

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 6, 2009

2nd Sunday of Advent

### GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Paul Simpson Duke

PRELUDE Chorale Prelude on "How Brightly Shines the Morning Star" -- *Flor Peeters*

\*INVOCATION Clay Scott

\*HYMN 220 Angels from the realms of glory *REGENT SQUARE*  
(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

\*RESPONSIVE READING from Luke 1

Leader: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.

People: **God has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David.**

Leader: And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins.

People: **By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us,**

**ALL: 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

Jeremy & Audrey Bon

Response: O come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh;  
to us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her ways to go.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Malachi 3:1-4 Clay Scott

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM Lo! he comes, with clouds descending -- *David Williams*

Lo! he comes, with clouds descending,  
Once for our salvation slain;  
Thousand thousand saints attending  
Swell the triumph of his train:  
Alleluia! Christ the Lord returns to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him,  
Robed in dreadful majesty;  
Those who set at naught and sold him,  
Pierced, and nailed him to the tree  
Deeply wailing, shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his passion  
Still his dazzling body bears,  
Cause of endless exultation  
To his ransomed worshippers:  
With what rapture, gaze we on those  
glorious scars!

Yea, Amen! let all adore thee,  
High on thine eternal throne;  
Saviour, take the power and glory;  
Claim the kingdom for thine own.  
Alleluia! Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Paul Simpson Duke

\*GOSPEL READING Luke 3:1-6 Stacey 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 ROS*  
(Preschool – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade may leave for Children's Worship at this time.)

SERMON *Be Prepared!* Stacey Simpson Duke

### SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS Ave verum corpus – *W. A. Mozart*

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary,  
Who truly suffered, was sacrificed on the cross for man,  
Whose side was pierced, and overflowed with water and blood:  
Be for us a foretaste (of heaven) in the test of death.

### 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  
(PG. 557)

Blest be the tie that binds  
(1<sup>ST</sup> stanza)

DENNIS

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Fantasia on ""How Brightly Shines the Morning Star"

-- J.S. Bach

\* If you are able, please stand

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God  
in loving memory of Christine & Carl 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 Ron Tipton, John Moyer, Lorrie Schleg, Bill Kerr, Ruth Loring, Elizabeth Lee, Conrad Juchartz, Bonnie Jensen, Alice Weaver, Mildred MacGregor, Marjorie Shannon, Dottie Casler, Ethan Wright and Carol Griffin.*

Today's Fellowship Offering will go towards the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering. Please give generously. We will continue to receive your gifts to RMMO through the month of December.



*In him was* **LIFE,**  
*and the life was the light of all.*

John 1:4



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.

Readings for next Sunday, December 13th

Zephaniah 3:14-20 – Isaiah 12:2-6 – Philippians 4:4-7 – Luke 3:7-18

Flu Prevention We shake a lot of hands on Sundays! Let's work to prevent the spread of the flu in the congregation. Information sheets regarding flu prevention can be found at the Information Desk on Sunday or in the office Mon-Friday. Hand sanitizer is available at both entrances to the sanctuary, Information Desk, on the tables in the classroom wing and in the Fellowship Hall.

Alternative Holiday Fair Today Join us downstairs at the Alternative Holiday Fair immediately after worship. Get some Christmas shopping done and support some great causes!

Communion Servers Needed If you can help with this important part of the worship service on the first Sunday of January, February or March 2010, please sign up at the Information Desk. Thank you!

Save the Date! The Children's Music and Arts Ministry presents its annual Carol Sing on December 20, 11:30 – 12:30. The children's choirs and Jr. Handbell choir will participate along with youth instrumental soloists.

Love Abides, A Service of Affirmation On Tuesday, December 15 at 7 pm the First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor will be celebrating Love Abides, A Service of Affirmation. Folks will gather together in faiths diverse, yet united, affirming the goodness of the gifts of love and life we all share. The collection will be donated to the Inclusive Justice - Together in Faith Collaborative begun by the American Friends Service Committee, that works to secure faith-based support for equal rights in the State of Michigan through outreach, training and advocacy. A social gathering will follow the service. The service is being hosted by Interweave, a meeting place for LGBTQ persons and their allies, within our Congregation. (see the flier posted on the bulletin board)

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The Reverend James Middleton, *Pastor Emeritus*

# 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 the Alternative Holiday Fair.

TODAY, Dec 6	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	11:00 a.m. - Alternative Holiday Fair (Fellowship Hall)
Tuesday, Dec 8	5:30 p.m. - Vespers (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 p.m. - Board of Outreach (Conference Room)
Wednesday, Dec 9	1:30 p.m. - Bible Study (Lounge)
	5:30 p.m. - The Gathering (Campus Center)
Thursday, Dec 10	6:30 p.m. - Handbell Rehearsal (Handbell Room)
	7:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal (Room 102B)
Saturday, Dec 12	10:30 a.m. - Set-Up for Christmas Celebration (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday, Dec 13	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	11:30 a.m. - ABWM Christmas Celebration & Bazaar (Fellowship Hall)

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

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

Food Collection The Boards of Christian Education and Mission Action are sponsoring a food drive for our friends at Hikone housing. The Christmas holiday break is very tough on low income children – they are not in school so they do not receive their free lunches and breakfasts, the Community Center is not open, Food Gatherers does not deliver, and the food stamps are running out because it's the end of the month. Please help us gather a truck-load of food by December 20. We are looking especially for kid-friendly nonperishable food such as macaroni and cheese, peanut butter, cereal, soup, oatmeal packets, juice/milk boxes, plastic containers of juice, tuna, canned pasta, breakfast granola bars, fruit cups and cans, etc. We will also accept monetary donations which will be used to purchase milk and bread on the day of the delivery.

## 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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are invited to Children's Worship.

### K – 6<sup>th</sup> grade:

10:30 – 11:10 Children's Worship (Rm. 202A)

11:10 – 11:30 Children's Choirs (Rm. 202A)

11:30 – 12:30 Church School (Rm. 202B)

### 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grades

10:00 – 11:00 Worship

11:10 – 11:50 Children's Choirs (202A and 102)

11:50 – 12:30 Church School (combined with K-3<sup>rd</sup> in Rm. 202B)

(No Youth church school class. The Youth are sponsoring the food concession at the Alternative Fair.)

## Children's Music & Arts Ministry

Jr. Handbells.....9:15 – 9:45 (Room 306)

Children's Choirs (all ages)....11:10 – 11:30 (Room 202A)

Older Choir will continue until 11:50 (Room 102)

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

*No Adult class in the Lounge*

### **Young Adult Class**

**Room 108**

This class consists of conversational Bible study and is devoting its first months to discussing the letter to the Philippians and its application to our living. "Young adult" is defined as mid-twenties to 40(ish!). (Paul and Stacey Simpson Duke, facilitators)

## Other Adult Learning Opportunities

### **Wednesday Bible Study**

**(Memorial Lounge, 1:30 – 2:30)**

First Corinthians is the study material for the Wednesday Bible Study class meeting this Fall with the leadership of Ron Tipton. Because Paul often discusses the same topic in different sections of the letter we are studying the letter by topics rather than a verse-by-verse study. On December 9 we'll discuss "Spiritual Maturity" as described in 3:1-3 and 4:1-21.

## **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.

Warm Clothing Collection The children in the Kindergarten – sixth grade church school classes are collecting warm clothing for our friends at Vespers. Hats, gloves, socks, scarves and long underwear are especially needed as are your gently used coats. Other items such as toiletries and individual tissue packs are also appreciated. Please bring your donations to the basket near the Information Counter.

Calendar Sale Once again, the children (K-6<sup>th</sup> grade) are selling calendars to raise scholarship money for students to attend our Sister Church's school in Nandasmo, Nicaragua. We know you get many free calendars in the mail but these are heavy-weight, beautifully photographed calendars which have a great surface for writing down your appointments and activities. Plus there are scriptures for inspiration each time you glance at the calendar during your busy schedule! At \$8 they are a real deal compared to other heavy-weight calendars found in stores and these calendars make great gifts! The children will sell them before and after worship, or you may contact Sue Ellen and she will mail you one (or two or three).

Team Nandasmo 2.0 At the end of December, three of our Youth (Marissa, Jack and Cameron) will travel to our Sister Church in Nandasmo, Nicaragua. *Team Nandasmo 2.0* is half-way towards earning the money that is needed to cover travel expenses in Nicaragua, food and lodging. If you would like to support our three teens (and the two adult chaperones) there are special envelopes available at the Information Counter for your gifts. Thank you!

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.

The Interfaith Round Table of Washtenaw County brings to the community "The Divine Language of Music," a concert featuring local Jewish (Temple Beth Emeth), Christian (Canterbury House Ensemble), Hindu (Chinmaya Mission dance) and Sufi chanting. Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm, Temple Beth Emeth / St. Clare Episcopal Church, 2309 Packard, Ann Arbor. Tickets \$20, \$17 (seniors), \$12 (students with ID). For more information, call 734-424-1535 or email [gbrides@umich.edu](mailto:gbrides@umich.edu).