

ORDER OF WORSHIP

*"The fact remains that we are invited to forget ourselves on purpose,
cast our awful solemnity to the wind
and join in the general Dance."*

- Thomas Merton

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Sue Ellen Glover

VOLUNTARY

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us - arr. R. Groth
Johnson Memorial Handbells

*INVOCATION

Bill Foster

*HYMN 152

I sing the almighty power of God FOREST GREEN
(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

*THE PSALM

Psalm 84:1-3, 5, 11b-12

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts.

People: My soul is longing and yearning for the courts of the Lord. My heart and my soul ring out their joy to the living God.

Leader: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts.

People: Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

All: The Lord withholds no good thing from those who walk uprightly. O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

*GLORIA (Sung twice)



DEDICATION OF COLIN CARLTON BARNES

Jim and Sara Barnes, parents

Congregational Response: With God's help we will seek to follow Christ ourselves, that these parents may be strengthened in

faith, and this child, surrounded by love, may be nurtured in the way that leads to life.

EPISTLE READING

Philippians 2:1-13

Paul Simpson Duke

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

How lovely is Thy dwelling-place
(from *A German Requiem*)

- J. Brahms

How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!
For my soul, it longeth, yea, fainteth for the courts of the Lord;
my soul and body crieth out, yea, for the living God.
O blest are they that dwell within Thy house;
they praise Thy name evermore! (Psalm 84)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Paul Simpson Duke

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

*GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21:28-32

Bill Foster

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

TIME AS CHILDREN

Sue Ellen Glover

*HYMN 474

Precious Lord, take my hand PRECIOUS LORD
(Preschool – 3rd grade may leave for Children's Worship or Tiny Grace Notes at this time.)

SERMON

This Mind

Paul Simpson Duke

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Wondrous Love

- arr. P. Christiansen

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul,
That caused the Lord of life
To bear the heavy cross,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul,
That Christ should lay aside

His crown for my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

***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 358** Dear Lord and Father of mankind *REST*
(Stanzas 1-2, 4-5)

BENEDICTION

VOLUNTARY Scherzo from Symphony No.2 - *C.M. Widor*

* If you are able, please stand

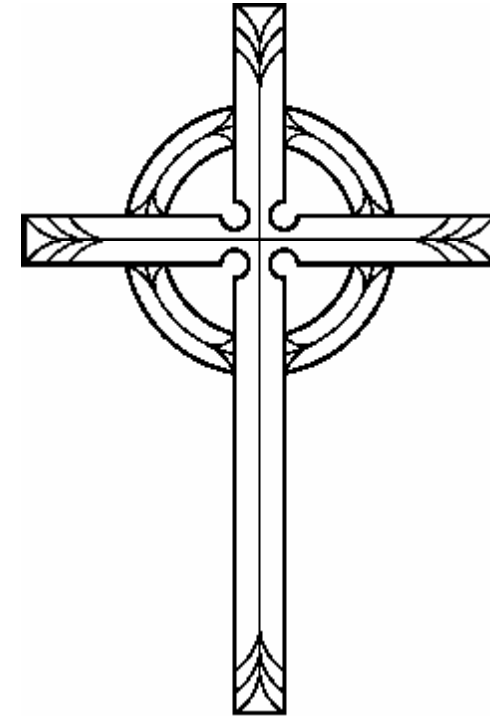
*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of Gwen and Emerson Powrie and Ray Davidge.
~ Lyn & Art Davidge ~*

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, Carole Lamerson, 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.

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

*20th Sunday after Pentecost
September 28, 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. ~

Youth Parents meet with Youth Minister

All parents of Youth are invited to the library after worship (until noon) to greet and meet our new Youth Minister, Rev. Carey Mack.

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.

The FBC Ladies Book Club will meet at Mary Davis's house to discuss Elie Wiesel's "Night" on Wednesday, October 1st at 7 pm. Please contact Janice Stumpf at 663-4871 or jlstumpf@umich.edu for further information.

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, October 5th

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 – Psalm 19 – Philippians 3:4b-14 – Matthew 21:33-46

Thank you from ABW Ministries

A huge THANK YOU to all our volunteers who helped with the Fall Rummage Sale. Thank you to all who brought in their treasures, giving us the wide variety of items to sell. The success of the Rummage Sale will allow ABW Ministries to continue with our programs and projects.

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 28	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Monday, Sept. 29	4:00 p.m. - Care & Community Bd. (Conf room) 7:00 p.m. - Board of Outreach (Conf room)
Tuesday, Sept. 30	9:30 a.m. - ABWM Board Meeting (Lounge) 5:30 p.m. - Vespers (Fellowship Hall) 7:30 p.m. - Executive Council (Lounge)
Wednesday, Oct. 1	1:30 p.m. - Bible Study (Lounge) 5:30 p.m. - The Gathering (Campus Center)
Thursday, Oct. 2	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, Oct. 5	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Annual Celebration of Care

Save the date – Sunday, October 12 at 12:30 – for our Annual Celebration of Care. Following another challenging Chili Cook-Off luncheon (corn chowder will also be available), we'll review the new programs that the Board of Care and Community has initiated in the last year and talk about new programs that this board and other groups have planned for the future. Think about how our church can become a better caring community and bring your suggestions. Chili chefs are needed – if you have a great recipe for chili which you would be willing to prepare, please let us know. Comm. members are Mary Gregg (761-3127), Barb Griffin (994-3499) and Cynthia Redinger (213-2543). This will be a great way to kick off our program year and celebrate how much we care for our fellow church members. **New members and visitors are especially invited.**

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

10:00 – 11:00	Worship
11:00 – 12:00	Church School (Room 304)
12:00 – 12:30	Grace Notes (Room 306)

Today only: Jr. Choir will leave the worship service during the Doxology and rehearse until 11:30. All 4th – High School Youth will meet after worship in the Youth Room (107) for Youth Worship and a meeting until 12:30.

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).....	10:50 – 11:30

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

What does it mean to "meditate" on the Scriptures? The first six weeks of the Wednesday Bible Study will be a group meditation on six passages from the Gospel of Luke. We will read the passages not only for information, but also to hear what the words of Scripture are saying to us in particular. With thoughtful reflection, imagination, faith, and open hearts, we will seek personal meaning in the words of Scripture. Join us each Wednesday for fellowship 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.