

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP Sue Ellen Glover

HARPSICHORD PRELUDE *In dulci jubilo* - Anonymous  
(In Sweet Rejoicing)

\*INVOCATION Kat Becker

\*HYMN 240 Hark! The herald angels sing *MENDELSSOHN*

\*THE PSALM from Psalm 8

Leader: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
People: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon  
and the stars that you have established,  
Leader: What are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that  
you care for them?  
People: Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned  
them with glory and honor.  
All: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

\*GLORIA (Hymnal, 72)

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

EPISTLE READING 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 Kat Becker

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM *In the Bleak Midwinter* Poetry: Christina Rossetti  
Music: Nathan Jones

In the bleak midwinter  
Frosty wind made moan,  
Earth stood hard as iron,  
Water like a stone;  
Snow had fallen snow on snow,  
Snow on snow,  
In the bleak midwinter  
Long ago.

Angels and archangels  
May have gathered there,  
Cherubim and seraphim  
Thronged the air,  
But his mother only  
In her maiden bliss,  
Worshiped the Beloved  
With a kiss.

What can I give Him,  
Poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd,  
I would bring a lamb.

If I were a wise man,  
I would do my part,  
Yet what I can I give Him,  
Give my heart.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Sue Ellen Glover  
Lord's Prayer ("debts") on hymnal page 896

INTRODUCTION OF DR. SHOEMAKER

\*GOSPEL READING John 11:41; Matthew 11:25-26 H. Stephen Shoemaker  
Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God!

TIME AS CHILDREN Sue Ellen Glover

\*HYMN 402 Lord, I want to be a Christian *I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN*

SERMON *Give Thanks in All Circumstances* H. Stephen Shoemaker

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS *A Tender Shoot* - Otto Goldschmidt

A tender shoot has started up  
From a root of grace,  
As ancient seers imparted  
From Jesse's holy race;  
It blooms without a blight,  
Blooms in the cold bleak winter,  
Turning our darkness into light.

This shoot, Isaiah taught us,  
From Jesse's root should spring;  
The Virgin Mary brought us  
The branch of which we sing:  
Our God of endless might  
Gave her this child to save us,  
Thus turning darkness into light.

\*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.

\*HYMN 161 Rejoice, ye pure in heart *VINEYARD HAVEN*

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *In dir ist Freude, BWV 615* - J.S. Bach  
(In Thee is Gladness) (1685-1750)

\* If you are able, please stand

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God  
in grateful celebration of the 70 Club*

*~ Ola Jeanne McCollough, Beverly Inbody,  
Nancy Rushton, and Lyn Davidge ~*

*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 Ed Voss, Helen Johnson, Dianne Maynard, Mildred MacGregor, John Moyer, Elizabeth Lee, Spike Burton, Miriam Sutherland, Dottie Casler, Gretchen & John Frueh, and Shellie Shipley.*

Paul and Stacey are out of town and will be back in the office on Wednesday, January 4th.

Our guest preacher today is the Rev. Dr. H. Stephen Shoemaker, Senior Minister of Myers Park Baptist Church in Charlotte, North Carolina. He has also served as the pastor of Crescent Hill Baptist Church in Louisville, KY, and Broadway Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas. He is the author of six books, and has been Paul Duke's good friend for many years. We are privileged to have Dr. Shoemaker with us today, and we extend to him our warmest welcome.

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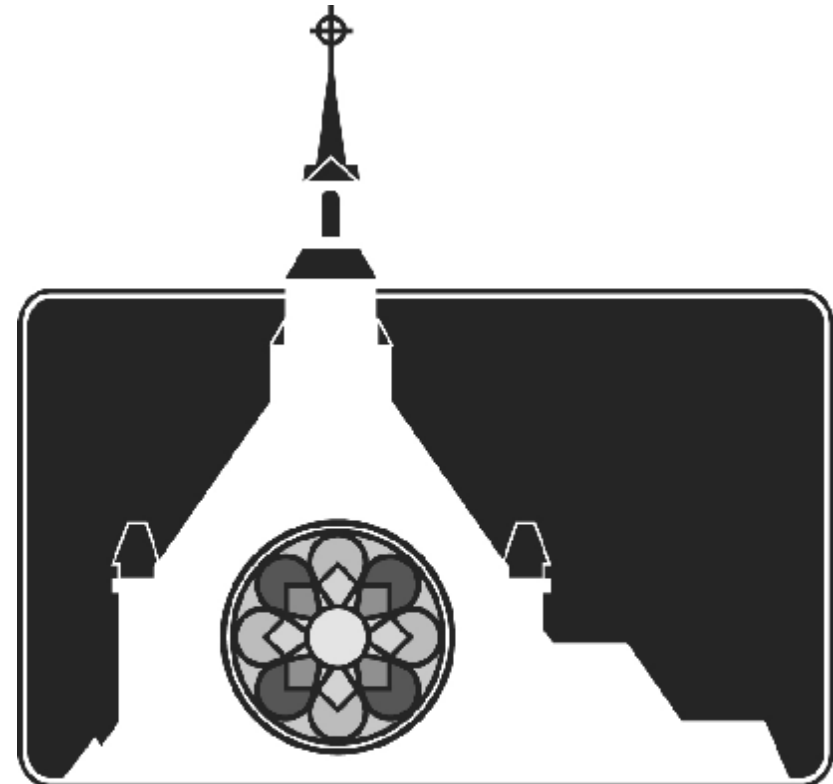
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Shin-Ae Chun, *Organist and Director of Children's and Youth Choirs*

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## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

2nd Sunday of Christmas

January 1, 2012

*Please sign the Welcome Pad during the Offertory and pass it down the pew.  
If you are a visitor, please also fill out a yellow "Welcome" slip and place it in the offering plate.*

*~ Please turn off all cell phones and pagers. Thank you. ~*

Family and Personal Profiles It's been many years since we updated the church family and individual data base, and collected interest surveys. These forms can be found at the Information Counter. Each individual should fill out a yellow "Personal Profile" and each family should fill out a blue "Family Profile".

Resources for Personal Devotions We hope that one of your New Year's resolutions is to spend a quiet time each day with prayer and scripture. There are many resources available, including *The Secret Place* and *Disciplines*. *The Secret Place* is available at the Information Counter (free as a gift from one of our members). It is published quarterly and is offered in regular and large print editions. 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. If you would like information on other resources (including online), please contact Sue Ellen

"Carols & Noëls" now available! This Christmas CD features the FBC choir and members of the congregation singing Joel Hastings' original carol arrangements. It was recorded this year in the sanctuary with the FBC organ. Contact Kat at the church office ([office@fbca2.org](mailto:office@fbca2.org)) to order your copies. CDs are \$12 each.

The FBC Ladies' Book Club will next meet on Tuesday, January 10th, at 7 pm. Mary Davis has agreed to host us that evening for discussion of "Sarah's Key" by Tatiana de Rosnay. This book details the experiences of an American journalist who 60 years after the arrest of Jewish families in France seeks to find out what happened to Sarah, a 10-year-old who lived in the apartment she (the American) now occupies. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Janice Stumpf, [jlstumpf@umich.edu](mailto:jlstumpf@umich.edu) or 663-4871.

Chancel Flower Calendar The flower calendar for 2012 is hanging in the hallway downstairs and is filling up nicely. There are two Sundays in January (the 2nd and 3rd Sundays) that are still open. Flowers are from Tom Thompson and cost \$30.

# 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.

Sunday, January 1	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Monday, January 2	<i>Church Buildings &amp; Office Closed</i>
Tuesday, January 3	5:30 p.m. - Vespers - <i>First Baptist Team</i> (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday, January 4	5:30 p.m. - The Gathering Party (Campus Center)
	7:30 p.m. - Executive Council (Lounge)
Thursday, January 5	7:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal (Room 102)
Saturday, January 7	11:00 a.m. - Fullerton Memorial Service (Sanctuary)
Sunday, January 8	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service - <i>Communion</i> (Sanctuary)
	11:30 p.m. - Second Hour classes
	5:00 p.m. - FBC Youth Group (Room 107)

## Love, Share, Give, 2012!

"Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world's grief. Do justly, now. Love mercy, now. Walk humbly, now. You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to abandon it." - The Talmud c. 500 CE

## Concert Series

Our two concert series, **Ad Libitum** and **Coffee Break Concert Series**, start in January. Come, bring your friends and enjoy music at First Baptist! All concerts are free and open to the public. More information is on the message board and at the information desk. The concert series bookmarkers and brochures are available.

### Children and Youth Christian Education

Today there is no nursery or classes for children and youth so that families may worship together and so our caregivers and teachers may celebrate the holiday.

This regular schedule resumes next Sunday, January 8.

#### Preschool - 1<sup>st</sup> grade:

10:30 – 11:30 Church School (Room 202A & B)  
11:20 – 12:30 Second hour Church School and Childcare (Room 202 A&B)

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade:

10:00 – 11:00 Worship (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders are invited to Children's Worship)  
11:15 – 12:00 Church School (Room 202B)  
12:00 -- 12:30 Children's Choir (Room 306)

#### Youth (6<sup>th</sup> – High School)

10:00 – 11:00 Worship  
11:15 – 11:45 Youth Choir (Room 306)  
11:45 -- 12:30 Church School (Room 107)

### Children and Youth Music and Arts Ministry

This regular schedule for Children & Youth Music and Arts rehearsals will resume on January 8.

11:15 – 11:45 Youth Choir (Room 306)  
12:00 – 12:30 Children's Choir (Room 306)

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

Adult classes resume next Sunday, January 8.

#### **Finding Personal Meaning in the Scriptures (Ron Tipton, leader) Lounge**

Why do Christians need the Scriptures in our heads and in our hearts? Can the Scriptures make a difference in daily life? Can the Word of God speak to us through the words of the Bible? What does imagination have to do with reading the Bible? Does one have to be a monk to practice *lectio divina*? And what does prayer have to do with reading the Scriptures?... Well, these are the questions

we'll be dealing with on Jan. 8, 15, and 22. Each week we will relate the discussion to some of our favorite Bible passages. For Jan. 8 we will focus on Psalm 100. Try reading it slowly, prayerfully, and with imagination! More than once.

#### **Young Adult Class (Paul Simpson Duke, Leader) Room 108**

This class consists of conversational Bible study, discussing texts from the Prophets. "Young adult" is defined as mid-twenties to 40(ish!).

#### Other Adult Learning Opportunities

**Wednesday Bible Study** - 1:30 in the Lounge, with Paul Simpson Duke leading a study of the Stories of David. Please join us for study, fellowship, and snacks! **Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, January 11th.**

**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.

**College Students: The Gathering** is for undergraduates and graduate students. We gather every Wednesday night at 5:30 in the Campus Center for a free home-cooked meal, friendship, and study. This year our topic is "Images for the Struggles and the Joy: Help from the Psalms," led by Paul Simpson Duke. In addition to Wednesday night gatherings, we also get together for films, service projects, and social events. If you would like to be added to our email list for announcements, please see Stacey Simpson Duke. **The Gathering will resume on Wednesday, January 4th.**

#### Faces of Faith

You and your family are invited to participate in the second **FACES OF FAITH EVENT** sponsored by The Interfaith Round Table. FOF allows you to meet people from your community who pose as "books" telling you the story of their personal spiritual journey. Each time you "borrow" a "book", you'll learn about a different spiritual practice, religious belief, or turning point of faith. (See the most recent FBC newsletter for a list of the "books" that are available) **WHEN:** Sunday, January 15, 2-4 pm **WHERE:** The Social Hall of Temple Beth Emeth/St. Clare's on Packard Rd, Ann Arbor. For more information, call 734-424-1535 or email [gbrides@umich.edu](mailto:gbrides@umich.edu)