

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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*"Imaginary evil is romantic and varied; real evil is gloomy, monotonous, barren, boring.  
Imaginary good is boring; real good is always new, marvelous, intoxicating."  
- Simone Weil*

**GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP** Stacey Simpson Duke

**PRELUDE** Meditation - *M. Helman*

**\*INVOCATION** Toni Burton

**\*HYMN 92** For the beauty of the earth *Dix*  
(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

**\*THE PSALM** Psalm 66:8, 16-20  
Leader: O people bless our God. Let the voice of God's praise resound, who kept us among the living, and kept our feet from stumbling.  
People: Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what God has done for my soul.  
Leader: To God I cried aloud, with high praise ready on my tongue. If there had been evil in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.  
People: But truly God has listened, and has heeded the voice of my prayer.  
ALL: Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer and did not withhold love from me.

**\*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

**EPISTLE READING** 1 Peter 3:13-22 Paul Simpson Duke  
Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God!

**ANTHEM** O, pray for the peace of Jerusalem - *H. Howells*  
O, pray for the peace of Jerusalem.  
They shall prosper that love thee.  
Peace be within thy walls and  
plenteousness within thy palaces.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** (Lord's Prayer - "debts") Stacey Simpson Duke

**\*GOSPEL READING** John 14:15-21 Toni Burton  
Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God!

**TIME AS CHILDREN** Sue Ellen Glover

**\*HYMN 206** I want to walk as a child of the light *HOUSTON*  
(Preschool - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade may leave for Children's Worship at this time.)

**SERMON** *Exemplary* Paul Simpson Duke

**SILENT REFLECTION**

**OFFERING OF GIFTS** Praise the Lord - *R. Johnson*  
Praise the Lord!  
Praise God's holy name!  
Hallelujah!

**\*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 664** Sent forth by God's blessing *THE ASH GROVE*

**BENEDICTION**

**VOLUNTARY** Fugue in G (Jig) - *J.S. Bach*

\* If you are able, please stand

*The chancel flowers are given in honor of  
Ron Gregg's 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 Wanda Finn, Elizabeth Lee, Linda Ames, Bonnie Bates, Conrad Juchartz, John Moyer, Bonnie Jensen, Lloyd Crabtree, Marian Carter, Ruth Scott, Paul Wing, Susan Edwards, Mildred MacGregor, Marjorie Shannon, June Ludwig, Frances Hinderer, Blanche Williams, and Kyle Ziegler.*

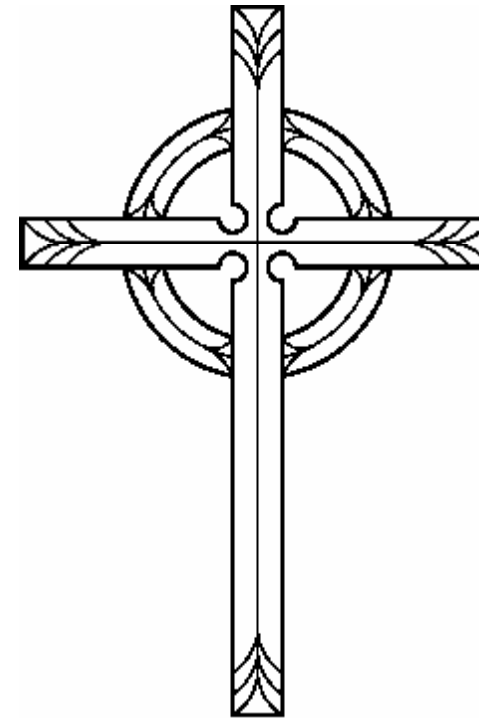
The rosebuds on the lectern are in gratitude to God and in celebration of the arrival of Katarina Danciu Dasilva and Alexandra Danciu Dasilva, born to Theodora Danciu and Alexandre Dasilva on Thursday, April 24th.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR**

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# THE WORSHIP OF GOD



**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR**

*6th Sunday of Easter  
April 27, 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. ~*

## 2008 Phone Directory

The latest edition of the church directory is available for you to pick up at the Information Counter.

## Scholarship Money Available

Money from the Chester and Violet Loucks Memorial Scholarship Fund is available for those pursuing post-secondary education or continuing education.

“Scholarships may be granted to supplement the cost of achieving these goals:

1. To obtain a post-secondary education, i.e., at the college or post-graduate level.
2. To develop or improve skills, obtain training or enrichment through camps, conferences, or continuing education experiences that relate to and enhance the work and ministry of First Baptist Church Ann Arbor.”

Money from the Robert L. Johnson Memorial Scholarship Fund is available to provide support for those wishing to attend conferences at Green Lake. Applications for both scholarships will be available at the information desk or from Mary Davis via email ([madrad@umich.edu](mailto:madrad@umich.edu)). Loucks Fund applications are due by May 11. Please give or send applications to Mary Davis, 1414 Iroquois Pl., Ann Arbor, MI 48104.

~ The Scholarship Committee

## Birthday Party-In-a-Bag:

On Sunday, May 11 our congregation will celebrate the 180th birthday of our church! We are celebrating this event with a special mission project for the clients of Friendship House, our ABC mission in Hamtramck. We would like to provide 18 parties-in-a-bag – please see the example in the Christian Education hallway. You may bring a whole bag or just some of the ingredients. The bags should include a cake mix and frosting (cupcake and cake pans have already been donated), party napkins, plates, other party necessities and a toy. Donations of whole bags or contents for the bags will be accepted through May 11.

## Summer Sextons Needed:

The church is in search of a couple students to work and live here at the Campus Center this summer (and possibly into the fall). If you are aware of a hard-working student who is in need of housing this summer, please have them e-mail the office at [office@fbca2.org](mailto:office@fbca2.org). Thank you!

## Texts for next Sunday, May 4:

Acts 1:1-11 · Psalm 47 · Ephesians 1:15-23 · Luke 24:44-53

## *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, April 27	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	12:30 p.m. - Annual Program Meeting (Fell. Hall)
	* <i>Newsletter &amp; May calendar deadline</i> *
Monday, April 28	5:30 p.m. - Board of Christian Educ. (Conf. room)
Tuesday, April 29	5:30 p.m. - Vespers (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday, April 30	1:30 p.m. - Bible Study (Lounge)
Thursday, May 1	6:15 p.m. - Handbell Practice (Sanctuary)
	7:30 p.m. - Choir Practice (102B)
Sunday, May 4	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service - <i>Communion</i>

## 2008 Annual Program Meeting & Potluck - Today

The congregation's annual program meeting will be held today at 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will gather together for a potluck lunch followed by the meeting. We will elect officers and board members for the coming year and be updated on activities and work of various groups within the church. We will also act on a constitutional proposal from the Board of Evangelism to change its name to the Board of Outreach. The members of the Board believe that this more inclusive term better reflects the work of the board. Childcare will be provided for the meeting.

The format for the annual meeting lunch will take the form of an old-fashioned potluck. Everyone please bring a dish – main dish, salad, vegetable, dessert, bread or rolls – and **your own table setting** (dishes and flatware). By not providing a main dish we save money, and by not having paper and plastic we not only save money but reduce the amount of trash. We will have paper/plastic available for those not “in the know” or who forgot to bring their own settings, but we would like to work on reducing the amount of those throw-away items. Please be assured that even if you did not sign up, you are most welcome and encouraged to attend the lunch and meeting. There is always plenty of food and an interesting and important meeting.

Nursery Care is available on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are invited to Children’s Worship.

### Children and Youth Christian Education:

#### 3’s and 4’s

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Worship with family or childcare in nursery

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Church School (room 306)

#### K – 2nd grade

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Worship

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Children’s Worship (room 202A)

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Church School (room 202B)

12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. Grace Notes (room 202B)

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grades

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Worship

11:10 a.m. – 11:50 a.m. Jr. Choir (room 102)

11:50 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Church School (room 201B)

*(Please note that this class has been moved to a different room across from the K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade classroom).*

#### 7<sup>th</sup> grade – high school

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Church School (room 107)

### Children’s Music and Arts Ministry:

Jr. Handbells 9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. room 306

Tiny Grace Notes (preschool) 10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. room 306

Grace Notes (K - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade) 12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. room 202A, middle level

Jr. Choir (4<sup>th</sup> grade and older) 11:10 a.m. – 11:50 a.m. room 102, lower level

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

#### Religion and Peacemaking in the Middle East (Lounge)

Ron Gregg and Sarah Heidt, facilitators

This series of presentations by local Arabs, Jews and Christians will examine the possibilities for a peaceful outcome of the Israeli/Palestinian conflict from a variety of perspectives, especially the religious. A time for questions and discussion will follow each presentation.

*Today: American Arab-Jewish Dialogue –*

*Zeitouna Sisters, a group of Arab and Jewish women tell how they build connection and trust through dialogue and support for a sustainable future for Palestine and Israel.*

#### Earth Crammed With Heaven (Room 108)

*This group will not meet today, but will resume next Sunday.*

Ron Tipton, leader

Using a book by Elizabeth Dreyer, a laywoman who is concerned about a “spirituality of everyday life,” we will follow a small group format. Participants will commit to consistent attendance and preparation each week (reading portions of the book), with group time spent in sharing and growing through spiritual disciplines. The book will be available in class.

### 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!

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.