

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

*Palm/Passion Sunday*

*March 16, 2008*

*"The symbol of the cross in the church points to the God who was crucified not between two candles on an altar but between two thieves in the place of the skull, where the outcasts belong, outside the gates of the city. It does not invite thought but a change of mind."*

*- Jürgen Moltmann*

## GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP Stacey Simpson Duke

Leader: Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.

People: **Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest!**

FANFARE - M. Keller  
A Festival Fanfare  
Junior Handbells

INTROIT - G.F. Handel  
Tecum principum

## *SERVICE OF THE PALMS*

\* INVOCATION Noelle Beverly

\* HYMN 278 ELLACOMBE  
Hosanna, loud hosanna  
*The receiving of Prayer Concern cards*

\* THE PSALM Psalm 118  
Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.  
People: **This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.**  
Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.  
All: **This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

ANTHEM - John Leavitt  
Festival Sanctus  
Translation: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts!  
Full are heaven and earth of Thy glory!  
Hosanna in the highest!

\* PROCLAMATION OF THE ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM Noelle Beverly  
Matthew 21:1-11  
Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC - L. R. Miller & D. Flegal  
Praise!  
Tiny Grace Notes

TIME AS CHILDREN Sue Ellen Glover

## DISTRIBUTION OF PALMS

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE  
(After the children have distributed the palms, please hold them aloft while singing):

*Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor, to Thee, Redeemer King, to whom the lips of  
children made sweet hosannas ring.*

Thou Art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son;  
Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and Blessed One. *(Refrain)*  
The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;  
our prayer and praise and anthems before thee we present. *(Refrain)*

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

## *SERVICE OF THE PASSION*

PROCLAMING THE PASSION OF CHRIST Paul and Stacey Simpson Duke  
Matthew 27:27-54

HYMN 286 PASSION CHORALE  
O sacred head, now wounded

SERMON Paul Simpson Duke  
*Six Hours One Friday*

## SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS - D. Peninger  
At the cry  
At the cry of the first bird  
They began to crucify thee.  
It was not right to ever cease lamenting.  
It was like the parting of day from night.  
Ah! Though sore from suffering put upon Mary's son,  
Sorer to him was the grief that was put upon her for his sake.

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\* HYMN 298

When I survey the wondrous cross

HAMBURG

BENEDICTION

VOLUNTARY

Toccata in D Minor

- Johann Jacob Froberger

*\* If you are able, please stand*

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God  
in celebration of Mary Gregg's birthday today.  
~ Ron and Kathryn Gregg ~*

*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, Dot Reed, Conrad Juchartz, John Moyer, Bonnie Jensen, Lloyd Crabtree, Justin Kerns, Marian Carter, Ruth Scott, Paul Wing, Susan Edwards, Danny Rauser, Mildred MacGregor, Marjorie Shannon and June Ludwig.

The 2008 America for Christ Offering is received throughout the month of March. Please refer to the insert for more information. You are welcome to use the special envelopes at the end of each pew. Please give generously.

*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. ~*

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The Reverends Paul and Stacey Simpson Duke, *Pastors*

### Congregational Discussion: Youth Minister

A congregational meeting will be held after worship on March 30 to act on the proposal to seek a half-time youth minister, with a funding commitment for compensation (salary and benefits) for three years. Funding will be provided by the congregation as a whole. The rationale developed by the Board of Christian Education and job description for this position are available at the Information Counter.

### Texts for next Sunday, March 23:

Acts 10:34-43 · Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 · Colossians 3:1-4 · John 20:1-18

### 2008 Rotating Shelter

The Mission Board will once again host this year's Rotating Shelter beginning the evening of Monday, March 24 through the evening of Monday, March 31 (please note: there is one added evening this year making a total of seven full nights). The men arrive at 8:00 p.m. each night and leave the next morning at 7:00 a.m. At least two volunteers, preferably three, are needed each evening to spend the night as hosts. If you are able and willing to help out this year please sign up at the Information Counter.

## Easter Lily Order Form

I / We would like to order an Easter Lily (\$15 each) to be given:

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_.

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_.

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_.

Enclosed is my check made out to "First Baptist Church" for \$\_\_\_\_\_, for a total of \_\_\_\_\_ plant(s), which will be displayed on the chancel Easter Sunday, and may be picked up following the service that day. **Paid orders must be received today, March 16.** Please leave them in Carey's mailbox in the office.

## 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, March 16      9:30 a.m. - Prayer Group (Room 108)  
\*newsletter & April calendar deadline\*
- 10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 12:30 p.m. - Easter Event (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 p.m. - Second Sunday (Sanctuary)
- Monday, March 17      7:00 p.m. - Board of Evangelism (Conf. room)
- Tuesday, March 18      5:30 p.m. - Vespers (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 p.m. - Board of Trustees (Lounge)
- Wednesday, March 19      1:30 p.m. - Bible Study (Lounge)
- 5:30 p.m. - The Gathering (Campus Center)
- 7:30 p.m. - Executive Council (Lounge)
- Thursday, March 20      *Spring begins!*
- 5:30 p.m. - Choir Practice (102B)
- 7:30 p.m. - Maundy Thursday Service (Northside)
- Friday, March 21      1:00 p.m. - Good Friday Service  
(First United Methodist Church)
- 8:00 p.m. - Tenebrae Service (Sanctuary)
- Sunday, March 23      *Happy Easter!*
- 9:30 a.m. - Prayer Group (Room 108)
- 10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)

### Easter Event Today!

Join us today from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. for the Easter Event!! Lunch, crafts, the Easter story and an egg hunt! Designed for families with children, however all ages are welcome to join the fun. (Extra adult helpers are always needed.)

### "Two Faces in the Shadows" this evening!

Once again our March "Second Sunday" presentation will actually take place on the third Sunday, March 16, which is today. The program will be the performance of a Passion play entitled "Two Faces in the Shadows." The drama deals with an imagined encounter in the Upper Room late on the first Good Friday between the two disciples, Peter and Judas, who, each for his own reasons, had betrayed their Master less than twenty-four hours before. The two-person cast is headed by our friend and former interim pastor, Larry Greenfield playing the part of Judas. Larry and

his friend William Greene have been staging the play, which Larry describes as “powerful,” before Chicago church audiences to much acclaim, and they are eager and excited to bring it to Ann Arbor. An added attraction for us is that the principal author of the play, written in the early 1990’s, is none other than our own Paul Duke. For those who might be interested, copies of the play are still available at Amazon.com. The presentation will be in the sanctuary and will begin at 7:00 p.m. There will be a brief time of fellowship and refreshment at the conclusion so that we can all congratulate the cast and author.

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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are invited to Children’s Worship.

### Children and Youth Christian Education

*There will be no church school classes or choirs next Sunday, Easter. Childcare will be offered during worship for children in 1st grade and younger.*

#### 3 and 4 year-olds

10:00 – 11:00 Worship with family or childcare in nursery

11:00 – 12:30 Church School (Room 306)

#### K – 2nd grade

10:00 – 10:30 Worship

10:30 – 11:00 Children’s Worship (Room 202A)

11:00 – 12:00 Church School (Room 202B)

12:00 – 12:30 Grace Notes (Room 202B)

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

10:00 – 11:00 Worship

11:10 – 11:50 Jr. Choir (Room 102)

11:50 – 12:30 Church School (Room 304)

#### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade – High School

10:00 – 11:00 Worship

11:00 – 12:30 Church School (Room 107)

### Children’s Music and Arts Ministry

Jr. Handbells	9:15 – 9:45	Room 306, upper level
Tiny Grace Notes (preschool)	10:45 – 11:00	Room 306, upper level
Grace Notes (K - 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade)	12:00 – 12:30	Room 202A, middle level
Jr. Choir (4 <sup>th</sup> grade and older)	11:10 – 11:50	Room 102, lower level

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

*There will be no second hour classes next Sunday, Easter.*

#### Foundations of Faith (Lounge)

Leader: Rev. Ron Tipton

Christian life and mission are built on a foundation of personal faith. This class will focus on the spiritual foundation for belief and mission. We will explore such topics as the meaning of personal faith; our relationship with God in Christ; the use of the Bible in guiding and sustaining our faith; the place of imagination, symbols, music, and art in personal faith; the role of the Church as the Body of Christ; and such concerns as may arise from our discussions. This is the last meeting of this class.

#### Lenten Small Group (Room 108)

Facilitator: Sue Ellen Glover

This small group is meeting during Lent. Participants commit to consistent attendance, shared leadership, and preparation each week by reading essays, meditations and sermons (up to 50 pages per week) by writers such as Barbara Brown Taylor, Frederick Buechner, Henri Nouwen, and others. We use our group time to share the personal meanings these writings had and to share other resources which have impact on our spiritual lives.

### 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.

### Holy Week Schedule:

**Maundy Thursday Service:** March 20, 7:30 p.m. at Northside Community Church, Paul Duke will be preaching.

**Community Good Friday Service:** March 21 at 12:00, 12:30 & 1:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church next door (The FBC Choir and Organist, Joel Hastings will perform at the 1:00 service)

**Tenebrae Service:** Friday, March 21, 8:00 p.m. in the First Baptist Sanctuary (childcare provided)

**Easter Sunday Service:** March 23, 10:00 a.m. in the First Baptist Sanctuary