

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP Sue Ellen Glover

PRELUDE *Carols of Stable* - Edward Broughton

\*INVOCATION Mary Davis

\*HYMN 220 (stanzas 1-2, 4) Angels from the Realms of Glory *REGENT SQUARE*  
(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

### \*RESPONSIVE READING

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

People: We will rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: This is the year the Lord has made.

People: We will rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: All our years and all our seasons are held in God's gracious hand.

All: Praise to the Giver of life in all our times and in this new year!

### \*GLORIA (Hymnal, 72)

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 130:1-7 Mary Davis

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM *He Shall Feed His Flock and Come Unto Him from Messiah* - G.F. Handel  
Bonnie Kidd & Lucy Thompson, *duet*

He shall feed His flock like a shepherd, and He shall gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

Come unto Him, all ye that labour, come unto Him, all ye that are heavy laden, and He will give you rest. Take His yoke upon you, and learn of Him, for He is meek and lowly of heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Dick Bowser  
Lord's Prayer ("debts") on hymnal page 896

\*GOSPEL READING Luke 2:15-21 Dick Bowser  
Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God!

\*HYMN (see insert) I Wonder as I Wander *I WONDER AS I WANDER*  
(Infants, toddlers and preschoolers are welcome to stay in worship or leave for childcare in the nursery)

SERMON *Once Upon a Time* Dick Bowser

### SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS *A New Year Carol* - Benjamin Britten

Here we bring new water from the well so clear,  
For to worship God with, this happy New Year  
*Sing levy dew, sing levy dew, the water and the wine;  
The seven bright gold wires and the bugles that do shine.*

Sing reign of Fair Maid, with gold upon her toe,  
Open you the West Door, and turn the Old Year go. *Refrain*

Sing reign of Fair Maid, with gold upon her chin,  
Open you the East Door, and let the New Year in. *Refrain*

### \*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 Dick Bowser

\*HYMN 251 Go, Tell It on the Mountain *GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN*

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

BENEDICTION Dick Bowser

POSTLUDE

*Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern*  
(How Beautifully the Morning Star Shines)

- Johann Pachelbel  
(1653-1706)

\* If you are able, please stand

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God  
in loving memory of my grandparents,  
Emory & Louise Eley and Carl & Helen Becker*

~ Katherine Becker ~

*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 Marguerite Wright (mother of Jim Wright, grandmother of Ethan and Emily). We also pray for Ellie Grapentine, Juanita Dieterle, Pat Huebel, Iris Martin, Wally Jordan, Saw Charlie, Logan Sweet, and Dottie Casler.

We welcome to the pulpit this morning the Reverend Dick Bowser, a member of our congregation. Dick and his wife, Helen Louise, also an ordained American Baptist minister, became members of First Baptist Church this fall, after moving to the area from North Carolina.

Paul and Stacey are in Georgia visiting family and will return to the pulpit next Sunday.

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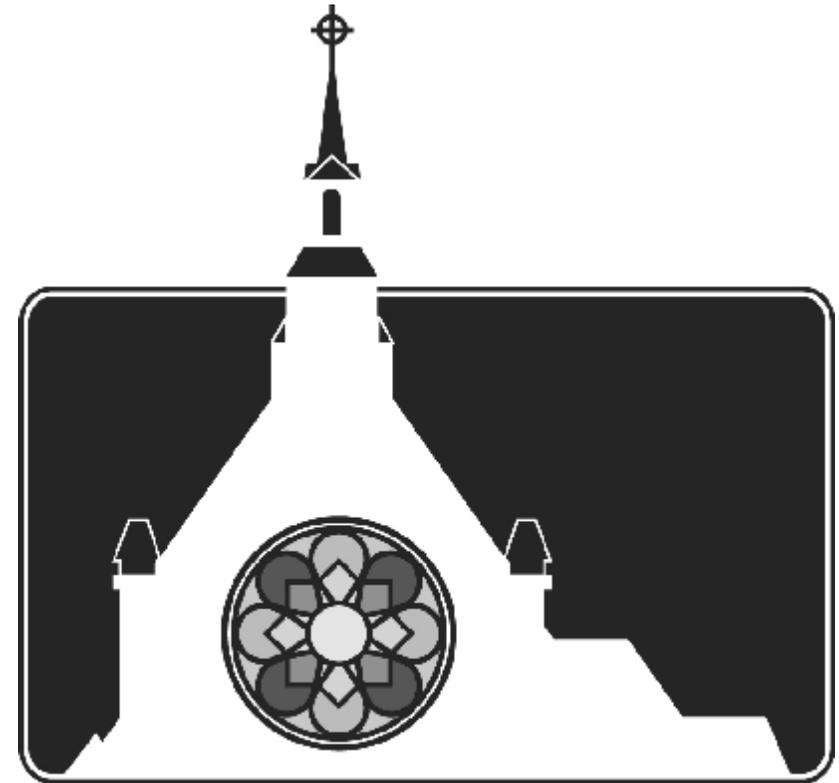
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Bonnie Kidd, *Sanctuary Choir Director*

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

The Reverend James Middleton, *Pastor Emeritus*



**FIRST BAPTIST  
CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR**

**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Christmas

January 1, 2017

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

### Shared Suppers

Try something new! The Board of Care and Community is sponsoring a new opportunity for our FBC Family to gather and get to know one another better. What better way to do that than around a family table?. Starting in January, we will gather in smallish groups (6-8ish) in homes for shared suppers. They will be a pot luck style and will happen on the 2nd Saturday, every other month, i.e. January 14, March 11, May 13, etc. The groups will be different every time so folks can interact with those they may not know so well. If you are interested in being on the list of participants, sign up at the Information Counter or contact Mary Davis ([madrad@umich.edu](mailto:madrad@umich.edu) or 734 352 0732). Also, let Mary know if you can be a host sometimes. You will be contacted for availability about two weeks before each supper. Of course everyone won't be able to come every time. Children are welcome to participate, or we can help arrange child care. Shared transportation can also be arranged.

### Readings for Next Sunday, January 8

Isaiah 42:1-9 \* Psalm 29 \* Acts 10:34-43 \* Matthew 3:13-17

### The 2017 Flower Calendar

The signup calendar is now posted on the downstairs bulletin board near the Lounge door. The flowers are placed on the chancel for each service. The cost is \$30 and your dedication goes in the bulletin. The flowers are yours to take after the Sunday morning service. Please sign up early to secure your date(s).

### Worship Service Recordings

All of our worship services and sermons, including today's, are available on our church website as podcasts. Please consider sharing them with friends.



# 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, Jan 1	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Tuesday, Jan 3	5:30 p.m. - Vespers - <i>First Baptist Team</i> (Fellowship Hall)
Thursday, Jan 5	7:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal (Room 102)
Sunday, Jan 8	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service - <i>Communion</i> (Sanctuary)

Nursery Care for infants, toddlers and preschoolers is available on the 3rd floor from 9:30 - 11:15

### Unhanging of the Greens

Join the Board of Worship today after worship and fellowship time (11:30) for an "un-hanging of the greens" as we take down the Advent and Christmas decorations in the sanctuary. We should be done in 45 minutes or so.

### Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 29

Our annual financial meeting will be held after fellowship time (11:30) on January 29. After the business meeting we will enjoy a potluck lunch. Please plan to attend. There will be a sign-up sheet at the information desk and in the church office during the week. The Board of Care and Community will provide chicken, rolls, and beverages. If your last names begins with A-D, please bring a potato, rice, or pasta dish; last names beginning with E-J, please bring fruit or a dessert; last names starting with K-Z, please bring a salad or some kind of vegetable.

### Children & Youth Christian Education

There are no classes today for Children or Youth so they may worship with their families. Classes resume next week, January 8.

Children's Music Ministry will resume on January 8

### Adult Christian Education

No classes today. Adult classes will resume on January 8

### Two New Adult Second Hour Classes Begin Next Sunday

1. *Simply Jesus*. This class will re-examine Gospel texts and the historical setting of Judaism in Jesus time in order to gain better understanding of his proclamation, ministry, and identity. This study will draw from the insights of N. T. Wright's book, *Simply Jesus: A New Vision of Who He Was, What He Did, and Why He Matters*. Leader: Joe Mortensen

2. *How to Pray: A (Re-)Introduction to the Ongoing Practice of Prayer*. This class will include pragmatic discussions of the basics of daily prayer. Guidance and rationale will be offered on the foundational elements of prayer and on different approaches and models for how it is done. This course is for beginners and for those who wish to renew and strengthen their practice of prayer. Leader: Paul Simpson Duke

Both classes will meet January 8--February 28. For more information see the church newsletter

### Other Adult Learning Opportunities

Wednesday Bible Study: Pastor Paul is leading *Studies in the Prophets*. We will discuss the work of the prophets in their historical context and will examine selected texts for closer understanding. Please join us! Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, January 11.

Small Groups: We have continuing small groups centered on study, sharing, prayer, worship and mission meeting at various times. See Stacey, Paul, or Sue Ellen for information on how to join an existing group or form a new group.

College/University Students: The Gathering is for undergraduates and graduate students. We gather during the school year for a free home-cooked meal, friendship, and study. If you would like to be added to the email list for weekly updates about gatherings and service opportunities, please email Stacey Simpson Duke at [staceyduke@gmail.com](mailto:staceyduke@gmail.com).

### 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. The Board of Christian Education invites you to use *The Secret Place* or *Disciplines*. *The Secret Place* is available at the Information Counter (free). It is published quarterly and is offered in regular and large print editions. The Upper Room publishes *Disciplines* which has one-page daily devotions for the entire year and the scriptures are based on the lectionary. Each week you can read and meditate on the scriptures that will be usually be included in the upcoming Sunday's worship service. *Disciplines* books are available from Sue Ellen for \$5. If you would like information on other resources (including online resources), please contact Sue Ellen.