

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP Sue Ellen Glover

PRELUDE

***INVOCATION** Bonnie Kidd

***HYMN 254** We three kings of orient are *KINGS OF ORIENT*
(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Leader: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

People: For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples, but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.

Leader: Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

People: Lift up your eyes and look around, they all gather together, they come to you.

Leader: Then you shall see and be radiant, your heart shall thrill and rejoice.

People: They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

*GLORIA (p. 71)

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 Ephesians 3:1-12 Bonnie Kidd

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM What is this lovely fragrance? – *arr. by Healy Willan*

What is this lovely fragrance wafting like to the scents of flow'rs in spring!
Shepherds, O tell us, whence such beauty,
Hear you not heav'nly caroling?
What is this lovely fragrance wafting like to the scents of flow'rs in spring!

What is this light so fair, so tender breaking upon our wond'ring eyes?
Never the Morning Star so radiant,
Followed his course o'er eastern skies.
What is this light so fair, so tender breaking upon our wond'ring eyes?

Shepherds, O haste with eager footsteps seek the Savoir, born today.
Low at His feet we lay our treasure,
Heart's adoration, love for aye.
Shepherds, O haste with eager footsteps seek the Savoir, born today.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Sue Ellen Glover

***GOSPEL READING** Matthew 2:1-12 Beth Foster
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

TIME AS CHILDREN Sue Ellen Glover

***HYMN 219** What child is this *GREENSLEEVES*
(Preschool – 3rd Grade may leave for Child Care or Children's Worship at this time)

SERMON *To Follow the Star* Beth Foster

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS A New Year Carol – *Benjamin Britten*

Here we bring new water from the well so clear,
For to worship God with, this happy New Year
*Sing levy dew, sing levy dew, the water and the wine;
The seven bright gold wires and the bugles that do shine.*

Sing reign of Fair Maid, with gold upon her toe,
Open you the West Door, and turn the Old Year go.
*Sing levy dew, sing levy dew, the water and the wine;
The seven bright gold wires and the bugles that do shine.*

Sing reign of Fair Maid, with gold upon her chin,
Open you the East Door, and let the New Year in.
*Sing levy dew, sing levy dew, the water and the wine;
The seven bright gold wires and the bugles that do shine.*

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Confession

All: Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Passing of the Peace

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

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

The Bread and the Cup

Prayer after Communion

*HYMN OF FELLOWSHIP
(PG. 557)

Blest be the tie that binds
(1st stanza)

DENNIS

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

* If you are able, please stand

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
in celebration of the End of January Birthday Club:
Annabel Erskine (Jan 20) & Helen Johnson (Jan 29) and
in loving memory of Zella Willis (Jan 30) & Orrin Inbody (Jan 30).*

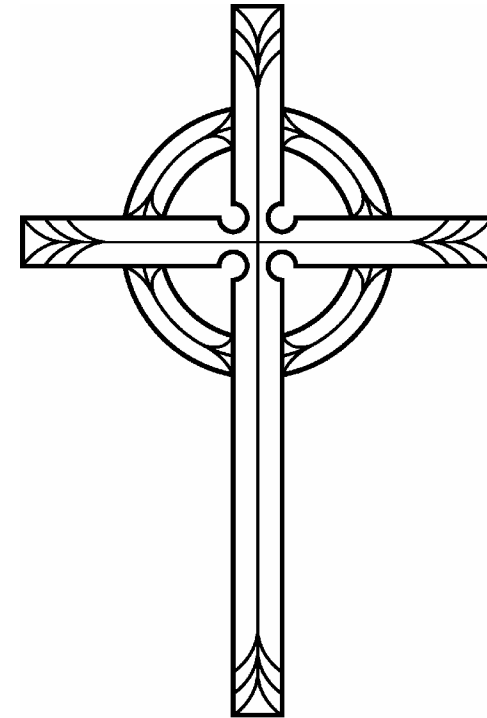
~ Beverly Inbody ~

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 Ron Tipton, Conrad Juchartz, John Moyer, Lorrie Schleg, Bill Kerr, Ruth Loring, Elizabeth Lee, Bonnie Jensen, Alice Weaver, Mildred MacGregor, Marjorie Shannon, Dottie Casler and Carol Griffin.

Paul and Stacey are en route home from Georgia and will be back in the office on Tuesday, January 5th. This morning we welcome the Reverend Beth Foster to the pulpit.

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

THE WORSHIP OF GOD



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

*Epiphany Sunday
January 3, 2010*

*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. ~

Young Adult Class
Paul duke, Leader

Room 108

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

Other Adult Learning Opportunities

Wednesday Bible Study (Memorial Lounge, 1:30-2:30 p.m.)

We will resume on January 6 with Stacey Simpson Duke leading a study of the Gospel of Mark. Join us each Wednesday for fellowship and learning.

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.

Calendar Sale Quite a few calendars left! These great calendars are available for \$8 each. The church school children have raised enough money by selling these calendars to send \$200 to the Sister Church's school in Nicaragua, but if the remaining calendars are sold, more money could be sent later this year. Thank you for supporting the children's efforts!

Resources for Personal Devotions Perhaps one of your New Year's resolutions is to spend a quiet time each day with prayer and scripture. The *Secret Place* is available at the Information Counter. This is published quarterly and is offered in regular and large-print editions. (It is also free as a gift from one of our members.) The Upper Room publishes a book, *Disciplines*, that has one-page daily devotions which follow the lectionary so that each week you can read and meditate on the scriptures that will be included in the upcoming Sunday's worship service. Each week has a different author, drawn from ecumenical ministries throughout the world. These are available from Sue Ellen for \$10.

The New 2010 Flower Calendar is now posted in the hallway downstairs. The arrangements are by Tom Thompson, \$30 each and are ordered through the office.

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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, Jan 3	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Tuesday, Jan 5	5:30 p.m. - Vespers (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday, Jan 6	1:30 p.m. - Bible Study (Lounge)
	5:30 p.m. - The Gathering (Campus Center)
	7:30 p.m. - Executive Council (Lounge)
Thursday, Jan 7	7:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal (Room 102)
Sunday, Jan 3	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Children and Youth Christian Education

No Church School classes today. Classes will resume next week.

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 grades are invited to Children's Worship. Parents are asked to gather their children immediately after worship.

Nursery Care January 3: Nursery care is available on the 3rd floor from 9:30 – 11:30.

Children's Music and Arts Ministry will resume on January 10.

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

No Adult classes today or next week. Class will resume on January 10 with a report from Team Nandasmó 2.0 about their trip to Nicaragua.

Beginning January 17:

The Gospel of Luke: Good News for All

Lounge

Sue Ellen Glover, Leader

Luke's Gospel was written in a time of persecution for the followers of Jesus, addressing a community in turmoil and constantly at risk. In the midst of all these difficulties, the author professes that the Good News that Jesus brought was open to all, including women, outcasts and the poor, and while it was not an easy fix, it was filled with hope for people who were often without hope. We will explore the meanings of this Gospel.