

ORDER OF WORSHIP

"Some people think reconciliation is a soft option, that it means papering over the cracks. But the biblical meaning means looking facts in the face and it can be very costly: it cost God the death of his own Son."

- Desmond Tutu

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Paul Simpson Duke

VOLUNTARY

Scherzo on *Mit Freuden Zart*

- John Ferguson

*INVOCATION

Joyce Arnn

*HYMN 126

Sing praise to God

MIT FREUDEN ZART

(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

*THE PSALM

Psalms 149

Leader: Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, God's praise in the assembly of the faithful.

People: Let Israel be glad in its Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.

Leader: Let them praise God's name with dancing, making melody to God with tambourine and lyre.

People: For the Lord takes pleasure in his people; God adorns the humble with victory.

Leader: Let the faithful exult in glory; let them sing for joy.

People: This is glory for all God's faithful ones. Praise the Lord!

*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 13:8-10

Stacey Simpson Duke

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

If ye love me

- Philip Wilby

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Paul Simpson Duke

*GOSPEL READING

Matthew 18:15-20

Joyce Arnn

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

TIME AS CHILDREN

Sue Ellen Glover

ACT OF DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT

Leader: These people have been led by the Holy Spirit to serve in the ministry of Christian education of our church; to share their gifts and their faith so that others may learn of the love and grace of God. We give thanks and praise for these teachers and ask that God's continuing presence be with them as they serve our babies, our children, our youth and our adults.

Teachers, do you commit yourselves to "building up the body of Christ", to the service of God, and to the example of Jesus Christ through your ministry of teaching?

Teachers: Through Christ, our teacher, we dedicate ourselves to the educational ministry of this church. We commit our gifts to God and to the service of all God's people. We ask God for guidance, patience, and wisdom. May our own faith grow and strengthen as we seek to nurture faith in others.

People: We praise God for these teachers within our church family and for the opportunities to learn. We commit ourselves to the support of the educational ministry of this church, and to those who have been called to serve.

We also commit ourselves as learners. May our hearts and minds be open to grow in faith and love. Through our learning, may we know and serve God more fully.

*HYMN 617

I come with joy

DOVE OF PEACE

Children age 4 – 3rd grade are invited to leave for Children's Worship at this time.

SERMON

What We Owe

Stacey Simpson Duke

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Loving Shepherd of thy sheep

- Philip Ledger

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Confession and the Lord's Prayer ("debts")
(Lord's Prayer on hymnal page 896)

Assurance of Pardon

*Passing of the Peace

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

The Bread and the Cup

Prayer after Communion

*HYMN OF FELLOWSHIP
(PG. 557)

Blest be the tie that binds
(1ST stanza)

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BENEDICTION

VOLUNTARY

Now Thank We All Our God

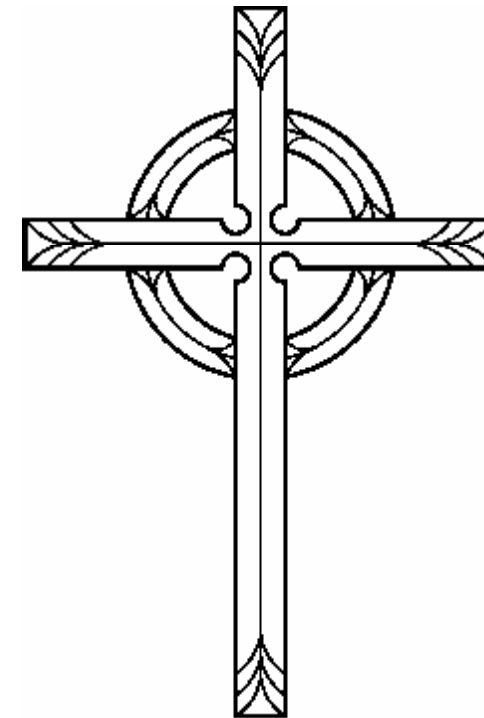
- *Bach/Fox*

* If you are able, please stand

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God in celebration
of the teachers and leaders of the Christian Education ministry of our church
(who are each invited to take home a flower).*

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.

Today's Fellowship Offering will go towards the Fellowship Fund which provides for meeting emergency needs of those within our community. Please give generously.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

*17th Sunday After Pentecost
September 7, 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. ~

Christian Education Teachers and Leaders 2008-2009

Infants and Toddlers:	Caregiver: Kathryn Gregg Volunteers: Mary Davis, Madeline Drake, Jen Niece Teh, Cynthia Redinger, Emily Rahim, Jeanette Halliday
Age 4 - 2 nd Grade:	Nancy and Vicky Rushton, Brandy Kirchner, Joyce Arnn
3 rd – 6 th Grade:	Bob Kidd, Janice Stumpf
Youth (7 th – High School):	Bill Foster, Sue Ellen Glover
Adult:	Astrid Beck, Stacey Duke, Paul Duke
Wednesday Bible Study:	Ron Tipton
Children's Worship:	Sue Ellen Glover
Children's Music and Arts Ministry:	Bonnie Kidd, Debra Snyder
ChristCare Small Group Leaders:	Mary Davis and Scott Diels, Fred and Mary Munson
Choir Childcare:	Joyce Arnn
Other Caregivers:	Marissa Alaniz, Annie Barron, Deborah Caddell, Jackie Snyder, Jack Stearns, Owen Stearns
Special Assistance & Consultants:	David Robbins, Jerry and Jim Suits, Ruth Kerr, Lynn Suits, Iris Martin, Bev Inbody, Kat Becker, Annabel Erskine, Ethan Wright, Graham Miles
Youth Director:	Brandy Kirchner
Director of Christian Education:	Sue Ellen Glover
Board of Christian Education:	Bill Foster and Toni Stearns (Co-Chairs), Maryann Bowen (Secretary), Jeanette Halliday, Becky Miller, Jackie Snyder

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

We warmly welcome all those who have come to worship with us today! Everyone is invited to join the events listed in this insert. Please join us today, after worship, as the Board of Christian Education celebrates the start of a new church school year with our annual Ice Cream Social.

TODAY, Sept 7	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Tuesday, Sept. 9	5:30 p.m. - Vespers (Fellowship Hall) 5:30 p.m. - Board of Christian Education (Conf Room)
Wednesday, Sept 10	5:30 p.m. - The Gathering (Campus Center) 7:30 p.m. - Davis/Diels ChristCare (at the Davis/Diels home)
Thursday, Sept. 11	6:30 p.m. - Handbell rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:30 p.m. - Choir rehearsal (Room 102B)
Sunday, Sept. 14	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 (Sunday Mornings)

Jr. Handbells (Room 306).....	9:15 – 9:45	(Starting September 14)
Tiny Grace Notes (Rm. 306).....	10:30 – 10:45	(Starting September 14)
Grace Notes Choir (Room 306).....	12:00 – 12:30	(Starting September 14)
Jr. Choir (Room 102).....	11:50 – 12:30	(Starting September 21)

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, 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.

Wednesday Bible Study (*Memorial Lounge*) 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 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.

Undie Sunday!

Mark your calendars! Next Sunday will be **Undie Sunday** and we 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 in the basket by the Information Counter. We thank you for your generosity on our first annual **UNDIE SUNDAY!**

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.

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 14th

Exodus 14:19-31 – Romans 14:1-12 – Matthew 18:21-35