

ORDER OF WORSHIP

“Religious freedom is the historic...affirmation of freedom OF religion,
freedom FOR religion, and freedom FROM religion, insisting that
Caesar is not Christ and Christ is not Caesar.”

- Walter B. Shurden

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Sue Ellen Glover

VOLUNTARY

Nocturne

- *Gabriel Fauré*

*INVOCATION

Hannah Foster

*HYMN (see insert) Praise the Lord, ye heavens adore him
(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

HYFRYDOL

*THE PSALM

Psalms 99:1-5

Leader: The Lord is Sovereign! Let the people tremble!

People: Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is the Lord!

Leader: Lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed
justice and righteousness.

All: Give praise and worship to the Lord our God. Holy is the Lord!

*GLORIA (Hymnal, 72)

EPISTLE READING

1 Thessalonians 1:1-6

Hannah Foster

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Immortal, Invisible

- *Eric Thiman*

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy Justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish but naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light,
Thine Angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render: O help us to see
'Tis only the splendour of light hideth Thee. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sue Ellen Glover

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

*GOSPEL READING

Matthew 22:15-22

Paul Simpson Duke

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

TIME AS CHILDREN

Sue Ellen Glover

*HYMN 451

Be thou my vision

SLANE

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

SERMON

Caesar's Coin

Paul Simpson Duke

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Cantique de Jean Racine

- *Gabriel Fauré*

O Redeemer divine, our sole hope of salvation,
Eternal Light of the earth and the sky,
We kneel in adoration,
O Savior, turn on us Thy loving eye!

Send down on us the fire of Thy grace all-consuming,
Whose wondrous might dispersed the pow'rs of hell,
And rouse our slumb'ring souls with Thy radiance,
That they may waken Thy mercy to tell!

O Christ bestow Thy blessing on us, we implore Thee,
Who here are gathered on penitent knee,
Accept the hymns we chant to Thine eternal glory
And these Thy gifts we return unto Thee!

***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 427** Where cross the crowded ways of life *GERMANY*
(stanzas 1-2, 5-6)

BENEDICTION

VOLUNTARY Fugue - *Maurice Duruflé*

* If you are able, please stand

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Lloyd's brother, Glenn Crabtree*

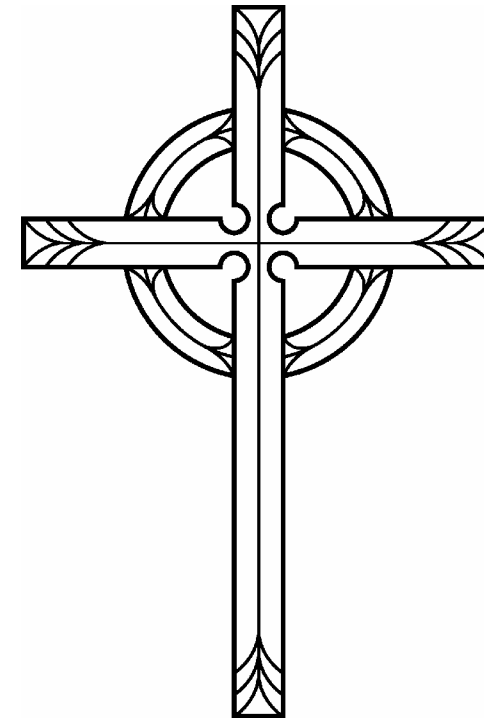
~ Lloyd and Lois Crabtree ~

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, Ruth & Bill Kerr, Helen Foley, Patty Babian (wife of Rev. Dr. J Wesley Babian), Carole Lamerson, Juhn Han, Dannie Jones, Elizabeth Lee, Linda Ames, Conrad Juchartz, John Moyer, Bonnie Jensen, Ruth Kitchen, Marian Carter, Mildred MacGregor, Marjorie Shannon, Blanche Williams and John Caddell.

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

*23rd Sunday after Pentecost
October 19, 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. ~

Communion Servers Needed for November and December. If you can participate in this very special service, please sign up at the information counter. Thank you. -- Board of Worship

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 26th

Deuteronomy 34:1-12 – Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 – Thessalonians 2:1-8 – Matthew 22:34-46

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.

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.

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| TODAY, Oct 19 | 10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary) |
| Tuesday, Oct 21 | 1:00 p.m. - Beecher/Brewer Circle (Lounge) 5:30 p.m. - Vespers (Fellowship Hall) 7:00 p.m. - Board of Trustees (Lounge) |
| Wednesday, Oct 22 | 1:30 p.m. - Bible Study (Lounge) 5:30 p.m. - The Gathering (Campus Center) 7:30 p.m. - Davis/Diels ChristCare (at Diels home) |
| Thursday, Oct 23 | 6:30 p.m. - Handbell rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:30 p.m. - Choir rehearsal (Room 102B) |
| Sunday, Oct 26 | 10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary) 7:00 p.m. - Budget Meeting (Lounge) |

Downtown Ann Arbor Pipe Organ Showcase

TODAY from 2:00 – 5:00 PM, six downtown Ann Arbor churches will host an afternoon-long series of interactive concerts, 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

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)

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.