

ORDER OF WORSHIP

"For the real good of every gift it is essential, first, that the giver be in the gift – as God always is, for He is love – and next, that the receiver know and receive the giver in the gift."
- George MacDonald

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP Stacey Simpson Duke

VOLUNTARY Prelude on "Orientis Partibus" - Thomas Matthews

***INVOCATION** Zoë McLaren

***HYMN 157** Jesus shall reign *DUKE STREET*
(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

***THE PSALM** from Psalm 72
Leader: May the king judge your people with righteousness and your poor with justice.
People: In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.
Leader: May the kings of the earth bring him tribute, may the kings bring gifts.
People: May all kings fall down before him, all nation give him service.
Leader: For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper.
ALL: He has pity on the weak and the needy; and saves the lives of the needy.

***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 60:1-6 Zoë McLaren
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM Laudamus te from *Gloria* - A. Vivaldi
We praise thee. We bless thee. We adore thee. We glorify thee.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Stacey Simpson Duke

***GOSPEL READING** Matthew 2:1-12 Paul Simpson Duke
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

TIME AS CHILDREN Sue Ellen Glover

***HYMN 254** We three kings *KINGS OF ORIENT*
(Preschool - 3rd grade may leave for Children's Worship at this time.)

SERMON *In Return* Paul Simpson Duke

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS Domine Fili unigenite from *Gloria* - A. Vivaldi
Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ

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)

WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS:

David, Peggy and Jonathan Cave

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

Toccata

- *Pietro Alessandro Yon*

* If you are able, please stand

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
from the Pearl Hsu Memorial Fund.*

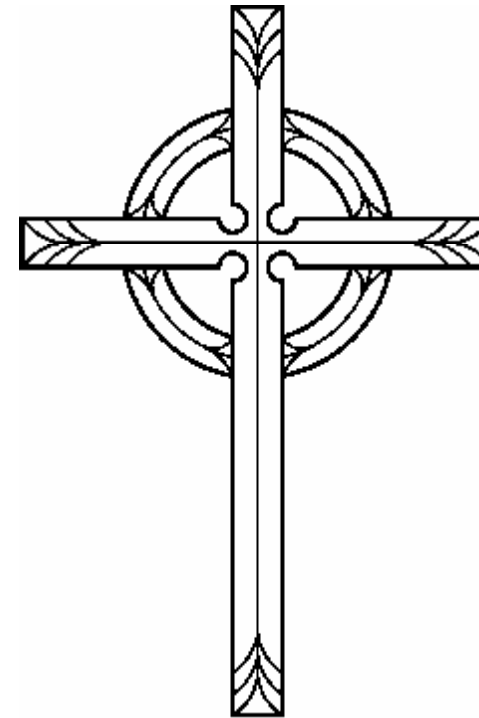
The Prayer Concern Cards are for your use. If you have a prayer concern in addition to those listed here, please fill out a card and pass it to the end of the aisle during the first hymn. We pray for Liz Baker, Conrad Juchartz, John Moyer, Bonnie Jensen, Lloyd Crabtree, Justin Kerns, Marian Carter, Tim Studer, Ruth Scott, Paul Wing, Susan Edwards, Mildred MacGregor, and Marjorie Shannon.

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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THE WORSHIP OF GOD



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*Epiphany of the Lord
January 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. ~

Men's Book Club

Men's Book Club meeting at 7:00 p.m. this Tuesday, January 8, 2008 at the Davis/Diels residence.

Resources for Personal Devotions

Perhaps one of your New Year's resolutions is to spend a quiet time each day with prayer and scripture. The *Secret Place* is available at the Information Counter. This is published quarterly and is offered in regular and large print editions. (It is also free as a gift from one of our members.) The Upper Room publishes a book, *Disciplines*, of one-page daily devotions which follow the lectionary so that each week you can read and meditate on the scriptures that will be included in the upcoming Sunday's worship service. Each week has a different author, drawn from ecumenical ministries throughout the world. These are available from Sue Ellen for \$8.

Calendar Sale

The children and youth church school classes are selling *God's Creation* calendars to raise funds for school scholarships for the children in Nandasma. A few calendars remain but need to be sold to raise enough money for two scholarships. Please purchase yours today – you can find them at the Information Counter.

'07 Year-end Financial Statements & '08 Pledge Envelopes

Please pick up your 2007 year-end financial statements and your 2008 pledge envelopes at the little table near the Information Counter. They will be available every Sunday throughout the month of January.

Poinsettias: There are several leftover poinsettias on the landing down from the Information Counter. Please feel free to deliver one to a shut-in.

Texts for next Sunday, January 13:

Isaiah 42:1-9 · Psalm 29 · Acts 10:34-43 · Matthew 3:13-17

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, January 6	9:30 a.m. - Prayer Group (Room 108)
(Newsletter Deadline)	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service: Communion
Monday, January 7	7:00 p.m. - Board of Evangelism (Conf. room)
Tuesday, January 8	5:30 p.m. - Vespers (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 p.m. - Board of Worship (Conf. room)
	7:00 p.m. - Men's Book Club (Davis/Diels' home)
Wednesday, January 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, January 10	7:30 p.m. - Choir Practice (102B)
Friday, January 11	7:00 p.m. - Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
Saturday, January 12	10:00 a.m. - Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
Sunday, January 13	9:30 a.m. - Prayer Group (Room 108)
	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	3:00 p.m. - Vivaldi Concert (Sanctuary)

Vivaldi Concert Next Sunday

Please plan on joining us for an exciting Second Sunday event next Sunday, January 13th. Our Sanctuary Choir will present a concert of works by Antonio Vivaldi featuring the *Gloria* with solo appearances by Bonnie Kidd and Lucy Thompson. A lecture discussing these works will be given by Carole Ott, Director of Music, at 2:00 p.m. in the Memorial Lounge. The performance will begin at 3:00 p.m. Look for our posters in the church and around town. We hope to see you there!

Welcome, New Members!

David, Peggy and Jonathan Cave moved to Ann Arbor the beginning of 2007 when David accepted a position with the University of Michigan's College of LSA's Development Office. Since then, Peggy has also joined the University, working as a Nurse Practitioner in its Cancer Clinic, and Jonathan has started his freshman year at Michigan State University, in its Residential College for Arts and Humanities. David, Peggy and Jonathan have been living in Northern Kentucky for the past fifteen years.

Nursery care is available on the 3rd floor from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. this morning.

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

Families, please note that there have been changes to the schedule of some classes and the Jr. Choir.

3’s and 4’s

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)

3rd – 6th Grade

10:00 – 11:00 Worship
11:10 – 11:50 Jr. Choir (Room 102)
11:50 – 12:30 Church School (Room 304)

7th Grade – High School

10:00 – 11:00 Worship
11:00 – 12:30 Church School (Room 107)

Children’s Music and Arts Ministry

Jr. Handbells will resume in February

Tiny Grace Notes (preschool) will resume in February

Grace Notes (K - 3 rd grade)	12:00 – 12:30	Room 202A, middle level
Jr. Choir (4 th grade and older)	11:10 – 11:50	Room 102, lower level

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

The Jesus Class

(Memorial Lounge)

Ron Gregg and Sue Ellen Glover, leaders

In recent decades there have been new conversations, speculations, questions, and convictions -- among scholars and in churches -- about Jesus. There has been new dialogue about his identity and his mission, a re-visioning of traditional understandings of what we mean when we say "God is in Christ." This class is examining the issues and questions that are currently being raised. It is a safe place to think, ask questions, and exchange views about important theological and spiritual issues. We don't expect everyone to agree on one theological position, but we will thoughtfully engage each other on the issues. *Today - Killing Jesus, Part One: Who Killed Jesus?*

Young Adult Bible Study

(Campus Center Living Room)

Marlene & Arthur Francis, leaders

We are undertaking a study of the books of the Hebrew Bible known as "The Minor Prophets." The name speaks to the relative length of the books and not to their importance. In these often-overlooked writings are to be found some of the earliest articulations of the principles of justice and compassion which today are essential elements of the Christian Gospel. We will begin by considering how the moral and ethical decay which began soon after Solomon’s kingdom was divided led not only to the prophetic calls for repentance, but also to the eventual conquest and exile of the peoples of both Israel and Judah. A brief manual, giving dates, some historical and biographical background and a summary of the basic message of each book, will be available.

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! Resumes this Wednesday, January 9.

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.