

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP Mary Davis

PRELUDE Chorale Prelude "Be Glad My Soul" - *Sigfrid Karg-Elert*

*INVOCATION Gregg Magnuson

*HYMN (see insert) Once to every man and nation *EBENEZER*
(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

*RESPONSIVE READING Isaiah 40:28-31

Leader: Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God the Creator of the ends of the earth.

People: **The Lord does not faint or grow weary. The Lord gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.**

Leader: Even youth will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted;

All: **but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.**

*GLORIA (Hymnal, 72)

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 23:23-29 Gregg Magnuson

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM God be in my head - *Henry Walford Davies*

God be in my head and in my understanding; God be in my heart and in my thinking;
God be in mine eyes and in my looking; God be at my end and in my departing.
God be in my mouth and in my speaking;

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Mary Davis

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

*GOSPEL READING Luke 12:49-56 David Gregg

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

TIME AS CHILDREN Toni Burton

*HYMN 454 Open my eyes, that I may see *OPEN MY EYES*
(Preschool – 3rd Grade may leave for Child Care or Children's Worship at this time)

SERMON *How to Interpret the Present Time?* David Gregg

REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS God is my shepherd - *Anton Dvorak*

God is my shepherd, I want for nothing.
He shall feed me in pastures green,
By the still waters He leadeth me.
He doth restore my soul, He shall lead me in ways of peace.
For His name's sake.
Tho' in death's dark valley my way must go,
I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me.
I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

*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 577 God of grace and God of glory *CWM RHONDDA*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Marche Triomphale "Now Thank We All Our God"
-- *Sigfrid Karg-Elert*

* If you are able, please stand

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
in celebration of Lynn Suits Lamkin's August 16th birthday.*

~ Jim & Jerry Suits ~

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 The Moyer Family, Ruth Loring, Elizabeth Lee, Bonnie Jensen, Mildred MacGregor, Marjorie Shannon, Dottie Casler, Luke McNeill, and Gretchen & John Frueh.

Paul & Stacey are on vacation and will be back in the office on Wednesday, August 25.

David Gregg is a scion of the First Baptist Church, having grown up here in the 70s and 80s and returning briefly to volunteer with the youth group in the early 90s. He is an ordained American Baptist minister and a doctoral student in Art and Theology at the Divinity School of the University of Chicago. He currently serves on the General Board of the ABC-USA as a representative of the Chicago region, and recently completed a new edition of the "Baptist Manual of Polity and Practice."

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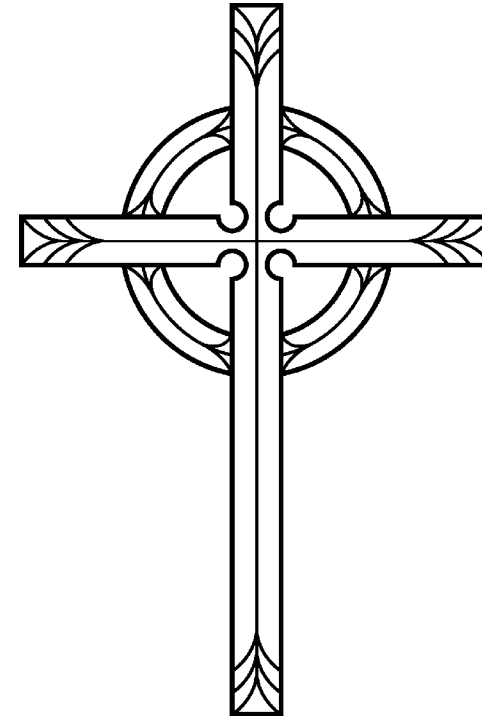
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THE WORSHIP OF GOD



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

*12th Sunday after Pentecost
August 15, 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. ~

VBS Decorating Party

You're invited to a decorating party on Sunday, August 22, 12:30 - 2:00, as we turn the FH and stage into our VBS farm. Pizza lunch will be provided. Please let Sue Ellen know if you are coming.

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

August 25, 26, and 27, 5:30 – 8:00 pm

VBS VOLUNTEERS needed!!! Only a few wonderful people have turned in volunteer forms. Besides the sixteen "farmers" who will lead activities, we need at least another sixteen to help serve two meals and snacks, set-up, clean-up, help with crafts, etc. Even a couple of hours on one night will be helpful! Please turn in your volunteer form as soon as possible (forms are found at the VBS display near the Information Counter). For those not available these evenings there is a shopping list at the Information Counter with food items that you could donate to help keep our expenses down. Thank you!

VBS Registration Forms for children entering K through 8th grade are also available at the VBS display and are due by August 22. Guests are very welcome, but all children must have this registration form completed by a parent so if you are planning to invite friends, please take more than one form or email Sue Ellen for more forms.

Readings for next Sunday, August 22

Psalms 24:1, 3-6 * Isaiah 25:6-9 * Revelation 21:1-6

The FBC Ladies Book Club will meet Tuesday, August 31st at 7 pm to discuss "Cutting for Stone" by Abraham Verghese. We will meet at Mary Davis's house. Please contact Janice Stumpf at 663-4871 or jlstumpf@umich.edu for more information. All readers are welcome!

Next Sunday's Guest Preacher will be the Rev. Phyllis RodgersonPleasants, a professor of Church History at Baptist Theological Seminary in Richmond, VA.

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, Aug 15	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Tuesday, Aug 17	5:30 p.m. - Vespers (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday, Aug 22	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)

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

Special Congregational Meeting on August 29th

The board of trustees and the pastoral relations committee have together proposed that First Baptist Church purchase a parsonage to be used by Paul and Stacey Simpson Duke and their family and by future pastor families. The executive council has endorsed this proposal and now seeks the congregation's approval. Therefore, I am calling a special congregational meeting to be held immediately after worship on Sunday, August 29. Copies of the proposal with background information and rationale are available at the information counter or can be sent from the church office by email or "snail mail" if requested. Questions can be addressed to any member of the trustees or executive council.

-- Marlene Francis, moderator

Ice Cream Social

Be sure to plan to join the Board of Christian Education after worship on September 12 for our annual Ice Cream Social as we kick-off a new CE program year. A sign up sheet is at the Information Counter for food donations and volunteers to help.

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 – 6th grade

10:00 – 10:30 Worship

10:30 – 11:00 Children's Worship (Room 202A) for K-3rd

11:00 – 12:30 Church School (Rooms 202A&B)

7th Grade - High School

10:00 – 11:00 Worship

11:00 – 12:30 Church School (Room 107)

Children's Music & Arts Ministry will resume in September.

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

The Four Witnesses:

Lounge

The Striking Differences in the Gospels' Presentations of Jesus

As we explore specific events in the life of Jesus, as seen through the four Gospels, we notice similarities and differences. Each Gospel author wrote to bear witness to Jesus, the Christ, rather than to provide a biographical or historical account of events in Jesus' life. These differences result in each Gospel's very particular viewpoint and the specific message each author was trying to convey. Ultimately, we are given a much fuller theological perspective on Jesus and his importance to the message for Christianity.

August 15 (David Gregg) – Palm Sunday and Last Supper

August 22 (Ron Gregg) - Miracles

August 29 (Paul Duke) - Passion, crucifixion and resurrection

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.

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. The backpacks are due next Sunday so they can be distributed to the children and youth, but we will continue to collect miscellaneous supplies for the next few Sundays which will be donated to the Washtenaw Intermediate School District's Education Project which serves children and youth who are homeless or in temporary housing. Thank you for your generosity!

Sue Ellen is on vacation this week and will be back next Sunday.