

ORDER OF WORSHIP

*"The impulse to prayer, within our hearts,
is evidence that Christ is urging our claims in heaven."
- Augustus Hopkins Strong*

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP Paul Simpson Duke

VOLUNTARY Glorificamus - *John Redford*

***INVOCATION** Ron Tipton

***HYMN 306** The strife is o'er, the battle done *VICTORY*
(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

***THE PSALM** from Psalm 47
Leader: Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.
People: For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.
Leader: God has gone up with a shout! The Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
People: Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.
Leader: For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm.
People: God is king over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.
ALL: Praise God!

***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 1:6-14 Ron Tipton
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM Rise up my love - *J. McCray*
Rise up my love, my fair one, and come away.
For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.
The flowers appear upon the earth.
The time of singing of birds is come
and the voice of the turtle is heard in the land!
Rise up my love, my fair one, and come away.
I am my beloved's and she is mine.
Rise up my love, my fair one, and come away.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Paul Simpson Duke

***GOSPEL READING** John 17:1-11 Stacey Simpson Duke
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

TIME AS CHILDREN Sue Ellen Glover

***HYMN 544** Like the murmur of the dove's song *BRIDEGROOM*
(Preschool - 3rd grade may leave for Children's Worship at this time.)

SERMON *What He Prayed* Stacey Simpson Duke

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS If ye love me - *P. Wilby*
If ye love me,
keep my commandments,
and I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may abide with you forever,
e'en the spirit of truth.

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
(PG. 557)

Blest be the tie that binds
(1ST stanza)

DENNIS

BENEDICTION

VOLUNTARY

Postlude on "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

- *Flor Peeters*

* If you are able, please stand

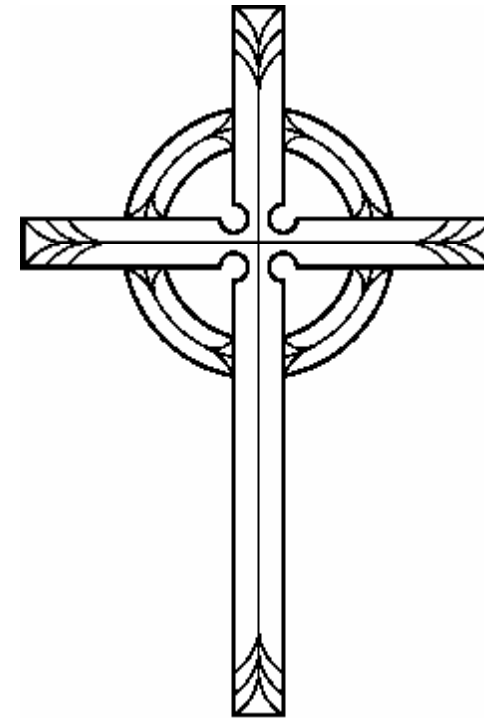
*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
from the Paul & Ruth Johnson Memorial Fund.*

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 Wanda Finn, Elizabeth Lee, Linda Ames, 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.

Today's Fellowship Offering will go towards the special ABC-Michigan offering, "Sowing the Seeds of Ministry," which will be received throughout the month of May. You may refer to the insert for more information. Please give generously.

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.

THE WORSHIP OF GOD



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

*7th Sunday of Easter
May 4, 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, Kat Becker!

We are pleased to welcome our new administrative assistant, Katherine (Kat) Becker, who started working at FBC April 21st. Kat brings to FBC over 20 years of office experience. She was previously employed at Fortis Investments in their Paris office. Prior to that, she worked at Lazard Frères in both their New York and London offices.

Kat graduated from Kenyon College with a degree in Political Science. She was co-captain and assistant coach of the Women's Varsity Soccer team. She grew up on Long Island (NY) and eventually made her way to Ann Arbor. After spending three years in France, she is happy to be back in Ann Arbor and close to family.

Kat was an active member of the Church of the Holy Trinity in New York City, volunteering in the altar guild, the newcomers' committee and in the church homeless shelter. She also had great fun as a dancing bumblebee in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Kat is a loving aunt to three nieces and three nephews. She is an avid reader and loves cats, music, cooking and needlepoint.

Scholarship Money Available

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

Birthday Party-In-a-Bag:

Next 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.

April 30 Newsletter

If you opted to pick up your newsletter (as opposed to having it e-mailed or mailed), your copy of the latest edition is available at the Information Counter or in any of the three brochure racks around the church buildings.

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, May 4	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service - <i>Communion</i>
	12:45 p.m. - Board of Music & Arts (Lounge)
Monday, May 5	5:30 p.m. - Board of Outreach (Conf. room)
Tuesday, May 6	5:30 p.m. - Vespers (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday, May 7	1:30 p.m. - Bible Study (Lounge)
Thursday, May 8	12:00 p.m. - ABWM Spring Salad Lunch (Lounge)
	6:15 p.m. - Handbell Practice (Sanctuary)
	7:30 p.m. - Choir Practice (102B)
Sunday, May 11	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	7:00 p.m. - Second Sunday

* Newsletter deadline *

Second Sunday

Our final "Second Sunday" event of this season will feature a Muslim Cleric with a national and international reputation as an advocate of understanding and harmony between followers of different faith traditions. Imam Sayed Hassan Al-Qazwini is the head of the oldest and largest Shi'a mosque in the United States, the Islamic Center of America in Dearborn. In that capacity, by his preaching and writing as well as in the press, on radio and television the Imam has sought to bridge misunderstandings between Americans and Muslims. In his talk the Imam will focus on helping Christians understand Islam and will attempt to dispel commonly held misperceptions. Illustrated by personal experiences both before and after leaving Iraq the lecture is sure to generate both intense interest and animated discussion. We will meet in the sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. and will adjourn no later than 8:30.

Youth Group Event:

The youth will meet in the Youth Room (107) at 12:30 p.m. today for pizza lunch, then we'll go to Pioneer HS to see *Willy Wonka* (and Marissa and Christina Alaniz). Parents should pick you up at Pioneer after the performance.

New Office Hours:

Starting Monday, May 5, the church office hours will return to 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m., Monday—Friday.

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 201B) *Please note that this class has been moved to a different room across from the K-2nd grade classroom).*

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

Children & Youth Worship:

The Children and Youth Worship will take place Sunday, May 18. Please plan to join us for this special worship service written and conducted by the children and youth, and featuring music from all three of the children’s choirs and the Jr. handbells.

Texts for next Sunday, May 11:

Acts 2:1-21 · Psalm 104:24-34, 35b · 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 · John 7:37-39

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: The Qur’an on Peacemaking – Imam Achmat Salie has degrees in Education, Arabic, Islamic traditional learning, and business. The founder and coordinator of an Islamic Studies program at Oakland University, Imam Salie has taken an active role in cultivating both knowledge and awareness of Islam in southeastern Michigan over the past nine years. He has also taught courses on Islam at Ecumenical Theological Seminary. As the spiritual backbone of several Muslim communities in Bloomfield Hills, Troy, and Toledo, Salie has developed a passion for Sufism (Islamic spirituality). In addition to his title as Imam, Achmat Salie is a counselor, interfaith and youth coordinator, peace and eco-justice advocate, as well as a university professor.

May 11 *The Christian Scriptures on Peacemaking* – Rev. Paul Simpson Duke

May 18 *The Jewish Scriptures on Peacemaking* – Rabbi Nathan Martin, Hillel

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.

“The Gathering” Volunteer Cooks - please pick up your pots & pans at the Information Counter.