

ORDER OF WORSHIP

*"I must say a word about fear. It is life's only true opponent.
Only fear can defeat life."*

- Yann Martel

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Sue Ellen Glover

VOLUNTARY Fughetta on "Lobe den Herren" *Johann Gottfried Walther*

***INVOCATION** Cesar Alaniz

***HYMN 139** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty *LOBE DEN HERREN*
(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

***THE PSALM** Psalm 116:12-14, 18-19

Leader: What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

People: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

Leader: I will pay my vows to the lord in the presence of all the people.

People: I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.

All: I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of the people, in the courts of the house of the Lord.

***GLORIA** (Hymnal, 72)

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, Gloria! Alleluia! Alleluia! (sung twice)

THE ANNUAL FUND PLEDGE CAMPAIGN FOR 2009:

"TO INCREASE THE LOVE OF GOD AND NEIGHBOR" -- David Cave

EPISTLE READING 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Cesar Alaniz

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM "He, watching over Israel" from *Elijah* - Felix Mendelssohn

He, watching over Israel, slumbers not, nor sleeps.

Shouldst thou, walking in grief, languish,

He will quicken thee.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Paul Simpson Duke

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

***GOSPEL READING** Matthew 25:14-30 Paul Simpson Duke

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

TIME AS CHILDREN

Sue Ellen Glover

***HYMN 340** Come, ye sinners, poor and needy *RESTORATION*
(Preschool – 3rd grade may leave for Children's Worship or Tiny Grace Notes at this time.)

SERMON *The Great Risk* Paul Simpson Duke

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS With a voice of singing -*Martin Shaw*

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia.

Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia.

O be joyful in God, all ye lands, O sing praises to the honour of his name,
make his praise to be glorious.

***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 463** Lord, speak to me *CANONBURY*
(Stanzas 1, 3-5)

BENEDICTION

VOLUNTARY Postlude on "Lobe den Herren" - *Craig Phillips*

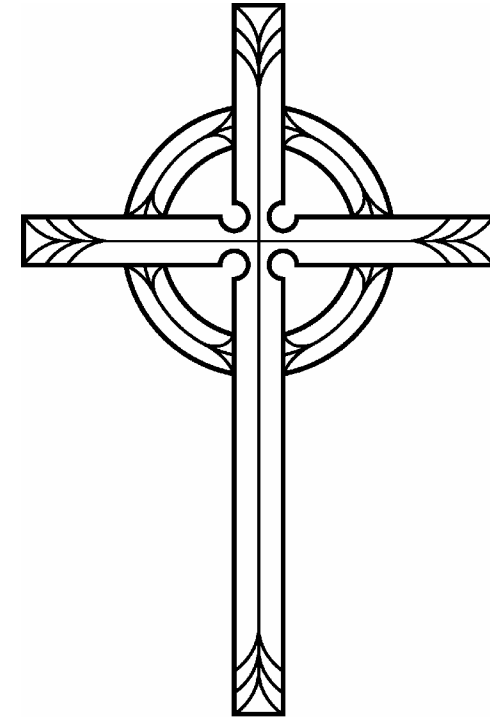
* If you are able, please stand

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
and for David Robbins who celebrated his 60th birthday November 12th*

~ Joyce Arnn ~

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, Bonnie Bates, 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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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

*27th Sunday after Pentecost
November 16, 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. ~

Children's Calendar Sale

The church school children are once again selling God's Creation calendars to raise money in order to provide two scholarships for children in Nandasma to attend our Sister Church's school. We know you get many free calendars in the mail but these are heavy-weight, beautifully photographed calendars which have a great surface for writing down all those appointments and activities. Plus there are scriptures for inspiration each time you glance at the calendar during your busy schedule! At \$8 they are a real deal compared to other heavy-weight calendars found in stores – and these calendars make great gifts! The children will sell them before and after worship, or you may contact Sue Ellen and she will mail you one (or two or three).

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.

The FBC Men's Book Group

The group will be discussing Tobacco Road by Erskine Caldwell this Tuesday, November 18, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Henry Griffin, 1410 Harbrooke Ave. All men are welcome even if you haven't read the book. Conversation is always stimulating and refreshments fun. Please let Henry know if you plan to attend: 994-3499 or hcg@umich.edu.

Texts for next Sunday, November 23rd

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 – Psalm 100 – Ephesians 1:15-23 – Matthew 25:31-46

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, Nov 16	10:00 a.m.	-	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Monday, Nov 17	7:30 p.m.	-	Mission Action Board (Conf. room)
Tuesday, Nov 18	1:00 p.m.	-	Beecher/Brewer Circle (Lounge)
	5:30 p.m.	-	Bd. of Christian Education (Conf. room)
	5:30 p.m.	-	Vespers (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 p.m.	-	Board of Trustees (Lounge)
Wednesday, Nov 19	1:30 p.m.	-	Bible Study (Lounge)
	5:30 p.m.	-	The Gathering (Campus Center)
	7:30 p.m.	-	Executive Council (Lounge)
Thursday, Nov 20	1:00 p.m.	-	ABWM Joint Meeting of Circles (Lounge)
	6:30 p.m.	-	Handbell rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	7:30 p.m.	-	Choir rehearsal (Room 102B)
Sunday, Nov 23	10:00 a.m.	-	Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Fundraising Pledge Campaign 2009

Today begins the church-wide Fundraising Pledge Campaign for 2009. Enclosed in the bulletin is a pledge card and a return envelope for you to complete by December 31, 2008, marking the end of our pledge drive. Thank you for considering a pledge commitment to First Baptist. Your support enables us, through our ministries, to increase the love of God and neighbor in our community.

-- David Cave, Chair

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

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

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 grade – High School)

10:00 – 11:00 Worship
11:15 – 12:30 Youth Worship

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

Sermon Discussion

Pastor Paul Duke, leader

Please join us for a discussion of the morning's scriptures and sermon.

Other Adult Learning Opportunities

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

The Wednesday Bible Study will reflect on Luke 19:1-27. The reading includes the story of Zacchaeus as well as the parable of the pounds. Is Jesus here giving financial advice? Just what does this parable mean? Join us each week for fellowship, study and great snacks!

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.

Communion Servers Needed

We are looking for communion servers for the month of January. If you can participate in this very special service, please sign up at the information counter. Thank you. -- Board of Worship

Youth Collecting Warm Clothing

The Youth are collecting warm clothing for our Vespers guests and others in need. A basket will be out for the next several Sundays for your donations. Socks, hats, gloves, mittens, long-underwear and any other warm clothing will be greatly appreciated.