

ORDER OF WORSHIP

“To worship a false god is the worst thing a person can do – worse than deliberate atheism, worse even than careless neglect of the true God. ”

- William Temple

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Paul Simpson Duke

VOLUNTARY

Gavotte

- *G.F. Handel*

*INVOCATION

David Cave

*HYMN 127

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

*THE PSALM

Psalm 106:1, 6, 19-23

Leader: Praise the Lord; O give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good. The steadfast love of the Lord endures forever.

People: **We and our ancestors sinned; we have committed iniquity and done wickedly.**

Leader: They made a calf at Horeb and worshiped a cast image. They exchanged the glory of God for the image of an ox that eats grass.

People: **They forgot God, their Savior, who had done great things in Egypt, and awesome deeds by the Red Sea.**

Leader: God would have destroyed them, had not Moses stood in the breach, to turn God's wrath from destroying them.

All: The steadfast love of the Lord endures forever.

*GLORIA (Sung twice)



BAPTISM of Hannah Elizabeth Foster

Congregational Response: **We rejoice with you, we will pray for you, we will walk with you in the way of Jesus until he leads us all home.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 32:1-8, 15-20

Paul Simpson Duke

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Praise to the Lord

- arr. *John Dressler*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord's Prayer ("debts") on hymnal page 896

Mary Davis

EPISTLE READING

Philippians 4:4-9

David Cave

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

TIME AS CHILDREN

Sue Ellen Glover

*HYMN 467 (Stanzas 1-2,4)

Trust and Obey

TRUST AND OBEY

(Preschool – 3rd grade may leave for Children's Worship or Tiny Grace Notes at this time.)

SERMON

More Convenient Gods

Paul Simpson Duke

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Sicut Locutus est from *Magnificat*

- *J.S. Bach*

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 398

Jesus calls us

GALILEE

WELCOME of Hannah Elizabeth Foster:

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

Allegretto Giocoso

- G.F. Handel

* If you are able, please stand

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of William Arthur Erskine on the occasion of his birthday today
~ Annabel Erskine ~*

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 Lloyd Crabtree, Helen Foley, Carole Lamerson, Juhn Han, Dannie Jones, Elizabeth Lee, Linda Ames, Conrad Juchartz, John Moyer, Bonnie Jensen, Jim Martin (son of Iris Martin), Ruth Kitchen (cousin of Iris Martin), Marian Carter, Mildred MacGregor, Marjorie Shannon, Blanche Williams and John Caddell.

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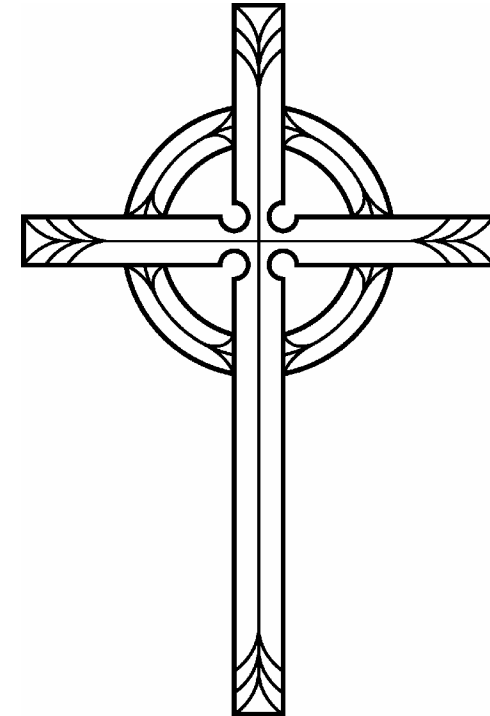
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THE WORSHIP OF GOD



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

October 12, 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. ~

New in the Family Resource Center

Take a look at the 50+ new DVD's available for check-out in the Family Resource Center located in the classroom hallway (middle level) and 201A. This Resource Center is sponsored by the Board of Christian Education and maintained through gifts and donations. In addition to all of these new Veggie Tales and NEST Family Education Bible stories, there is a book cart filled with resources for parenting and addressing issues of all stages of family life. There are also many, many children's books with religious themes. All of these may be checked out on a clipboard located on top of the book cart, and returned when you are finished using the materials. We hope you will take advantage of these wonderful resources.

Cooks Needed for The Gathering

Volunteers are needed to cook meals for our campus ministry program, The Gathering. This is a much-appreciated ministry of hospitality for students who are away from home and don't often get a home-cooked meal. Please sign up at the Information Counter and take an instruction sheet with you.

Texts for next Sunday, October 19th

Exodus 33:12-23 – Psalm 99 – Thessalonians 1:1-10 – Matthew 22:15-22

Financial Statements for the 3rd quarter are available to be picked up throughout the month of October. They can be found on the table near the information counter or in the office during the week.

Downtown Ann Arbor Pipe Organ Showcase

Six downtown Ann Arbor churches will host an afternoon-long series of interactive concerts Sunday, October 19th, from 2:00 – 5:00 PM, offering visitors the opportunity to get acquainted with a fascinating instrument: the pipe organ. Members of the Ann Arbor American guild of Organists and University of Michigan organ students will be on hand to give performances, share pipe organ facts, and answer questions. Churches in the showcase are: First Baptist, First Congregational, First Presbyterian, Bethlehem United Church of Christ, St. Thomas Roman Catholic (2:00 – 3:30 pm), and St. Paul's Lutheran. The performances at First Baptist will be child-friendly. Guests are invited to visit multiple venues to hear a variety of music. Maps to the various venues and light refreshments will be available.

For more information, call 734-846-3825, or visit www.annarborago.org

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, Oct 12	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	12:30 p.m. - 2nd Annual Celebration of Care & Community (Fellowship Hall)
Monday, Oct 13	5:30 p.m. - Board of Christian Education (Conf room)
Tuesday, Oct 14	5:30 p.m. - Vespers (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday, Oct 15	1:30 p.m. - Bible Study (Lounge)
	5:30 p.m. - The Gathering (Campus Center)
Thursday, Oct 16	1:00 p.m. - MacGregor-Stitt Circle (at the Pierantozzi home)
	6:30 p.m. - Handbell rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	7:30 p.m. - Choir rehearsal (Room 102B)
Sunday, Oct 19	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Annual Celebration of Care

TODAY is the date for our Annual Celebration of Care. Following another challenging Chili Cook-Off luncheon (corn chowder will also be available), we'll review the programs that the Board of Care and Community has initiated in the last year and talk about new programs that this board and other groups have planned for the future. Think about how our church can become a better caring community and bring your suggestions. New members and recent visitors are especially invited.

Nursery Care is available on the 3rd floor from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 a.m.

Children and Youth Christian Education

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 or to Tiny Grace Notes. Children in Kindergarten – 3rd grade are invited to Children's Worship. Church School begins after worship (about 11:00).

Preschool

10:00 – 10:30 Worship
10:30 – 10:45 Tiny Grace Notes
10:50 – 11:00 Children's Worship
11:00 – 12:00 Church School (in K-2nd grade class)
12:00 – 12:30 Childcare in Nursery or Room 202 A & B

K – 2nd grade

10:30 – 11:00 Children's Worship (Room 202A)
11:00 – 12:00 Church School (Room 202B)
12:00 – 12:30 Grace Notes (Room 306)

3rd- 6th grades

10:00 – 11:00 Worship
11:00 – 11:50/12:00 Church School (Room 304)
11:50 – 12:30 Jr. Choir (Room 102) or
12:00 – 12:30 Grace Notes (Room 306)

Youth (7th – High School)

10:00 – 11:00 Worship
11:15 – 12:30 Church School (Room 107)

Children's Music & Arts Ministry (Sunday Mornings)

These groups meet each Sunday for rehearsal.

Jr. Handbells (Room 306).....9:15 – 9:45
Tiny Grace Notes (Rm. 306).....10:30 – 10:45
Grace Notes Choir (Room 306).....12:00 – 12:30
Jr. Choir (Room 102).....11:50 – 12:30

Adult Christian Education 11:30-12:30 (Lounge)

CELTIC CHRISTIANITY – What does it mean for us today?

Astrid Beck, discussion leader

In the days of early Christianity, in 644, at the Northumbrian Abby of Whitby, northern Christianity came to a crossroad. The Celtic tradition of Iona lost out to the see of Rome. Celtic Christianity was pushed into the background, into the Northern and Western provinces of Scotland, Wales, Ireland, but the Celtic mission, inspired by the Gospel of John, survived and remains an integral and important part of our heritage. Its focus is in seeing the image of God in all of creation, including the human who represents the image of God on earth. This spirituality lends itself to listening for God at the heart of life, experiencing communion with God in nature at the deepest levels. We express this emphasis in our worship service, in our hymns, in our prayers, without being keenly aware of it. William Sloane Coffin expressed it, when he said, "When you're grateful for the undeserved beauty of a cloudless sky, you're praying." We sing it in our hymn: And God will raise you up on Eagles' wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of His hand. Or: How beautiful are the feet of him who brings...peace...good tidings...salvation. (Isa 52:7, Rom 10:15) In this sequence, we will study how our Celtic heritage has inspired us in our awareness of God through prayer and by studying related OT and NT biblical passages.

Other Adult Learning Opportunities

Wednesday Bible Study (1:30-2:30; Memorial Lounge) Ron Tipton, Leader

What does it mean to "meditate" on the Scriptures? The first six weeks of the Wednesday Bible Study will be a group meditation on six passages from the Gospel of Luke. We will read the passages not only for information, but also to hear what the words of Scripture are saying to us in particular. With thoughtful reflection, imagination, faith, and open hearts, we will seek personal meaning in the words of Scripture. Join us each Wednesday for fellowship and study.

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.