

ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 25, 2011

Christmas Day

HARPSICHORD PRELUDE

Puer nobis nascitur
(Unto Us is Born a Son)

- Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck
(1562-1621)

WELCOME

Stacey Simpson Duke

HYMN 220 (stanzas 1-2, 4)

Angels from the realms of glory

REGENT SQUARE

PRAYER

Mary Davis

SOLO

O Holy Night

- arr. John Sullivan Dwight
Bonnie Kidd, *soprano*

O Holy Night! The stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining.
Till He appeared and the Spirit felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.
Fall on your knees! Oh, hear the angel voices!
O night divine, the night when Christ was born;
O night, O Holy Night, O night divine!
O night, O Holy Night, O night divine!

Truly He taught us to love one another,
His law is love and His gospel is peace.
Chains he shall break, for the slave is our
brother.
And in his name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus we
raise.
With all our hearts we praise His holy name.
Christ is the Lord! then ever, ever praise we,
His power and glory ever more proclaim!
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SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:1-5, 14

Mary Davis

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

A BLESSING OF CHRISTMAS TOYS

Stacey Simpson Duke

A MEDLEY OF CAROLS

Hymn 236 (stanzas 1-2, 6)

While shepherds watched their flocks

CHRISTMAS

Hymn 249 (stanzas 1-2, 4)

There's a song in the air

CHRISTMAS SONG

Hymn 246 (stanzas 1-2, 4)

Joy to the world

ANTIOCH

PRAYERS

ANTHEM

Carol of the Children

- John Rutter
(b. 1945)

One for the star in the sky over Bethlehem
Two for the hands that will rock him to sleep
Three for the kings bringing gold, bringing myrrh, bringing incense
Four for the angels that watch over his bedside
Blue for the robe of the sweet Virgin Mary
White for the dawn of the first Christmas Day
Red for the blood that he shed for us all on Good Friday;
Black for the tomb where he rested till Easter.
Lullaby! See Jesus a sleep;
Angels and shepherds watch on him keep:
Lullaby! he soon will awake,
For the oxen are stirring and morning will break.
And one for the heart that I give as my offering to Jesus.

OFFERING

MEDITATION

Love's Pure Light

Paul & Stacey Simpson Duke

GATHERING TO A MANGER

HYMN 239

Silent night, holy night

STILLE NACHT

PASSING OF THE PEACE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Go Tell It on the Mountain

- Howard Helvey

Christina Alaniz, Calvin & Jack Floyd, Hannah Foster, Julien Heidt, Sam Kidd,
Maryann Bowen, Scott Diels, John Floyd, III, Kathleen Ford, Marlene Francis,
Bonnie & Bob Kidd

While shepherds kept their watching
Over silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens,
There shone a holy light:
Go, Tell It On The Mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere;
Go, Tell It On The Mountain
That Jesus Christ is born.

The shepherds feared and trembled
When lo! above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Saviour's birth:
Go, Tell It on the Mountain
Over the hills and everwhere;
Go, Tell It on the Mountain
That Jesus Christ is born.

Down in a lowly manger
Our humble Christ was born
And God send us salvation,
That blessed Christmas morn:
Go, Tell It On The Mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere;
Go, Tell It On The Mountain
That Jesus Christ is born.

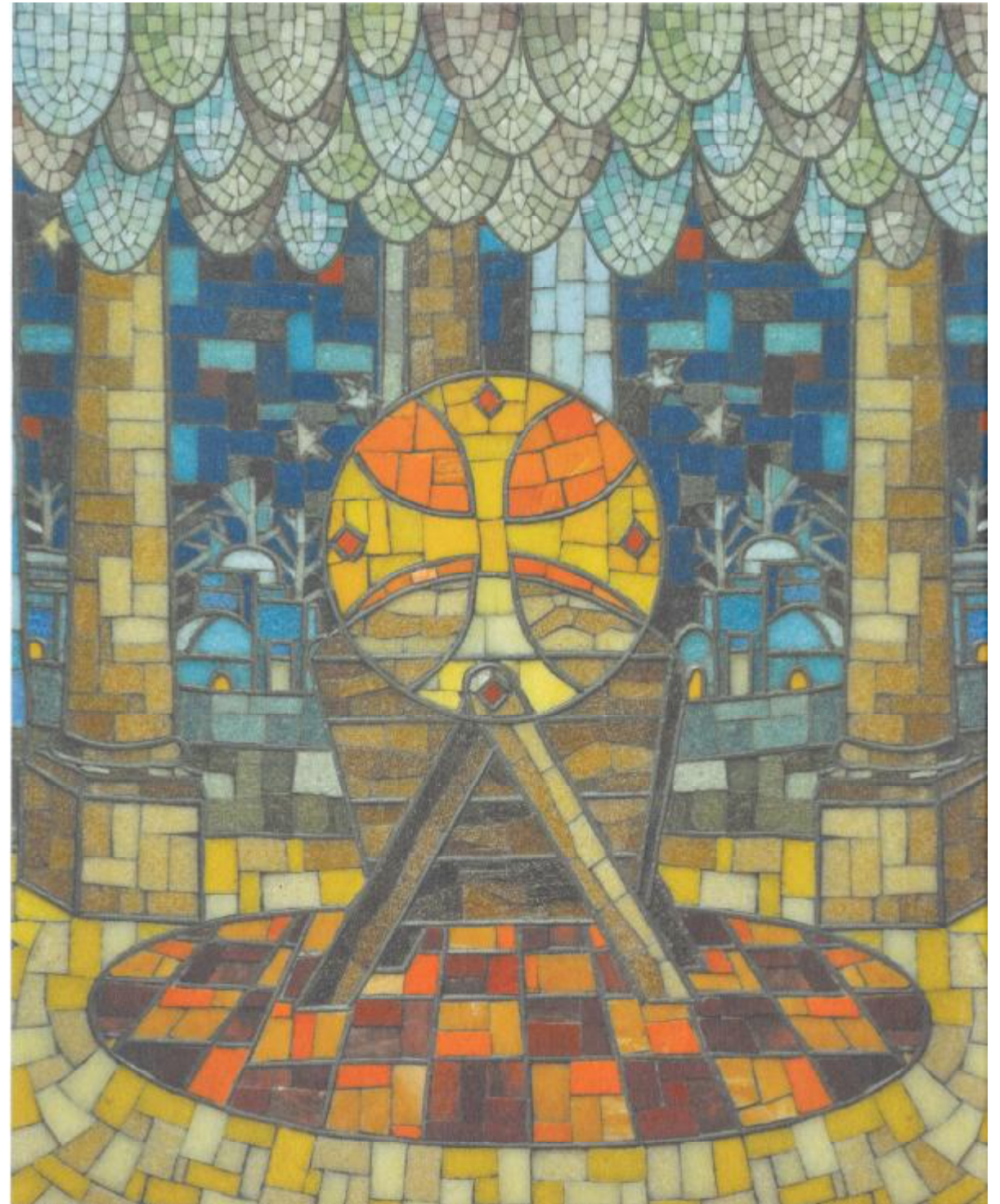
*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
in honor of my family: son, Joe Tarry, daughter and son-in-law,
Elizabeth and John Crowe, and grandchildren Cameron, Grace, and Julia Crowe.*

~ Janet Tarry ~

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 the family and friends of Ray Fullerton and 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.

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Children and Youth Christian Education

Today and next Sunday, there are no nursery or classes for children and youth so that families may worship together and our caregivers and teachers may celebrate the holidays. *Our regular schedule resumes on January 8.*

Adult classes resume on January 8.

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.*

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.

"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) to order your copies. CDs are \$12 each.

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. **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

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, December 25	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Monday, December 26	<i>Church Buildings & Office Closed</i>
Tuesday, December 27	5:30 p.m. - Vespers (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday, January 1	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Monday, January 2	<i>Church Buildings & Office Closed</i>
Tuesday, January 3	5:30 p.m. - Vespers - First Baptist Team (Fellowship Hall)

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.

Love, Share, Give, 2012! The 2012 Stewardship Campaign at First Baptist Church is very successful so far. We expect an all-time high in pledges from members and friends and we are grateful for the generous response of our congregation. But even with this success, there remains a gap between our potential resources and our planned expenses for 2012. A few pledges have been increased in response to last Sunday's announcement, but a number of families who did pledge last year have still to be heard from. If you are in that group and intend to support the church's ministries in 2012, please return your pledge card as soon as possible so that the Budget Committee can complete its work without the need to make drastic revisions.

Today is the last opportunity to fulfill pledge commitments for 2011. If you still have a balance outstanding, please be aware of the approaching deadline and help us balance the books for 2011.

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, jstumpf@umich.edu or 663-4871.