

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP Stacey Simpson Duke

PRELUDE Jesus, I Shall Never Forsake
- *Heinrich von Herzogenberg*

***INVOCATION** Merilee Magnuson

***HYMN 154 (stanzas 1,3,6)** All hail the power of Jesus name *CORONATION*
(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

***RESPONSIVE READING** from John 1:1-5, 14

Leader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

People: All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being.

Leader: The light shines in darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

All: And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, full of grace and truth.

***GLORIA (Hymnal, 72)**

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 85:1-2, 7-13 Paul Simpson Duke

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM Be Still and Know that I Am God Courville Concert Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Stacey Simpson Duke

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

EPISTLE READING James 3:13-18 Merilee Magnuson

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

TIME AS CHILDREN

Stacey Simpson Duke

***HYMN 77** How Great Thou Art *HOW GREAT THOU ART*
(Preschool through age 6 may leave for childcare in the nursery at this time.)

OFFERTORY Welcome into this Place Courville Concert Choir

SERMON *The Loveliest Embrace* Paul Simpson Duke

***HYMN 431** Let there be peace on earth *WORLD PEACE*

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

LOVE OFFERING Because of Who You Are Courville Concert Choir

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Postlude in C -- *Christian Cappelen*

* If you are able, please stand

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
and for the joy of knowing Joyce Arnn*

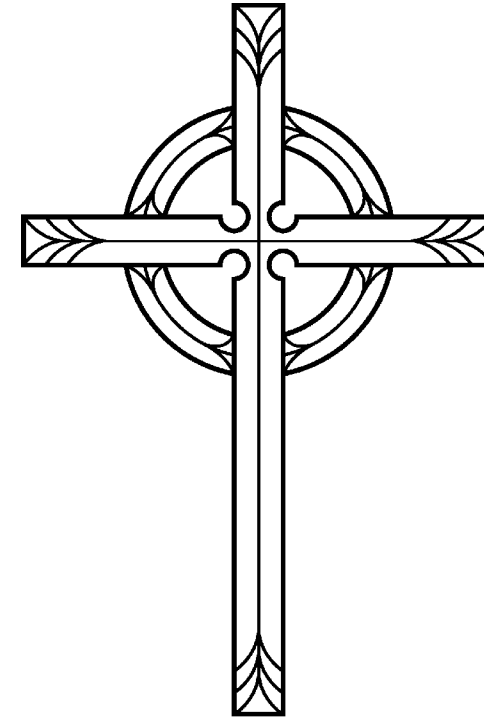
~ David Robbins ~

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 John Moyer, Ruth Loring, Elizabeth Lee, Bonnie Jensen, Alice Weaver, Mildred MacGregor, Marjorie Shannon, Dottie Casler, Patrick Baert, Luke McNeill, and Gretchen & John Frueh.

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

*9th Sunday after Pentecost
July 25, 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. ~

Back-to-School Supplies Collection Back to School sales are evident in almost every store. And we are once more collecting school supplies and backpacks for children of struggling parents. Your donation of completely filled backpacks, or even a few school supplies, can make a huge difference for children starting off a new school year!

Last year, our congregation provided 10 full backpacks for a drive coordinated by First Congregational Church and we are committed to at least that amount this year. These backpacks were given to the families in Carrot Way Housing (part of Avalon Housing). Excess supplies were delivered to the Washtenaw Intermediate School District Education Project for homeless children. Any item is appreciated but please keep in mind the older children and youth who need more expensive supplies such as backpacks, calculators, binders, pens and mechanical pencils. If you are willing to commit to donating a *filled* backpack, please pick up a tag at the Information Counter with a child's age and gender. If the nametags are all gone, please fill a backpack and add your own tag describing the approximate age and gender. There will be a basket near the Information Counter for the next four Sundays to collect your all your backpacks and miscellaneous donations. (*The deadline is August 22.*) Thank you for your generosity!

Vespers Funding Needed

The funding for the Tuesday night Vespers dinner is running dry. Donations are needed to keep this vital FBC ministry to the homeless alive. The fact that the homeless and hungry in our community are drawn to First Baptist for hospitality is evidence of God's grace at work—both in our lives and in the lives of those He draws to us. We also ask for prayer for homeless people and those in our community who are serving them. Please contact Sarah Heidt (734-730-5484 or sheidt@emich.edu) if you have questions about this program and how you can get involved.

VBS 2010 Growing and Showing the Fruit of God's Spirit

Preparation is underway for our VBS which will be held in the evenings of August 25, 26, and 27 (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday), 5:30 – 8:00 pm. We are continuing with our curriculum and farm theme from last year, as we explore how to develop and share our Fruit of the Spirit. Farmers and farmhands (volunteers) are needed! Volunteer forms are available each Sunday on the table near the Information Counter, or you may call or email Sue Ellen. Registration forms for children entering K through 8th grade are also available at that table (due by August 22). Thank you in advance for your generous response to this ministry! Thank you in advance for your generous response to this ministry!

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, July 25	10:00 p.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Tuesday, July 27	5:30 p.m. - Vespers (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday, July 28	7:30 p.m. - Davis/Diels ChristCare (at Davis-Diels home)
Thursday, July 29	7:00 p.m. - Executive Council (Lounge)
Saturday, July 31	10:00 a.m. - Liturgical Dance Workshop (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday, Aug 1	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)

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

Courville Concert Choir!

This morning we welcome the Courville Concert Choir, a choir made up of at-risk youth ages 10-18 from inner city Detroit. The Courville Concert Choir Program, under the direction of Willard Hines, is devoted to creating choral excellence, instilling values of self-discipline and commitment, building lasting friendships, and teaching life skills while inspiring the artist within each child through the power of music. This morning we will receive a Love Offering for the choir. Your financial gifts will benefit the many youth who need what this enrichment program has to offer. Checks may be made out to Courville Concert Choir, Inc. Please give generously.

Quarter-End Contribution Statements Ready

The personal contribution statements for the second quarter are ready to be picked up. You will find them at the Information Counter.

Children and Youth Christian Education

All children are welcome to worship with their families. There is no Children's Worship today so after the Time as Children portion of the worship service, preschoolers – 6 years old may go to the nursery for childcare. Families should pick up children as soon as worship is completed.

During the month of July there are no church school classes (children, youth or adult) after worship. Classes will resume in August.

Other Adult Learning Opportunities

Wednesday Bible Study

Bible Study will resume in the fall.

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.

Readings for next Sunday, August 1

Hosea 11:1-11 * Psalm 107:1-9, 43 * Colossians 3:1-11 * Luke 12:13-21

Sue Ellen is visiting with family this weekend and will be back in the office on Wednesday.

Church Office Hours for the week of July 26

Kat will be away from the office this week. Bev will be in the office Monday through Friday from 9am to 1pm. Kat returns to the office on August 2nd.

Up-Coming Youth Happenings :

All youth, rising seventh graders through high school, are invited to Stucchi's after worship today, July 25th. We will catch up and then discuss the menu for Vespers, with which we are helping on August 3rd. Meet at the door leading to the parking lot right after worship. Don't forget the trip to see the Toledo Mud Hens Ballgame on Wed., July 28th. We have one extra ticket - see Beth Foster. And there will be a Liturgical Dance workshop on Sat., July 31, 10-noon. Please let Beth know if you are planning to come.



*Mercy and Truth are Met Together,
Righteousness and Peace have Kissed Each Other
William Blake (1757-1827)*