

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 7, 2008

2nd Sunday of Advent

"Hope is revolutionary patience."

- Anne Lamott

### GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Paul Simpson Duke

### CHORALE PRELUDE

"Are you coming now, Jesus,  
from Heaven down to earth?"

-J.S. Bach

### \*INVOCATION

Sue Ellen Glover

### \*HYMN 203

Hail to the Lord's anointed

ELLACOMBE

(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

### \*RESPONSIVE READING

Luke 1:68-69, 78-79

Leader: Blessed be the Lord God!

People: The Lord has looked favorably on the people and redeemed them.

Leader: God has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of David.

All: By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

### \*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

### LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

Bill and Linda Ames

Response: O come, thou Root of Jesse's tree, an ensign of thy people be;

Before the rulers silent fall; all peoples on thy mercy call..

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 40:1-11

Rev. Mary Hulst

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

### ANTHEM

Springs in the Desert

-- Arthur B. Jennings Jr.

Say to them that are of a fearful heart:

"Be strong, fear not! Behold, your God will come and save you!"

The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad, and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.

For in the wilderness shall waters break out,

And streams flow in the desert,

And the parched ground shall become a pool and the thirsty land springs of water.

A highway shall be there,

And it shall be called the way of Holiness.

The redeemed shall walk there,

And the ransomed of the Lord shall return with songs and everlasting joy,

And sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Dr. George Tooze

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

### \*GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:1-8

Paul Simpson Duke

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

### TIME AS CHILDREN

Sue Ellen Glover

### \*HYMN 216

Lo, how a rose, e'er blooming

*ES IST EIN ROSE*

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

### SERMON

*It's All About You*

Rev. Mary Hulst

### SILENT REFLECTION

### OFFERING OF GIFTS

Treasures in Heaven

- Joseph W. Clokey

Lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth,

Where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal.

But lay up for yourselves treasures in heav'n, for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Ask and it shall be given you;

Seek and ye shall find

Knock and it shall be open'd unto you,

For every one that asketh receiveth,

And he that seeketh findeth,

And to him that knocketh it shall be open'd.

### \*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 68                      When in our music God is glorified                      *ENGELBERG*

**BENEDICTION**

VOLUNTARY                      Noël                      -- *L.C. Daquin*

\* If you are able, please stand

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God  
in loving memory Carl & Christine Doman  
~ The Doman Family ~*

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

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**Advent And Christmas Stories** 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.

**Advent Devotionals And Resources** The time before Christmas can be stressful! To make this season more meaningful and more focused on the coming of Christ, the Board of Christian Education is offering Advent resources for all ages: fun activities and calendars for children and families to use in counting down the days to Jesus' birthday as well as daily devotionals for Youth and adults. Treat yourself and your loved ones to times of wonder and joy as you reflect on the holiness of this season.

**Youth Collecting Warm Clothing** The Youth are collecting warm clothing for our Vespers guests and others in need. A basket will be out for the next several Sundays for your donations. Socks, hats, gloves, mittens, long-underwear and any other warm clothing will be greatly appreciated.

**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. Based upon 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 if your family or guests will need childcare.)



Please order \_\_\_\_\_ poinsettia(s) for the Christmas services at \$15 each, and list as such in the bulletin:

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_

I have enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_ as payment for the poinsettia(s).

Please have paid orders to the office by  
**Sunday, December 14. Thank you!**

## 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.

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| <b>TODAY, Dec 7</b> | 10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)  |
| Monday, Dec 8       | 7:00 p.m. - Board of Outreach (Floyd home)<br>7:30 p.m. - Mission Action Board (Gregg home)                           |
| Tuesday, Dec 9      | 1:00 p.m. - Beecher/Brewer Circle (Lounge)<br>5:30 p.m. - Vespers (Fellowship Hall)                                   |
| Wednesday, Dec 10   | 1:30 p.m. - Bible Study (Lounge)<br>7:30 p.m. - Davis/Diels ChristCare (Davis/Diels home)                             |
| Thursday, Dec 11    | 6:30 p.m. - Handbells rehearsal (Sanctuary)<br>7:30 p.m. - Choir rehearsal (102B)                                     |
| Saturday, Dec 13    | 11:00 a.m. - Memorial Service for Lloyd Crabtree (Sanctuary)<br>1:00 p.m. - ABWM celebration set-up (Fellowship Hall) |
| Sunday, Dec 14      | 10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)<br>11:30 a.m. - ABWM Christmas Celebration & Bazaar                          |

### Fundraising Pledge Campaign 2009

Enclosed in the bulletin is a pledge card and a return envelope for you to complete by December 31, 2008, marking the end of our pledge drive. If you have already pledged, thank you. If you have not, please consider a pledge commitment to First Baptist. Your support enables us, through our ministries, to increase the love of God and neighbor in our community. Thank you. -- David Cave, Chair

**Adopt-a-Family** Please see or contact Sue Ellen by Wednesday, December 10, if you would like to be part of FBC's Adopt-a-Family commitment through SOS Community Services

**Nursery Care** is available on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

### Children's Music & Arts Ministry (Sunday Mornings)

- Jr. Handbells (Room 306).....9:15 – 9:45
- Tiny Grace Notes (Rm. 306).....10:30 – 10:45
- Grace Notes Choir (Room 306).....12:00 – 12:30
- Jr. Choir (sanctuary)..... 11:30 – 12:30

## 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 or to Tiny Grace Notes. Children in Kindergarten – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are invited to Children's Worship. Church School begins after worship (about 11:00).

### Preschool

10:00 – 10:30      Worship 10:30 – 10:45      Tiny Grace Notes  
10:50 – 11:00      Children's Worship  
11:00 – 12:00      Church School (in K-2nd grade class)  
12:00 – 12:30      Childcare in 202 & B

### K – 6th grade

10:30 – 11:00      Children's Worship (Room 202A)  
11:00 – 12:30      Church School (Room 202B)

\* Jr. Choir members will go to the classroom for snack immediately after worship then leave at 11:30 for rehearsal in the sanctuary until 12:30.

### Youth (7<sup>th</sup> – High School)

10:00 – 11:00      Worship  
11:15 - 12:30      Church School (Room 107)

## Adult Christian Education 11:30-12:30 (Lounge)

Please join our guest, the Rev. Mary Hulst, President of the American Baptist Churches, USA, as she shares the news of our denominations and answers questions concerning the proposed re-organization and other issues facing the denomination .

## Other Adult Learning Opportunities

**Wednesday Bible Study** (1:30-2:30; Memorial Lounge)                      Ron Tipton, Leader

This Wednesday, Dec. 10, the Bible Study group will read and reflect on the story of the birth of John the Baptist. This is found in Luke 1:5-25;57-80. Luke sees John as the one whose mission is to prepare a people for the coming of the Lord. The obvious question for our discussion is, "In this Advent season how do we prepare for the coming of the Lord?"

### **Adult 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.

## Visit of President of American Baptist Churches U.S.A.

Today it is our privilege to welcome to our pulpit the President of our denomination, the Reverend Mary Hulst, of Denver, Colorado. After serving a term as Vice-President, Mrs. Hulst was elected to the Presidency at the 2007 Biennial in Washington D.C. and took office on January 1, 2008. She will be in the chair when the 2009 Biennial convenes in Pasadena, California next June and will face the challenge of moderating discussions which will have a significant impact on Baptist life and witness in the years ahead.

In anticipation of taking up her responsibilities as a denominational executive Mrs. Hulst resigned from the pulpit of Calvary Baptist Church where she has served for many years, initially as associate pastor and later as senior minister. Calvary is a vibrant and active congregation which benefited greatly from the leadership skills now available to all of us in the person of our incumbent President.

## The 25th Annual Alternative Holiday Fair is Today

Twenty-five year ago the first Alternative Holiday Fair was held at First Baptist. Through the years many people have worked to keep this event a success. This year's Fair will be held today, December 7th, 2008, from 2-6 p.m.

Celebrate the holiday season in an alternative way by purchasing handmade goods for your friends and family made by artisans living in third-world countries. Purchase unique toys, jewelry, ornaments, leather crafts, pottery, and more. Also, purchase through Heifer International farm animals, trees, and fish to be sent in the name of your loved ones to farmers throughout the world. You may also purchase a blanket in the name of a friend or loved one through the Church World Services.

The local 4-H is providing an array of animals for the children, and the youth group will be selling snacks to help you keep up your shopping strength!

Join us for holiday shopping to help others!

## Christmas Celebration – next Sunday

Bazaar items for the Christmas Celebration, which will take place next Sunday, December 14th, can be brought to the Information Counter Sunday mornings or to the church office during the week. Please be sure to have your name and suggested price on the items. The baked goods can be brought to the Fellowship Hall or kitchen next Saturday morning, December 13th, before 11:00 am or after the memorial service/reception until 2:00 p.m. or on Sunday morning, December 14th, before church. Again, please have your name and suggested price on the baked goods. Also, do not bring in any items which need refrigeration.