

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Paul Simpson Duke

PRELUDE

Take My Life and Let it Be -- *arr. Patricia Sanders Cota*
Johnson Memorial Handbells

*INVOCATION

Lauren Fisher

*HYMN 384

Love Divine, all loves excelling *BEECHER*
(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

*THE PSALM

from Psalm 127

Leader: Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.

People: **Unless the Lord guards the city, the guard keeps watch in vain.**

Leader: It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil;

All: **for God gives sleep to his beloved.**

*GLORIA (Hymnal, 72)

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, Gloria! Alleluia! Alleluia! (sung twice)

STEWARDSHIP TESTIMONY

Lois Crabtree

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17 Stacey Simpson Duke

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

Laudate Dominum -- *W.A. Mozart*

Praise the Lord, all ye nations, praise him, all ye peoples.
For his loving kindness has been bestowed upon us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Ron Tipton

*GOSPEL READING

Mark 12:38-44

Lauren Fisher

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

TIME AS CHILDREN

Sue Ellen Glover

*HYMN (see insert)

Take my life, and let it be *HENDON*
(Preschool – 3rd grade may leave for Children's Worship at this time.)

SERMON

The Harvest of Kindness Stacey Simpson Duke

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Loving shepherd of Thy sheep -- *Philip Ledger*

Loving Shepherd of Thy sheep,
Keep Thy lamb, in safety keep;
Nothing can Thy power withstand,
None can pluck me from Thy hand.

Loving Savior, Thou didst give
Thine own life that we might live,
And the hands outstretched to bless
Bear the cruel nails impress.

I would praise Thee every day,
Gladly all Thy will obey,
Like Thy bless'd ones above
Happy in Thy precious love.

Loving Shepherd, ever near,
Teach Thy lamb Thy voice to hear,
Suffer not my steps to stray
From the straight and narrow way.

Where Thou leadest I would go,
Walking in Thy steps below,
Till before my Father's throne
I shall know as I am known.

*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 643

When love is found *GIFT OF LIFE*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Concerto in G Major: *Allegro*

-- Duke Johann Ernst/Bach

* If you are able, please stand

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of the Vary girls, Gladys Vary Eggleton and Lena Vary Lewis,
best known to those whose lives they touched
as Grandma Sunshine and Aunt Lena.*

~ Nancy Paul ~

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 Isabel Grace Bucholtz, John Moyer, Marilyn Doty, Bill Kerr, Ruth Loring, Elizabeth Lee, Conrad Juchartz, Bonnie Jensen, Alice Weaver, Mildred MacGregor, Marjorie Shannon, Dottie Casler, June Ludwig and Ethan Wright.

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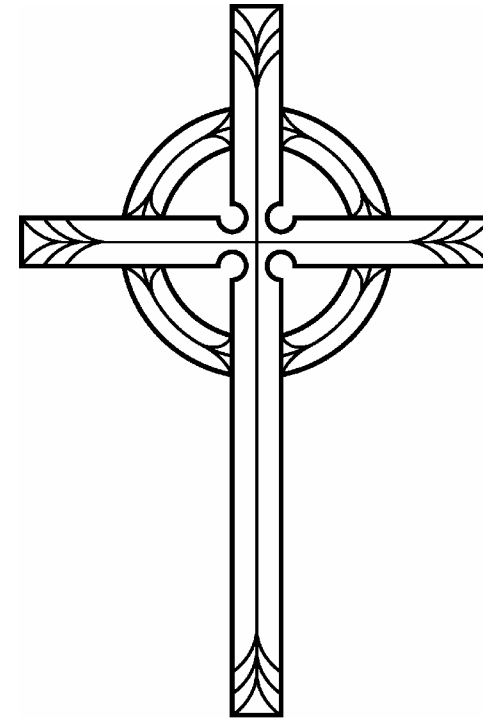
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THE WORSHIP OF GOD



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2009

*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.* ~

Report Available A preliminary report from the homeless review task force is now available. All congregation members are urged to review this important report with care. The report has already been sent by e-mail through the "e-Connection." If you have not received it, you may pick up a copy today at the information counter. The report can also be mailed to anyone who requests a copy.

Members of the task force have been contacting individual members of the congregation to ascertain their views about the pavilion and our ministry to the homeless. We started with members of church boards, but every member of the congregation is invited to share reactions. Copies of a questionnaire about the report are available at the information counter for anyone who has not yet been contacted.
-- Marlene Francis, moderator

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.

The FBC Ladies Book Club The group will meet Tuesday, November 10th, at 7 pm, at Lois Crabtree's house. We will be discussing "Love in the Time of Cholera" by Gabriel García Márquez. If you'd like to join in, or if you have any questions, please contact Janice Stumpf at jlstumpf@umich.edu or 663-4871.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration On Sunday, Nov 22, at 7pm the 15th annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration will be held at Zen Buddhist Temple (1214 Packard Rd, Ann Arbor). You are cordially invited. Please bring a thanksgiving gift of food and/or turkey money to be shared with those in need in our community.

Communion Servers needed! We need your help! There are openings available for the Dec 6th communion service. If you are able to help out with this important part of the worship service, please sign up at the information desk. Thank you!

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, Nov 8	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Monday, Nov 9	7:30 p.m. - Board of Mission Action (Conf. Room)
Tuesday, Nov 10	5:30 p.m. - Vespers (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 p.m. - FBC Ladies Book Club (at the Crabtree home)
	7:00 p.m. - Budget Meeting (Campus Center)
Wednesday, Nov 11	1:30 p.m. - Bible Study (Lounge)
	5:30 p.m. - The Gathering (Campus Center)
	7:30 p.m. - Davis-Diels ChristCare (at the Davis-Diels home)
Thursday, Nov 12	6:30 p.m. - Handbell Rehearsal (Handbell Room)
	7:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal (Room 102B)
Friday, Nov 13	6:30 p.m. - Youth Lock-In (Youth Room)
Sunday, Nov 15	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)

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

Pledge Drive 2010 Pledge cards for the 2010 Pledge Campaign should be arriving in your mail, and are now available at the Information counter. This is a critical year for our pledge campaign, as we will have to recover roughly \$15,000 in lost pledges from 2009, due to changes in our membership. Your pledge is vital, therefore. Thank you for your gift and for your pledge. Though we may be small, our resolve and our faith make us large. With gratitude,
-- David Cave, Chair, 2010 Pledge Drive

Choir Concert Sunday, November 15, 2:00pm at Huron Hills Baptist Church. The concert will feature the University Of Michigan Arts Chorale and the choirs of Huron Hills Baptist Church and First Baptist Church, directed by Mark Marotto and Brandon Straub. The program will feature a variety of sacred and secular works, including the music of Mendelssohn, Handel, Haydn, Whitacre, and Dickau. (3150 Glazier Way, Ann Arbor, (734) 769-6299)

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 and children in Kindergarten – 3rd grade are invited to Children's Worship.

K – 2nd^h grade

10:30 – 11:10 Children's Worship (Room 202A)
11:10 – 11:30 Children's Choirs (Rooms 202A)
11:30 – 12:30 Church School (Room 202B)

3rd – 6th grades

10:00 – 11:00 Worship
11:10 – 11:50 Children's Choirs (Rooms 202A & 102)
11:50 – 12:30 Church School (Room 201B)

Youth (7th – High School)

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

Children's Music & Arts Ministry

Jr. Handbells.....9:15 – 9:45 (Room 306)
Children's Choirs (all ages)....11:10 – 11:30 (Room 202A)
Older Choir will continue until 11:50 (Room 102)

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

The Social Gospel: Origins and Implications for Today Lounge

An exploration of the Social Gospel as interpreted by Walter Rauschenbusch, Dorothy Day, Martin Luther King, Jr., Clarence Jordan, Jitsuo Morikawa and others.

Nov 8 - Concluding this series, we will watch a portion of "Cotton Patch Gospel", the musical based on Clarence Jordan's interpretation of Matthew and John.

Young Adult Class Room 108

This class consists of conversational Bible study and is devoting its first months to discussing the letter to the Philippians and its application to our living. "Young adult" is defined as mid-twenties to 40(ish!). (Paul and Stacey Simpson Duke, facilitators)

Other Adult Learning Opportunities

Wednesday Bible Study (Memorial Lounge, 1:30 – 2:30)

The Wednesday Bible Study class continues to look at themes from I Corinthians. On November 11, the theme of the Wednesday Bible Study class will be Immorality in the Church, using I Corinthians chapters 5 and 6.

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.

Flu Prevention

We shake a lot of hands on Sundays! Let's work to prevent the spread of the flu in the congregation. Information sheets regarding flu prevention can be found at the Information Desk on Sunday or in the office Mon-Friday. Hand sanitizer is available at both entrances to the sanctuary, Information Desk, on the tables in the classroom wing and in the Fellowship Hall.

Readings for next Sunday, November 15 1 Samuel 1:4-20 –

1 Samuel 2:1-10 – Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18), 19-25 – Mark 13:1-8

Symposium on Forgiveness from a multi-faith perspective

The School of Art & Design at the University of Michigan is holding a symposium on Forgiveness from a multi faith perspective. On Tuesday, November 10, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and Thursday, November 12, 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. a panel of Metro-Detroit faith leaders and students and faculty from 7 CFC II classes at U of M SOA&D will be discussing Forgiveness. The guest speakers are leaders from the Muslim, Jewish, Christian and Hindu communities.

Pluralism Project at Harvard Univ. film " Fremont, U.S.A."

This documentary film offers a glimpse of religious diversity on the local level. Fremont, California, is a city in which thriving Hindu, Buddhist, Muslim, Christian, and Sikh, and other communities all live side by side. Through civic engagement and interfaith action, strangers have become neighbors in this American city. Join us to learn more about living in a religiously pluralistic community, and engage with other faith leaders on how the diverse faith communities we represent can coexist and even work together. Film director, Elinor Pierce, will be present and will lead the discussion. Ann Arbor District Library (5th Ave), Thursday, Nov 19th at 6:30 pm