

ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 20, 2009

4th Sunday of Advent

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Paul Simpson Duke

VOLUNTARY

Chorale Prelude on "Sleepers, Wake"

- *Jacobus Kloppers*

*INVOCATION

Nancy Faber

*HYMN 202

People, look east

BESANÇON

(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

*RESPONSIVE READING

from Luke 1

Leader: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

People: for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

Leader: Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty
One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

People: 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
thoughts of their hearts.

People: He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the
lowly;

Leader: he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.

People: He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,

All: 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

Greg, Lucy, and Isaac Thompson

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

Micah 5:2-5a

Nancy Faber

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

A babe is born all of a May

-- *William Mathias*

A babe is born of a may,
To bring salvation unto us.
To him we sing both night and day.
Veni Creator Spiritus. (Come, Creator Spirit)

There came three kings out of the East,
To worship the King that is so free,
With gold and myrrh and frankincense,
A solus ortus cardine. (From the sun's rising)

At Bethlehem, that blessed place,
The child of bliss now born he was;
And him to serve God give us grace,
O lux beata Trinitas. (O light, blessed Trinity)

The angels came down with one cry,
A fair song that night sung they
In worship of that child:
Gloria tibi Domine. (Glory to you, O Lord)
Noel!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Mary Davis

* GOSPEL READING

Luke 1:39-45

Stacey Simpson Duke

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

TIME AS CHILDREN

Sue Ellen Glover

*HYMN 198

My soul gives glory to my God

MORNING SONG

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

SERMON

Remembering Forward

Stacey Simpson Duke

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS

The truth from above

-- *R. Vaughan Williams*

This is the truth sent from above,
The truth of God, the God of love;
Therefore don't turn me from your door,
But hearken all, both rich and poor.

And at this season of the year
Our blest Redeemer did appear
He here did live, and here did preach
And many thousands He did teach.

The first thing, which I do relate,
That God at first did man create
The next thing, which to you I tell,
Woman was made with him to dwell.

Thus He in love to us behaved
To show us how we must be saved
And if you want to know the way
Be pleased to hear what He did say.

*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 221

In the bleak midwinter

CRANHAM

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

BLESSING OF TEAM NANDASMO 2.0

Leader: We offer our blessing on these members of our church family as they travel to visit our Sister Church in Nicaragua, as representatives of our friendship and commitment.

People: We offer our prayers for safe travels, abundant energy and new friendships.

Leader: We offer our hope that this experience will deepen your faith as you see God's love displayed in new places and in new ways. May you return changed and filled with blessings.

Team: *We are grateful for your prayers and blessings, and we commit ourselves to this journey. We pledge to open our open hearts and minds to fresh encounters with God, with each other, and with the people of Nandasmo as we offer ourselves in friendship and in love.*

BENEDICTION

VOLUNTARY

Toccata on "Veni Emmanuel"

-- Andrew Carter

* If you are able, please stand

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of those departed and in honor of those among us.*

~ The Floyd 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 Ron Tipton, John Moyer, Lorrie Schleg, Bill Kerr, Ruth Loring, Elizabeth Lee, Conrad Juchartz, Bonnie Jensen, Alice Weaver, Mildred MacGregor, Marjorie Shannon, Dottie Casler and Carol Griffin.

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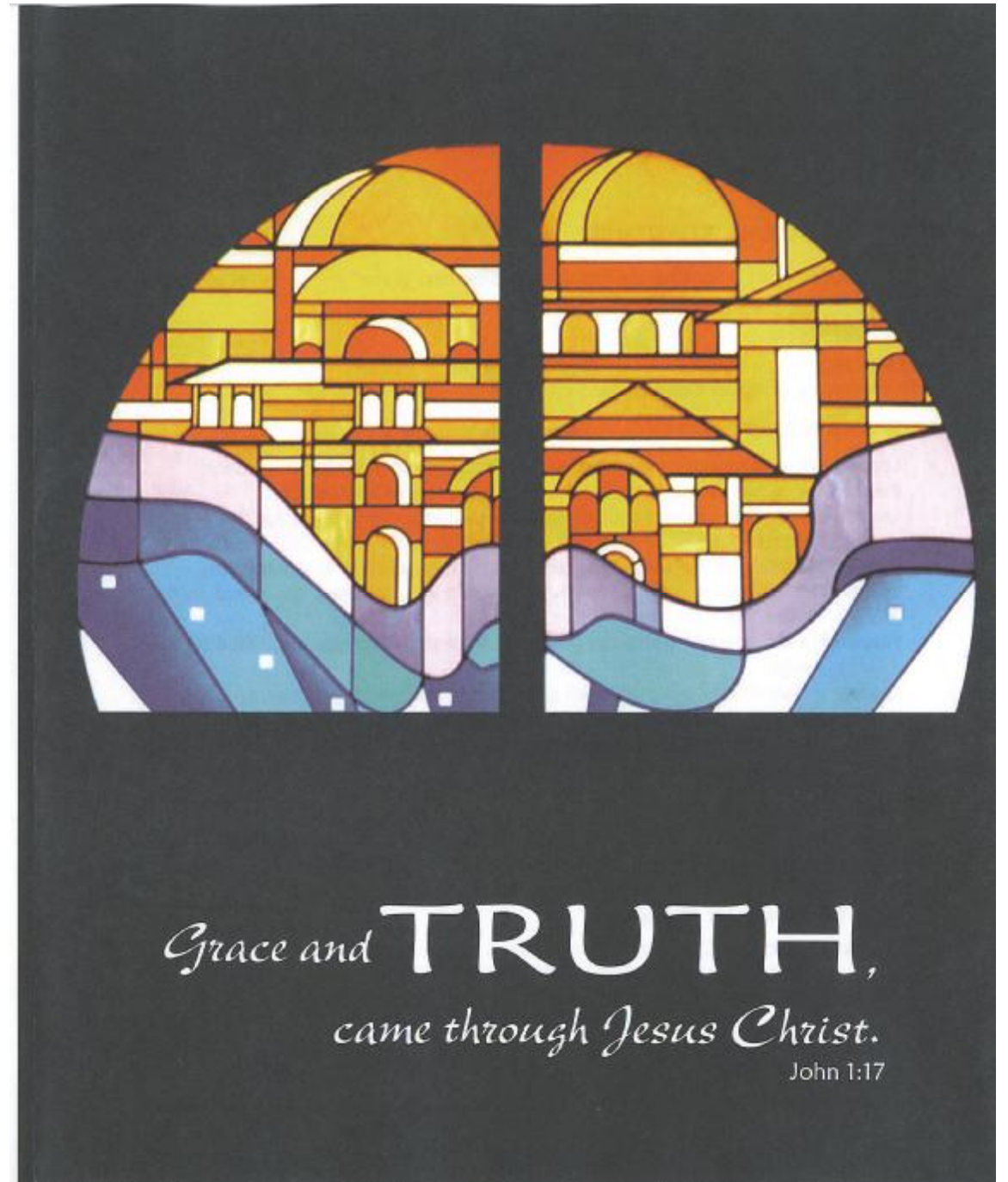
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Brandon Straub, *Director of Music*

Joel Hastings, *Organist*

The Reverend James Middleton, *Pastor Emeritus*



Please join us for
**A Special
 Christmas Eve Service**
 December 24 • 7:30 pm

**A Festival
 of Lessons and
 Carols**

Based upon the annual presentation
 at King's College, Cambridge.
 Readings from the Christmas
 story are alternated with choral and
 congregational singing of carols.

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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, Dec 20	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	11:30 a.m. - Children's Music & Arts Ministry Carol Sing (Sanctuary)
Tuesday, Dec 22	5:30 p.m. - Vespers (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday, Dec 23	7:00 p.m. - Choir Dress Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Thursday, Dec 24	7:30 p.m. - Festival of Lessons & Carols (Sanctuary)
Friday, Dec 25	Christmas Day - Church buildings and office closed
Saturday, Dec 26	- Church Buildings and office closed
Sunday, Dec 27	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Nursery Care is available on the 3rd floor from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Carol Sing Today! Today at 11:30 in the sanctuary, The Children's Music and Arts Ministry presents its annual Carol Sing. Both children's choirs and individual instrumentalists will participate. Your "admission" donation will go towards the Nandasmo children's scholarships.

Pledge Drive 2010 Thank you for your pledges. They continue to arrive. In this season of gratitude and of expectancy, we have much for which to be grateful and much for which to long, as we, confidently and in faith, pledge to stay true to our commitment to grow in stature and in the increase of love of God and neighbor in our community. All members and friends of First Baptist are invited to pledge your support for 2010. Pledge cards and electronic-payment forms are available at the Information Counter. Thank you.

-- David Cave, Chair, 2010 Pledge Drive

Christmas Eve Childcare will be offered for babies through 1st grade. In order to ensure that we have enough caregivers, please let Sue Ellen know if you will be needing childcare.

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 grades are invited to Children's Worship.

Children Kindergarten - 7th grade:

- o After Time as Children, all children in the Grace Notes and Jr. Choir will meet in the Children's Worship Room for activities and choir rehearsal. Any children not involved in the children's choirs should be picked up after worship from the Children's Worship room.
- o Children who are singing in the choirs will stay in 202A to warm up for the Carol Sing.

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

There are no Adult classes for the remainder of the month. Classes resume on January 10.

Other Adult Learning Opportunities

Wednesday Bible Study (Memorial Lounge, 1:30 – 2:30)

Bible Study will resume in January.

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.

Calendar Sale The children have about 10 calendars left to sell in order to raise the \$200 necessary to provide scholarships for students to attend our Sister Church's school in Nandasmo, Nicaragua. At \$8 they are a real deal compared to other heavy-weight calendars found in stores and these calendars make great gifts!

Food Collection Thank you for all of your generous donations to the food drive for our friends at Hikone housing. I'm pretty sure we will fill Graham's truck! We will sort the food tomorrow at 10:00 am and deliver it to Hikone by noon. We'd love to have your help sorting! We also would appreciate financial donations to purchase 25 gallons of milk. (Deborah Caddell has gotten us a discount from Hillers for this purchase.) Please give your donations directly to Sue Ellen. Thank you!!

Invitation to the Festival of Lessons & Carols Joyce Arnn has designed a card that you may hand out to your friends to invite them to join us for Christmas Eve. Please pick up a few at the Information Counter and pass them along!

The New 2010 Flower Calendar is now posted in the hallway downstairs. The arrangements are by Tom Thompson, \$30 each and are ordered through the office.

Poinsettias have been given by in honor of:

The Alaniz Family	Family and Friends
Chris, Elizabeth & Charlotte Durham, Andrea Juchartz, Jackie Gray & Madeline Strange	Conrad and Mervyn Juchartz
Annabel Erskine	My Children and Grandchildren
John Floyd, III	John & Dorothy Reed
The Halliday Family	Our Family and Friends
Sam & Bob Kidd	Bonnie Kidd
David Robbins	Joyce Arnn
Lynn Suits Lamkin	Jim & Jerry Suits
Emily, Mom & Robert	Ethan Wright, USMC

Poinsettias have been given by in memory of:

Katherine Becker	Louise & Emery Eley and Carl & Helen Becker
Lois Crabtree	Lloyd Crabtree
John Floyd, III	Sara Parker Floyd, John C. Floyd, Jr. and Randolph Forbes Reed
Johanna Johnson	Robert Johnson
Beverly Inbody	Orrin & Doris Inbody
Iris Martin	All My Loved Ones
John & Dot Reed	John C. Floyd, Jr., Mark and Randy Reed
Omer Robbins, Jr.	Elsie I. Robbins
Nancy Rushton	George & Velda Sanders
Thomas Scott	Marie Johnson Scott and Robert P. Scott
The Suits Family	Hazel Suits, Flossy Feiner and James Kreager
Lynn Suits Lamkin	Ruth Kerr and Whitney Caughlan