

ORDER OF WORSHIP

"All the way to Heaven is Heaven."

- *Catherine of Siena*

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Paul Simpson Duke

VOLUNTARY

Prélude Modal

- *Jean Langlais*

*INVOCATION

Bev Inbody

*HYMN 662

Stand up and bless the Lord

ST. MICHAEL

(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

*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 (Sung twice)



EPISTLE READING

Philippians 1:21-30

Paul Simpson Duke

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Sing to the Lord

- arr. Alice Parker

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sue Ellen Glover

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

*GOSPEL READING

Matthew 20:1-16

Bev Inbody

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

TIME AS CHILDREN

Third Grade Bible Presentation

Sue Ellen Glover

Third Grade: Calvin Floyd, Tess Heidt, Irina Steiger

Fourth Grade: Paul Steiger

Congregation: We give you these Bibles as a sign of our commitment to help you in your journey of faith.

Through these words may you find guidance and courage, encouragement and hope, joy and comfort.

May these Bibles become part of your life, equipping you to live as a child of God and to grow as a disciple of Christ.

*HYMN (See Insert)

When I can read my title clear

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

SERMON

Dying/Living

Paul Simpson Duke

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

- Glenn L. Rudolph

*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 378

Amazing Grace

AMAZING GRACE

(Stanzas 1-3, 6)

BENEDICTION

VOLUNTARY

Hymne D'Action de Grâce

- *Jean Langlais*

* If you are able, please stand

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

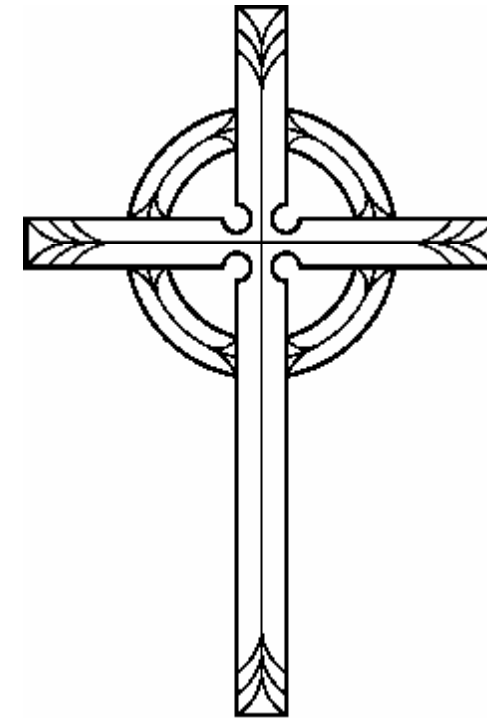
*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
and in recognition of my mother Marjorie's contribution and my grandmother
Doris White's contribution to their Baptist churches, and to the American Baptist
Women for their long service to the Baptist faith.
~ Robert Shannon ~*

*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, Helen Foley, Juhn Han,
Dannie Jones, Elizabeth Lee, Linda Ames, Conrad Juchartz, John Moyer, Bonnie
Jensen, Jim Martin (son of Iris Martin), Ruth Kitchen (cousin of Iris Martin),
Marian Carter, Ruth Scott, Mildred MacGregor, Marjorie Shannon, June
Ludwig, Blanche Williams and John Caddell.*

Today is American Baptist Women's Ministries Sunday. In celebration each year
at this time we serve as greeters, ushers and readers.

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

*American Baptist Women's Ministries Sunday
19th Sunday after Pentecost
September 21, 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. ~

Celebrating Kalamazoo College History

Alumni and friends of Kalamazoo College are invited to a presentation on the College's history, from its beginnings as a frontier academy, to its brief role as a Branch of the University of Michigan, to its growth and change through 175 years to become a nationally recognized liberal arts college. On Sunday, October 5th, Marlene Crandell Francis will be discussing and showing pictures from her recently completed comprehensive history, A Fellowship in Learning: Kalamazoo College 1833-2008. Copies of the book will be available at the meeting. Presentation at 7:00 p.m. followed by discussion and dessert reception. *First Baptist Church, 517 E Washington Street. Free parking available in the church lot on Washington and in the Liberty Square structure on Washington Street. Free. 734-663-9376.*

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 28th

Exodus 17:1-7 – Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 – Philippians 2:1-13 –
Matthew 21:23-32

ABWM 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 they go towards new computer equipment for study corners at the Murrow Indian Children's Home in Muskogee, OK. For further details please check the ABW Ministries bulletin board in the lobby near the Fellowship Hall.

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, Sept 21	10:00 a.m. - ABW Ministries Sunday (Sanctuary)
Tuesday, Sept. 23	5:30 p.m. - Vespers (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday, Sept 24	1:30 p.m. - Bible Study (Lounge) 5:30 p.m. - The Gathering (Campus Center) 7:30 p.m. - Davis/Diels ChristCare (Diels home)
Thursday, Sept. 25	12:30 p.m. - MacGregor/Stitt Circle (Hause home) 6:30 p.m. - Handbell rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:30 p.m. - Choir rehearsal (Room 102B)
Sunday, Sept. 28	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Today is American Baptist Women's Ministries Sunday

In celebration each year at this time we serve as greeters, ushers and readers. We have two circles, the Beecher-Brewer Circle and the MacGregor-Stitt Circle. Our board is made up of eight women. There are about 30 active members of these circles. All the women of First Baptist Church Ann Arbor are AB women. If you do not belong to one of these circles we'd love to have you come and join us. Our bulletin board is on the lower level near the Fellowship Hall. Please take a moment to see our monthly calendar and programs for the year.

Nursery Care is available on the 3rd floor from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 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 (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)

4th grade – High School

10:00 – 11:00 Worship
11:15 – 12:30 Church School (Room 107)
11:50 – 12:30 Jr. Choir (Room 102)

Children's Music & Arts Ministry

These groups meet each Sunday for rehearsal.

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 (Memorial Lounge) The group meets on Wednesdays from 1:30 - 2:30 PM, with Ron Tipton leading. 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.