

ORDER OF WORSHIP

“All right knowledge of God is born from obedience.”

- *John Calvin*

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Paul Simpson Duke

PRELUDE

Take my life and let it be - *arr. Patricia Sanders Cota*
Johnson Memorial Handbells

*INVOCATION

Ron Tipton

*HYMN 139

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

*THE PSALM

Psalm 19:1-2, 7-8, 12, 14

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament
proclaims his handiwork.

People: Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares
knowledge.

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the
Lord are sure, making wise the simple;

People: the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the
commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes.

Leader: But who of us can detect our own errors? Clear me from hidden
faults.

All: Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be
acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 20:1-17

Paul Simpson Duke

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Lass dich nur nichts nicht dauren

- Johannes Brahms

Let nothing ever grieve you; be at peace.
Whatever God ordains,
Accept it gladly, my soul!

Why do you want to worry today about tomorrow?
The One is lord of all;
He also gives to you that which is yours.

In all things be not inconstant;
Stand firmly. Whatever God ordains
Is and signifies the best. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Paul Simpson Duke

*EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Ron Tipton

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

TIME AS CHILDREN

Carey Gardiner Mack

*HYMN 297

Beneath the cross of Jesus

ST. CHRISTOPHER

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

SERMON

The Sense of Commandment

Paul Simpson Duke

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS

If ye love me

- *Ralph Vaugh Williams*
John Hummel, baritone

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give
you another comforter, that he may abide with you forever, e'en the spirit of truth.

*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 call us

GALILEE

PASSING OF THE PEACE

BENEDICTION

VOLUNTARY

Ciacona in C Minor

-- *Dietrich Buxtehude*

* If you are able, please stand

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
in celebration of Mary Gregg's March 16th birthday.

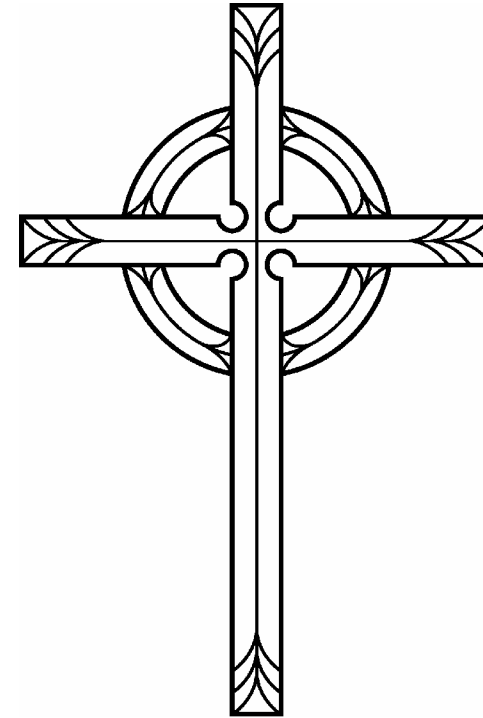
~ The Gregg family ~

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 Ruth Kerr, Linda Ames, Iris Martin, Bill Kerr, Helen Foley, Dallas Kidd, Carole Lamerson, Elizabeth Lee, Conrad Juchartz, Bonnie Jensen, Ruth Kitchen, Mildred MacGregor, Marjorie Shannon, Blanche Williams, and John Caddell.

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

3rd Sunday in Lent
March 15, 2009

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.* ~

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.

Rotating Shelter 2009

First Baptist Church will again host the Rotating shelter program from Monday, March 23 through Sunday, March 29. We need two people, preferably three, each night, from 8pm to 7am. If you can help with this important mission, please sign up at the Information Counter.

Texts for next Sunday, March 22nd

Numbers 21:4-9 – Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 – Ephesians 2:1-10 – John 3:14-21

ABC Camps and Green Lake Conference Center Information about our ABC Camps and Green Lake Conference Center and the schedule for each is available in the Information racks or from Sue Ellen. There are opportunities for all ages, including several family camps. Scholarships are available.

Reconciliation in the Sacred Texts: An Evening of Scriptural Reasoning

Sponsored by ICPJ's Common Ground for Peace Group. Scriptural Reasoning is an emerging practice among and between Christians, Jews and Muslims which involves reading their sacred Scriptures together and reasoning together on particular contemporary issues. The practice grounds discussion in the respective religious texts, encouraging participants to be both self-critical and deeply rooted in their commitments to their own particular faith. The speakers for this event include Rev. James Rhodenhiser of St. Clare's Episcopal Church, Rabbi Elliot Ginsburg of the Pardes Hannah minyan in Ann Arbor and Associate Professor of Jewish Thought and Mysticism at the University of Michigan, and Dr. Soraya Orady, founder and president of the Islamic Education and Resources Network (iLearn). **Thursday, March 19th, at 7pm.** Light refreshments will be served. Speakers will present texts and brief interpretations. Small group discussions will follow. Social Hall at St. Clare's Episcopal Church/Temple Beth Emeth (2309 Packard St., Ann Arbor). FREE and open to all. For more information, please contact gracek@icpj.net.

Pictorial Directory Sign up The Board of Care & Community is working with Olin Mills Studios on planning for a new pictorial directory. Sign-up sheets are available to reserve your photo session appointments. The Olin Mills team will be at our church on Friday, April 17 from 3 - 9:30, Saturday, April 18 from 10 – 6 and Tuesday, April 21 from 3 – 9:30. We hope to get every member and friend of FBCA2 to participate. All participants will receive one free photo and a directory and have the opportunity to order additional photos.

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 15	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Tuesday, Mar 17	2:00 p.m. - Beecher-Brewer Circle (at Hillside Terrace)
	5:30 p.m. - Vespers (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday, Mar 18	1:30 p.m. - Bible Study (Lounge)
	6:00 p.m. - The Gathering (Campus Center)
	5:45 p.m. - Youth Ministry Visioning Workshop Planning (Youth Room & Library)
Thursday, Mar 19	1:00 p.m. - MacGregor-Stitt Circle (at St. Nicholas)
	6:30 p.m. - Handbell rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	7:30 p.m. - Choir rehearsal (Room 102B)
Sunday, March 22	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)

FBC site planning The 4 preliminary site plans developed by JJR will be available today in the fellowship hall for viewing and comments, before worship, during fellowship time, and after 2nd hour (but not during 2nd hour!). Keep in mind that the final plan will be a composite of these preliminary plans. Any implementation other than that required for structural maintenance will be considered based on how it fits with our shared vision for ministry and mission. For this reason and because of financial considerations, the final plan will be designed so that it can be implemented in part and/or over a number of years. Some of the plans present quite bold visions for the future of our buildings and grounds. Come take a look! -- Mary Davis

Easter Event – Save the Date! April 5, 12:30 – 2:30 With lunch, crafts, the Easter story and an egg hunt! Designed for families with children – invite your family and friends! Even if you do not have small children at home, the Board of Christian Education would love your help with lunch, crafts or just hanging out with some of the children. We are hoping to have many children from Hikone and most likely they will be here without parents.

Nursery Care is available on the 3rd floor from 9:30–12:30 p.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, young preschoolers may go to the nursery for childcare. Children age 4 – 3rd grade are invited to Children’s Worship. Church School begins after worship (about 11:00).

age 4 – 2nd grade

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

3rd – 6th grade

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 Youth Worship (Room 107)

Children’s Music & Arts Ministry (Sunday Mornings)

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

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

Pastor Paul Duke begins a special Lenten series – *Christianity 101*.

In keeping with the ancient tradition of focused Lenten instruction on Christian faith and life, we will explore what it means to be Christian. Each session will address not only issues of doctrine but issues of practice, always linking the two.

Today	Passion: Death and New Life
March 22	Community: Spirit and Church
March 29	Communion: Worship and the Disciplines
April 5	Calling: World and Witness

Other Adult Learning Opportunities

Wednesday Bible Study (1:30-2:30; Memorial Lounge)

Paul Duke leads a study of selected Psalms. Join us each Wednesday for fellowship, snacks 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.

Joel Hastings to perform with the Ann Arbor Symphony

Orchestra Mendelssohn’s 200th birthday bash begins with his celebratory music from A Midsummer Night’s Dream, which was the source for the ever-popular “Wedding March.” Theatrical music continues with a suite from Walton’s delicate ballet based on Bach’s ‘greatest hits’--“Sheep May Safely Graze” and others. Mendelssohn was an avid champion of Bach’s musical genius. Canadian-born 2006 International Web Concert Hall winner Joel Hastings dances across the keys for Bach’s rapid and intricate Piano Concerto in D minor. Mendelssohn’s 5th “Reformation” Symphony is a rousing work featuring the music of Martin Luther and concluding with the thunderous “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God.” 8:00 p.m. Saturday March 21 2009 at The Michigan Theater. Tickets \$47, \$40, \$33, \$24 and \$10. <https://tickets.a2so.com/TheatreManager/1/online>

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 by April 1st. Please leave them in Kat’s mailbox in the office.