

ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 28, 2008

1st Sunday after Christmas

"Some luck lies in not getting what you thought you wanted,
but getting what you have, which once you've got it you may be smart enough
to see is what you would have wanted had you known."

- Garrison Keillor

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sue Ellen Glover

STEWARDSHIP TESTIMONY

Dale Bond

CALL TO WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY Whence Comes This Rush of Wings? - arr. John Hillebrandt

*INVOCATION

Dolly Bond

***HYMN 248** On this day earth shall ring *PERSONENT HODIE*
(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

*RESPONSIVE READING

Leader: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

People: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

Leader: Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

People: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

All: Old and young together, let them praise the name of the Lord, for he
has raised up a horn for his people!

*GLORIA (Hymnal, 72)

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 61:10 – 62:3 Carey Gardiner Mack

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

I saw three ships -- arr. Andrew Carter

I saw three ships come sailing in,
On Christmas Day in the morning.

And all the bells on earth shall ring,
On Christmas Day in the morning.

And what was in those ships all three?
On Christmas Day in the morning.

Our Saviour Christ and his lady,
On Christmas Day in the morning.

Pray, whither sailed those ships all three?
On Christmas Day in the morning.

O, they sailed into Bethlehem,
On Christmas Day in the morning.

And all the angels in heav'n shall sing,
On Christmas Day in the morning.

And all the souls on earth shall sing,
On Christmas Day in the morning.

Then let us all rejoice amain!
On Christmas Day in the morning.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Arthur Francis

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

***GOSPEL READING** Luke 2:22-40 Dolly Bond

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

TIME AS CHILDREN

Sue Ellen Glover

***HYMN 242** Love came down at Christmas *GARTAN*
(Preschool – 3rd grade may leave for Children's Worship at this time.)

SERMON *Morning Has Broken* Carey Gardiner Mack

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS 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.

***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 249 There's a song in the air *CHRISTMAS SONG*

BENEDICTION

VOLUNTARY Greensleeves to a Ground -- *17th Century Anonymous*
Charise Hastings - flute

* If you are able, please stand

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
in celebration of 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 Iris Martin, 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.

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The Reverend Carey Gardiner Mack, *Youth Minister*
Brandon Straub, *Director of Music*
Joel Hastings, *Organist*
The Reverend James Middleton, *Pastor Emeritus*

Nursery Care December 28 and January 4: Nursery care is available on the 3rd floor from 9:30 – 11:30.

Children's Music and Arts Ministry will resume on January 11.

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

No classes today or next week.. 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 Baptist 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 a series of study of selected psalms. 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.

Texts for next Sunday, January 4th:

Isaiah 60:1-6 · Psalm 36:5-9 · Ephesians 3:1-12 · Matthew 2:1-12

Calendar Sale Only a few calendars left! The church school children are selling God's Creation calendars to raise money in order to provide two scholarships for children in Nandasma 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

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

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.

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, December 28	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Tuesday, Dec 30	5:30 p.m. - Vespers (Fellowship Hall)
Thursday, Jan 1	Happy New Year! (Office Closed)
Sunday, Jan 4	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)

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

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 – 3rd grade are invited to Children's Worship. Parents should pick up their children immediately after worship.

There are no church school classes on today or next week. Classes will resume on January 11.