

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP Paul Simpson Duke

PRELUDE Allegretto from *Drei Tonstücke* -- Neils Gade

*INVOCATION Beth Foster

*HYMN 103 Immortal, invisible, God only wise *ST. DENIO*
(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

*THE PSALM Psalm 1
(Hymnal page 738 with sung response 2)

*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

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 139:1-18 Stacey Simpson Duke
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM Grant peace, we pray -- Felix Mendelssohn
Grant peace, we pray, in mercy, Lord,
In our time peace, oh, send us!
For there is none on earth but Thee,
None other to defend us.
Thou only, Lord, canst fight for us.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Paul Simpson Duke

*GOSPEL READING Luke 14:25-33 Beth Foster
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

TIME AS CHILDREN Sue Ellen Glover

*HYMN 472 Near to the heart of God *McAFEE*
(Preschoolers may leave for childcare in the nursery at this time. K - 3rd grade are invited to Children's Worship in Room 202A&B)

SERMON *Known* Stacey Simpson Duke

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS Minstrel's Song -- *Alexander Glazunov*
Kathleen Ford, cello

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 Blest be the tie that binds *DENNIS*
(PG. 557) (1ST stanza)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Moderato from *Drei Tonstücke*

-- Neils Gade

* If you are able, please stand

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
in celebration of Jerry Suits' Sept. 4th birthday.*

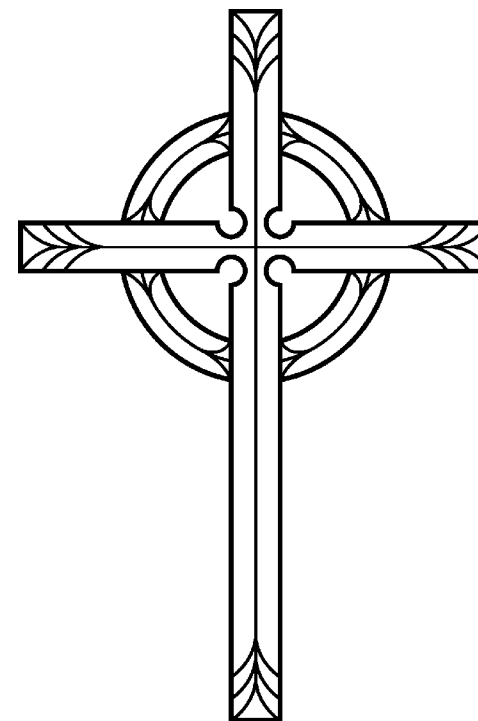
~ Lynn Suits Lamkin ~

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 Tom Fleming, John Moyer, Ruth Loring, Elizabeth Lee, Bonnie Jensen, Mildred MacGregor, Marjorie Shannon, Dottie Casler, John Allan Tate, Gretchen & John Frueh, Phyllis McNeill, and the Offenheiser family.

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

*15th Sunday after Pentecost
September 5, 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. ~

Ice Cream Social

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

Backpack Blessing

Students of all ages - preschool to adult - please bring your backpack or book bag to church on Celebration Sunday, September 12. During the worship service we will have a special "Blessing of the Backpacks," lifting up these symbols of student life, to celebrate and bless the new school year and pray for students as they begin their classes. We will also pray for teachers, administrators, and other school staff as a part of this service.

Book Drive for the Reach Out and Read Program:

You may have noticed the decorated box in the hallway near the Information Counter. Reach Out and Read is a national program that trains doctors and nurses to advise parents about the importance of reading aloud and to give books to children at pediatric check-ups from six months to five years of age, with a special focus on children growing up in poverty. Locally, volunteers read with children in the waiting rooms of pediatric clinics and give used books to siblings of patients who receive new books from the pediatrician. Currently the supply of used books is very low and the First Baptist Church is participating in a book drive to help restock the bookshelves. Please donate your gently used children's books in the collection box in the lobby from September 5 - September 13. Contact Rebecca Bickham at rebsbick@umich.edu with any questions you may have.

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, Sept 5	10:00 a.m.	- Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Monday, Sept 6	Labor Day	- Church Buildings & Office closed
Tuesday, Sept 7	5:30 p.m.	- Vespers – FBC Hosts (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday, Sept 8	5:30 p.m.	- The Gathering (Campus Center)
	7:30 p.m.	- Davis-Diels ChristCare (at Davis-Diels home)
Thursday, Sept 9	7:30 p.m.	- Choir Rehearsal (Room 102)
Sunday, Sept 12	10:00 a.m.	- Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	11:30 a.m.	- Ice Cream Social (Fellowship Hall)

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

Celebration Sunday on September 12 is special and important in the life of First Baptist Church. It is a "homecoming" Sunday. We seek to have every able-bodied resident member and friend present as we celebrate our faithful congregation, our church's vitality, and the beginning of the program year. The worship service will be topped off by the Ice Cream Social where we will share a time of warm fellowship as we greet friends and welcome those who have returned for the occasion. Keep the day in the front of your mind, plan to be here yourself, and begin thinking now about church friends who have been missing for awhile and whom you will call (or bring).

Readings for Next Sunday, Sept 12

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 * Psalm 103:1-5 * 1 Timothy 1:12-17 *
Luke 15:1-10

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 until 11:15.

No Church School classes today or next Sunday for children, youth or adults.

Beginning September 19:

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 also resume on September 19.

Beginning on September 19:

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

Becoming a Blessed Church (Stacey Simpson Duke, leader) Lounge

This class will base its discussion on the book *Becoming the Blessed Church: Forming a Church of Spiritual Purpose, Presence, and Power*, by N. Graham Standish. Standish argues that a healthy church is one that is, at its core, open to God and allows the blessings of that relationships to flow through it to bless the world. We will discuss what it means - corporately and individually - to be grounded in God's purpose, alive to God's presence, and open to God as power.

Young Adult Class (Paul Simpson Duke, Leader)

Room 108

This class consists of conversational Bible study, discussing The Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7). "Young adult" is defined as mid-twenties to 40(ish!).

Other Adult Learning Opportunities

Wednesday Bible Study -- On Wednesday, Sept 15, Bible Study will hold their traditional Pot Luck Lunch at 12 noon in the Memorial Lounge. The group will resume their study of the Gospel of Mark on September 22, at 1:30 p.m., led by Rev. Stacey Simpson Duke. Please join us for study, fellowship and snacks!

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.

Student Gathering Kick-off

This Wednesday, September 8, Paul and Stacey will kick off the year with The Gathering, our campus fellowship group. Undergraduates and graduate students are invited to join us for pizza and fellowship this Wednesday in the Campus Center, and then on Wednesday, September 15 we will begin our study of "The Ultimate Questions." Paul will lead us in considering questions such as *What does it really mean to be human? Where is God in the problem of suffering and evil? How are we to think about, and practice, prayer? What is our hope for the future? What is eternal life?* Please join us!

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.