

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 21, 2008

4th Sunday of Advent

“The angels, the whole creation, even God, all hold their breath  
as they wait upon the answer of a girl.”

-- Frederick Buechner

### GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Paul Simpson Duke

### STEWARDSHIP TESTIMONY

Clay Scott

### CALL TO WORSHIP

#### VOLUNTARY

Prelude on ‘Greensleeves’

- Richard Purvis

#### \*INVOCATION

Marissa Alaniz

#### \*HYMN 238

Angels we have heard on high

GLORIA

(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

#### \*RESPONSIVE READING

Luke 1:47-55

Leader: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely all generations will call me blessed.

People: For the Mighty One has done great things for me. Holy is his name! His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

Leader: He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thought of their hearts.

People: He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.

All: He has helped his servant Israel in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.

#### \*GLORIA (Hymnal, 72)

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

#### LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

Craig, Cynthia and Andrew Redinger

Response: O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind.  
From dust thou brought us forth to life, deliver us from earthly strife.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Marissa Alaniz

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

### ANTHEM

In dulci jubilo

-- arr. by R. L. Pearsall

*In dulci jubilo* (In sweet rejoicing)  
Let us our homage shew;

Our heart's joy reclineth  
*In praesepio* (In the manger)  
And like a bright star shineth  
*Matris in gremio.* (In his mother's lap.)  
*Alpha es et O,* (You are the Alpha and Omega.)  
*Alpha es et O!* (You are the Alpha and Omega!)

*O Jesu parvule!* (O infant Jesus!)  
I yearn for thee alway!  
Hear me, I beseech thee,  
*O Puer optime!* (O best of boys!)  
My prayer let it reach thee,  
*Princeps gloriae!* (Prince of glory!)  
*Trahe me post te,* (Draw me after you,)  
*Trahe me post te!* (Draw me after you!)

*O Patris caritas,* (O love of the Father!)  
*O Nati lenitas!* (O gentleness of the one  
who is born!)  
Deeply were we stained  
*Per nostra crimina;* (Through our sins)  
But thou hast for us gained  
*Coelorum gaudia.* (The joys of the heavens.)  
O that we were there,  
O that we were there!

*Ubi sunt gaudia,* where, (Where are joys,)  
If that they be not there?  
There are angels singing,  
*Nova cantica,* (New songs,)  
There the bells are ringing  
*In Regis curia:* (In the courts of the King)  
O that we were there,  
O that we were there!

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Sue Ellen Glover

#### \*GOSPEL READING

Luke 1:26-38

Paul Simpson Duke

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

### TIME AS CHILDREN

Sue Ellen Glover

#### \*HYMN (Insert)

Away in the manger

(Preschool – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade may leave for Children's Worship or Tiny Grace Notes at this time.)

### SERMON

*She Says Yes*

Paul Simpson Duke

### SILENT REFLECTION

#### OFFERING OF GIFTS

Lo. how a rose e'er blooming - arr. by Oscar R. Overby

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming  
From tender stem hath sprung!  
Of Jesse's lineage coming  
As men of old have sung.  
It came a flow'ret bright,  
Amid the cold of winter,  
When half-spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it,  
The Rose I have in mind,  
With Mary we behold it,  
The virgin mother kind.  
To shew God's love aright,  
She bore to men a savior,  
When half-spent was the night.

**\*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 230**                      O little town of Bethlehem                      *St. LOUIS*

**BENEDICTION**

**VOLUNTARY**                      Carillon on a Ukrainian Carol                      -- *Gerald Near*

\* If you are able, please stand

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God  
and in celebration of the 35th anniversary of Tom and Sue Ellen Glover*

*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 Ruth & Bill Kerr, Helen Foley, Carole Lamerson, Juhn Han, Dannie Jones, Elizabeth Lee, Linda Ames, Conrad Juchartz, Bonnie Jensen, Ruth Kitchen, Sally Slocum, Marian Carter, Mildred MacGregor, Marjorie Shannon, Blanche Williams and John Caddell.

We continue to receive donations to the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering. Please give generously.

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The Reverend James Middleton, *Pastor Emeritus*

# Announcements

## Texts for next Sunday, December 28:

Isaiah 61:10 – 62:3 · Psalm 148 · Galatians 4:4-7 · Luke 2:22-40

## Paul and Stacey will be away Dec. 26 – Jan. 3

### Away in a Manger

1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed,  
2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,  
\*3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head,  
but lit - tle Lord Je - sus no cry - ing he makes.  
close by me for ev - er, and love me I pray.

The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
I love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,  
Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the bay.  
and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.  
and fit us for hea - ven to live with thee there.

Words: Traditional carol

Music: *Cradle Song*, melody William James Kirkpatrick (1838-1921);

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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, December 21	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	11:30 a.m. - Children's Choirs Carol Sing (Sanctuary)
Tuesday, Dec 23	5:30 p.m. - Vespers (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday, Dec. 24	7:30 p.m. - Festival of Lessons & Carols (Sanctuary)
Thursday, Dec. 25	<i>Merry Christmas!</i> (Offices Closed)
Friday, Dec 26	(Office Closed)
Sunday, Dec. 28	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)

### Children's Music & Arts Annual Carol Sing

Please join the children's choirs at 11:30 today for a carol sing, led by the Jr. Choir who will also present anthems and solos. The Tiny Grace Notes and Grace Notes will also perform. Admission will be in the form of donations to the scholarship fund for the children of Nandasmö.

### A Festival of Lessons and Carols

Please plan to attend "A Festival of Lesson and Carols" at 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24. The service is based on the annual presentation at King's College, Cambridge. Readings from the Christmas Story are alternated with choral and congregational singing of carols. Childcare will be offered for children 5 years old and younger. (In order to adequately prepare with enough caregivers, please let Sue Ellen know ahead of time if your family or guests will need childcare.)

### Fundraising Pledge Campaign 2009

We are nearing the end of the pledge drive for the 2009 Annual Fund Campaign, which concludes December 31. Thank you to all who have pledged so far, have increased your pledge, and lent your support in a variety of ways toward this campaign. We realize our current economic climate does not encourage easy generosity. People think hard and may hesitate on what they think they may be able to commit to. So we are particularly impressed with the generosity that has been shown by the friends of First Baptist for the 2009 pledge drive. Three quarters of you have already pledged and many have increased your commitment over the previous year. We are close to approaching our goal of \$360,000 in pledged commitments. If you have not yet pledged for 2009, please consider a pledge to First Baptist by

completing a pledge card located at the Information counter. You will find that the commitment to give and your giving will raise your spirits when every reason exists today to dampen them. Thank you. David Cave, Chair, 2009 Annual Fund Campaign

### Nursery

December 21, 28 and January 4: NURSERY care is available on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor from 9:30 – 11:30.

### 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. Children age 4 – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are invited to Children's Worship. Parents should pick up their children immediately after worship.

*There are no church school classes on December 21, 28 or January 4. Classes will resume on January 11.*

### Children's Music and Arts Ministry

*Will resume Sunday, January 11.*

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

*No classes on December 21, 28 or January 4. Class will resume on January 11 with "Being Baptist", a look at the history, distinctives, people and theology of Baptists as we celebrate 400 years of history in 2009.*

### Other Adult Learning Opportunities

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

We will resume on January 7, with Paul Duke leading. Join us each Wednesday for fellowship and study.

### Calendar Sale

Only ten calendars left! The church school children are selling God's Creation calendars to raise money in order to provide two scholarships for children in Nandasmo to attend our Sister Church's school. These are heavy-weight, beautifully photographed calendars with scriptures and have a great surface for writing down all those appointments and activities.

### Christmas-themed Storybooks

The Board of Christian Education's Family Resource Center has many Christmas-themed storybooks available for borrowing. They are located on a table in the

classroom wing (middle level) and all you have to do is check out each book on the clipboard. Find time this season to curl up with your child or grandchild and enjoy the Christmas story.

### Poinsettias have been given by

### in honor of:

Annabel Erskine	Children and Grandchildren
Megan Hudson, Lucy and Anna	Nada O. Hudson
David Robbins	Joyce Arnn
Jackie Gray, Madeline Strange, Andrea Juchartz & Christopher, Elizabeth and Charlotte Durham	Conrad and Mervyn Juchartz
Lynn Suits	Brandon Straub & the Choir

### Poinsettias have been given by

### in memory of:

The Alaniz Family	Friends and family no longer with us
Dorella and Dale Bond	Dorothy and Howard Henthorne
David, Peggy & Jonathan Cave	Laura Cave
The Doman Family	Carl and Christine Doman
Joan Farrell	Ruth Harris
Leslie and Doris George	Guy & Anna Marie George and William & Edna Sweet
Megan Hudson, Lucy and Anna	James K. Hudson
Beverly Inbody	Orrin and Doris Inbody
Johanna Johnson	Robert Johnson
The Kidd Family	Robert Kidd, Helen Powers and Alice Silverthorn
Isabelle Louis & Family	Larry Louis
Iris Martin	All My Loved Ones
Dot and John Reed	John Mark Reed and Randolph Forbes Reed
Omer Robbins, Jr.	Elsie Robbins
Nancy Rushton	George and Velda Sanders
Thomas Scott	Marie Johnson Scott and Robert P. Scott
The Simpson Duke Family	Blake Freeman
Lynn Suits	Joe Suits

*\*\* Please take your poinsettias home after the service Wednesday evening. \*\**