

ORDER OF WORSHIP

*"You can safely assume that you've created God in your own image
when it turns out that God hates all the same people you do"*

- Anne Lamott

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Stacey Simpson Duke

VOLUNTARY

We all believe in one God

- Samuel Scheidt

*INVOCATION

Arthur Francis

*HYMN 101 From all that dwell below the skies
(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

DUKE STREET

*THE PSALM

Psalm 105:1-4

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord!

People: Sing to God! Sing praises to God!

Leader: Tell of the wonderful works of the Lord!

People: Seek the Lord. Continually seek God's presence and strength.

All: Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

*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

Romans 12:9-21

Paul Simpson Duke

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Father of All

- Christopher Tye

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Stacey Simpson Duke

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

*GOSPEL READING

Matthew 16:21-28

Arthur Francis

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

TIME AS CHILDREN

Sue Ellen Glover

*HYMN 408

The Gift of Love

GIFT OF LOVE

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

SERMON

Overcoming Evil

Paul Simpson Duke

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

The Prayer of St. Francis

Hymnal, 481

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Praise the Lord

- *G.F. Handel*

*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 430

O Master, let me walk with thee

MARYTON

BENEDICTION

VOLUNTARY

Marche Religieuse

- *Alexandre Guilmant*

* If you are able, please stand

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

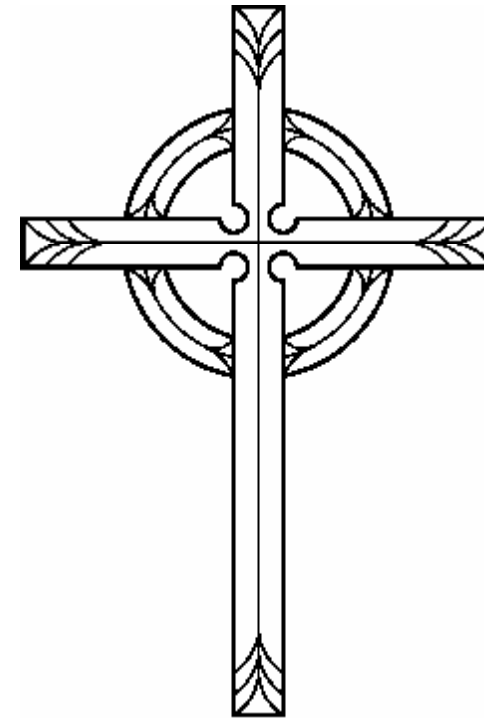
*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
in honor of Linda Dicks' birthday.
~ Bill and Ginny McKeachie ~*

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, Juhn Han, Dannie Jones, Elizabeth Lee, Linda Ames, Conrad Juchartz, John Moyer, Bonnie Jensen, Marian Carter, Ruth Scott, Mildred MacGregor, Marjorie Shannon, June Ludwig, Blanche Williams and John Caddell.

Special thanks to John Hummel for leading our choir this morning

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

*16th Sunday after Pentecost
August 31, 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. ~

A n n o u n c e m e n t s

in the basket by the Information Counter. We thank you for your generosity on our first annual UNDIE SUNDAY!

A B W M Soup label drive

The ABW Ministries continues to collect the Campbell Soup UPC or Barcode off the soup labels. It is no longer necessary to bring in the front of the label – just the UPC or bar code. There is a small white box on the information counter. The labels are redeemed and the funds go towards the many ABW projects.

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, September 7th

Exodus 12:1-14 – Psalm 148 or 149 – Romans 13:8-14 – Matthew 18:15-20

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, August 31 | 10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary) |
| Monday, Sept. 1 | <i>Labor Day - Church Building & Office closed</i> |
| Tuesday, Sept. 2 | 5:30 p.m. - Vespers (Fellowship Hall) |
| Thursday, Sept. 4 | 6:30 p.m. - Handbell rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:30 p.m. - Choir rehearsal (Room 102B) |
| Sunday, Sept. 7 | 10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary) |

Nursery Care is available on the 3rd floor from 9:30 - 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. Children in Kindergarten – 3rd grade are invited to Children's Worship, which meets until parents pick up children after worship.

Children's Music & Arts Ministry will resume in the fall with Jr. Handbells and three choirs, all rehearsing on Sunday mornings.

There are no second hour classes this week.

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

There are no Second Hour classes today due to the holiday weekend and no class next week due to the Ice Cream Social.

Beginning September 14:

CELTIC CHRISTIANITY – What does it mean for us today?

Astrid Beck and Stacey Simpson Duke, discussion leaders

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.

Wednesday Bible Study will resume on September 17 with Ron Tipton as the leader during the Fall term. The group meets on Wednesdays from 1:30 - 2:30 pm. As usual, the first session (on the 17th) will be a potluck meal at the church at 12:00 noon. We hope that all the "old" group members will return, and we also hope to see some new faces this year. If you are available on Wednesday afternoons, please come and join in the fellowship and discussions.

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.

FBC Ice Cream Social

The annual Ice Cream Social, sponsored by the Board of Christian Education as a kick-off for the new program year, will be held next week, September 7th, after worship. Donations of food and baked goodies are very appreciated. Please see the sign-up on the Information Counter.

Undie Sunday!

Mark your calendars! September 14 will be **Undie Sunday** and we will invite you to join the fun. Our clothes closet for Vespers guests and others has been almost completely emptied! And while we will usually find outerwear and clothing at the rummage sale to purchase and donate, new underwear is never available — and is, of course, a necessity! So we are holding an underwear drive. On September 14, please bring in packages of NEW men's and women's t-shirts and underpants/boxers and leave them