

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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### GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Paul Simpson Duke

### PRELUDE

*Prelude in G minor, BWV 535*

- J.S. Bach  
(1685-1750)

### \*INVOCATION

Renée Keogh

### \*HYMN 152

I sing the almighty power of God  
(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

*FOREST GREEN*

### \*THE PSALM

"Psalm 29", *Psalms for Praying*

by Nan C. Merrill

Leader: Give praise to the Beloved, O heavenly hosts,

People: **Sing of Love's glory and strength.**

Leader: Exalt the glory of Love's Name;

People: **Adore the Beloved in holy splendor.**

Leader: The voice of the Beloved is upon the waters; Love's voice echoes over the oceans and seas.

People: **The voice of Love is powerful, majestic is the voice of Love.**

Leader: The voice of the Beloved breaks the bonds of oppression, shatters the chains of injustice. Love invites all to the dance of freedom, to sing the Beloved's song of truth.

People: **The voice of Love strikes with fire upon hearts of stone.**

Leader: The voice of Love uproots the thorns of fear, Love uproots fear in every open heart. The voice of Love is heard in every storm, and strips the ego bare;

People: **And in their hearts all cry, "Glory!"**

Leader: The Beloved lives in our hearts; Love dwells with us forever.

People: **May Love give strength to all people!**

ALL: **May Love bless all nations with 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

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 1:1-5

Stacey Simpson Duke

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

### ANTHEM

*We Praise Thee, O God*

- G.F. Handel

We praise thee, O God, we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship thee, O Lord; and we laud and magnify thy Name, giving thanks to thee for evermore.

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Paul Simpson Duke

### \*GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:4-11

Renée Keogh

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

### TIME AS CHILDREN

Sue Ellen Glover

### \*HYMN 145

Morning has broken

*BUNESSAN*

(Preschoolers may leave for childcare on the third floor at this time. K-3rd grade are invited to Children's Worship in Room 202A&B)

### SERMON

*What God Saw*

Stacey Simpson Duke

### SILENT REFLECTION

### OFFERING OF GIFTS

*Down in the River to Pray*

- arr. Philip Lawson  
Samuel Kidd, *baritone*

As I went down in the river to pray  
Studying about that good ol' way  
And who shall wear the starry crown?  
Good Lord, show me the way!

O sisters let's go down,  
Let's go down, come on down  
O sisters let's go down,  
Down in the river to pray.

As I went down in the river to pray  
Studying about that good ol' way  
And who shall wear the robe and crown?  
Good Lord, show me the way!

O brothers let's go down...  
O fathers let's go down...  
O mothers let's go down...  
O sinners let's go down....

### 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

*Toccata in Seven*

- John Rutter  
(b. 1945)

\* If you are able, please stand

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God  
in loving memory of Doris Inbody,  
her sisters, Mildred Tripplehorn and Margaret Martin, and  
her brother, Emanuel Boutwell.*

*~ Beverly Inbody ~*

*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, Shellie Shipley, and for the family and friends of Gretchen Frueh.*

Stacey will be leaving this afternoon for Atlanta, where she will be attending a course for her Doctor of Ministry studies. She returns on Friday, January 20.

Today's Fellowship Offering will go towards the Fellowship Fund which provides for meeting emergency needs of those within our community. Please give generously.



## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Baptism of the Lord  
January 8, 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. ~*

### Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 22

Our annual financial meeting will be held at 12:30 on January 22. Before the business meeting we will gather for fellowship and a potluck lunch. Please plan to attend. There will be a sign-up sheet at the information desk today and in the church office during the week.

First Baptist Concert Series Ad Libitum presents *O Dulcis Jesu - Divine Music Celebrating the Son of God* on January 20 (Friday) at 7:30pm, performed by *Sfogati* (Lorna Hildebrandt, Coloratura Soprano Kiri Tollaksen, Cornetto Shin-Ae Chun, Harpsichord and Organ) in our beautiful sanctuary. It is free and open to the public. Come and enjoy! Bring your family and friends! The ensemble Sfogati performs music from the Renaissance and Baroque periods. The sacred program "*O dulcis Jesu - Divine Music Celebrating the Son of God*" is a beautifully crafted program, presenting interweaving music and poetry/scripture by Monteverdi, Cozzolani, Praetorius, Schein, Schütz and others. The program focuses on music reflecting the Birth, Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus and will be presented on the concert series in the Kresge Court at the Detroit Institute of Arts to celebrate the highly anticipated Rembrandt exhibit - "The Face of Jesus" on January 29th, 1pm and 3pm.

Coffee Break Concert Series starts on January 26 (Thursday) at 1:30PM.

Don't miss this great opportunity to hear musical talents in town. Our first guest performer is Amy I-Lin Cheng, local pianist. Take a break and come by First Baptist to enjoy the beautiful piano music by various composers and coffee and cookies! (\* The Jan. 12 concert is cancelled due to the performer's schedule.)

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 resources), please contact Sue Ellen.

# 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 8	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary) 5:00 p.m. - FBC Youth Group (Room 107)
Tuesday, January 10	5:30 p.m. - Vespers - <i>FBC Young Adults</i> (Fellowship Hall) 7:30 p.m. - FBC Ladies Book Club (at Davis-Diels' home)
Wednesday, January 11	1:30 p.m. - Bible Study (Lounge) 5:30 p.m. - The Gathering (Campus Center) 7:30 p.m. - Davis-Diels ChristCare (at Davis-Diels' home)
Thursday, January 12	7:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal (Room 102)
Sunday, January 15	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary) 5:00 p.m. - FBC Youth Group (Room 107)

Nursery Care is available on the 3rd floor from 9:30 - 12:30.

### Love, Share, Give, 2012!

"People who have faith in life are like swimmers who entrust themselves to a rushing river. They neither abandon themselves to its current nor try to resist it. Rather, they adjust their every movement to the watercourse, use it with purpose and skill, and enjoy the adventure." - David Steindl-Rast (b. 1926)

The FBC Ladies' Book Club will meet this 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.

### 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 - 1<sup>st</sup> grade leave for church school. Children in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are invited to Children's Worship in 201B.

#### 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

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)*

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

Today we will have an introductory discussion and then give our attention to Psalm 100 to see what personal meaning we find in this memorable Psalm. Next Sunday our focus will be on Isaiah 40: 27-31.

**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!

**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.

**Faces of Faith** You and your family are invited to participate in the second **FACES OF FAITH EVENT** sponsored by The Interfaith Round Table, and event that 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. No charge, donations accepted. For more information, call 734-424-1535 or email [gbrides@umich.edu](mailto:gbrides@umich.edu)

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