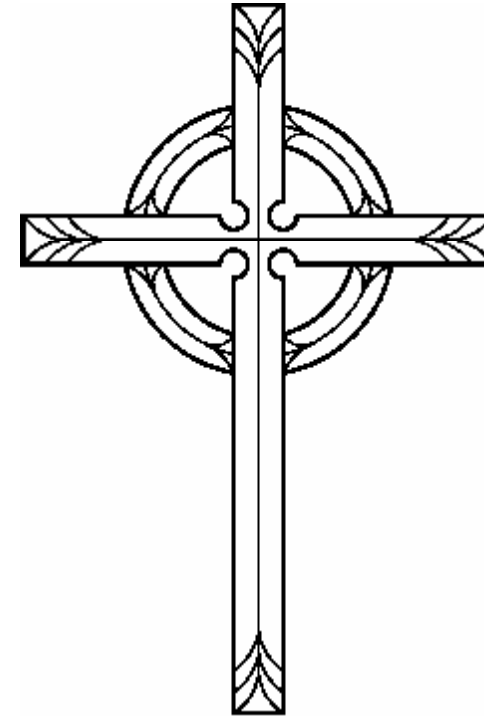
*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
in memory of our fathers.
Beth & Bill Foster*

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 Michael Kelly, Elizabeth Lee, Linda Ames, Wanda Finn, Bonnie Bates, Helen Foley, 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



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

*2nd Sunday after Pentecost
May 25, 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. ~

Financial Statements:

Please stop by the small table near the Information Counter to pick up your first quarter financial statements. They will be available every Sunday in May or in the office during the week.

Care & Community Update: Our service of communion to the homebound on Communion Sundays has been well received. We want to make sure we are getting to all who want to be served by this program. If you wish to receive communion at home or know someone who would benefit from this service, please call Mary Gregg at 769-3127 or e-mail her at cooper-m@dv-tech.com

"The Gathering" Volunteer Cooks - please pick up your pots & pans on the table next to the information counter.

Summer Sextons Needed

The church is in search of a couple students to work and live here at the Campus Center this summer (and possibly into the fall). If you are aware of a hard-working student who is in need of housing this summer, please have them e-mail Kat at office@fbca2.org. Thank you!

Flower Calendar Sign-up

There are only two open spaces remaining on the 2008 Flower Calendar – October 19th and November 16th. The calendar can be found on the bulletin board downstairs, outside of the Memorial Lounge. The flowers are used on the chancel on Sunday mornings. You chose the colors and dedication that appears in the bulletin and they are yours to take after the service. The flowers are ordered from Thompson Flowers and cost \$30.00 to be paid to FBC.

Texts for next Sunday, June 1: Genesis 6:11-22; 7:24; 8:14-19 · Psalm 46 - Romans 1:16-17; 3:22b-28 (29-31) · Matthew 7:21-29

A n n o u n c e m e n t s

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, May 25	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary) * Newsletter Deadline *
Monday, May 26	Church & Office closed for Memorial Day
Tuesday, May 27	9:30 a.m. - ABWM Board Meeting (Lounge) 5:30 p.m. - Vespers (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday, May 28	1:30 p.m. - Board of Christian Education (Conf. Room) 7:30 p.m. - Davis/Diels ChristCare (Davis home)
Thursday, May 29	7:00 p.m. - Handbell Practice (Sanctuary) 7:30 p.m. - Choir Practice (102B)
Sunday, June 1	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service - <i>Communion</i>

Welcome New Member! Pat Williams-Boyd

I am an Arapahoe by birth. I am a Christian by the grace of Jesus Christ. I am a professor by training and a teacher by God's calling. My passion has always been the piano, books, travel, people, learning, reaching, knowing, trying to understand another, finding beauty in the turn of a phrase, solace in the passing of a season, joy in the sparkle of students' eyes when they begin to believe in themselves, peace when spring again arrives. I doubt, I question, I wonder, I believe. I seek ever after truth in the attempt to be all that Christ created me to be. That I might bring honor to the name of my people, to the name of my Saviour, to the family that is this gathering.

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. – 11:15 a.m. Childcare in nursery
11:15 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. – 12:30 p.m. Church School (room 202B)

3rd – 6th grades

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Worship
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Church School (room 201B)

7th grade – high school

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Worship
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Church School (room 201B)

Children’s Music and Arts Ministry:

Beginning today, May 25th, there are no children’s music rehearsals for the summer. The Children’s Music Ministry will resume in the fall

Adult 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.

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: ***Pilgrims of Ibillin*** – The missions of Pilgrims of Ibillin are:

- To promote justice and peace, support open dialogue and encourage peaceful coexistence among diverse cultural and religious groups in the Holy Land;
- To support Christian communities in Israel, particularly in the village of Ibillin;
- To support educational efforts and institutions which accept a diverse population for enrollment and emphasize the values of tolerance and mutual understanding; and
- To educate American citizens regarding efforts toward peacemaking and reconciliation of diverse peoples in the Holy Land.

First Presbyterian Church, Ann Arbor, a member church of the Pilgrims, will present the significant educational achievements of Archbishop Elias Chacour which serve Jews, Muslims and Christians in Galilee.

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.