

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2017

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## GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Stacey Simpson Duke

Leader: As with Mary long ago, God's invitation has come to us.  
People: We open our ears and our hearts to hear the good news.  
Leader: Like her, let us give ourselves to God's will for us.  
All: Come, Lord Jesus!

## PRELUDE

*Meine Seele erhebt den Herren, BWV 648*  
(My Soul Magnifies the Lord)

- J.S. Bach  
(1685-1750)

## \*INVOCATION

(\* If you are able, please stand)

Sue Ellen Glover

## \*HYMN 220

Angels from the Realms of Glory

*REGENT SQUARE*

(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

## \*RESPONSIVE READING

Luke 1:47-55

Leader: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely all generations will call me blessed.  
People: For the Mighty One has done great things for me. Holy is his name! His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.  
Leader: He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thought of their hearts.  
People: He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.  
All: He has helped his servant Israel in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.

## LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

Ben, Ashley, Grady, and Ivy Mangrum

Response: O come, Desire of nations bind all peoples in one heart and mind.  
From dust thou brought us forth to life; deliver us from earthly strife.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Rob Duke, *trumpet*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Sue Ellen Glover

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

## ANTHEM

*He Shall Feed His Flock from Messiah*

- G.F. Handel

Bonnie Kidd, *soprano* & Lucy Thompson, *mezzo*

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

Lord's Prayer ("debts") on hymnal page 896

Stacey Simpson Duke

## \*GOSPEL READING

Luke 1:26-38

Paul Simpson Duke

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

## CONGREGATIONAL SONG (Hymnal 204, Children come forward)

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.*  
*God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.*

## TIME AS CHILDREN

Children (6th grade and younger) leave for church school.

Xan Morgan

## \*HYMN 230

O Little Town of Bethlehem

*ST. LOUIS*

## SERMON

*She Said Yes*

Paul Simpson Duke

## SILENT REFLECTION

## OFFERING OF GIFTS

*A Madrigal for Advent*

- Lee Dengler

God has promised to all people that a Savior will appear to provide the world's salvation. Glory hallelujah, for that day is drawing near. Glory hallelujah, for that day is near.

Rejoice and sing with joy and gladness. The dawn of hope is close at hand. Rejoice, behold the end of sadness, for God reveals salvation's plan.

Unto us a Child is given. Unto us is born a Son who will bear the world's transgressions. Glory hallelujah, for new life has now begun! Glory hallelujah, new life has begun!



Poinsettias have been given by	in honor of:
The Alaniz Family	Carol & Murphy Stumpf and Ralph & Barbara Alaniz
Her Grandchildren	Pat Huebel's 86th birthday
Beverly Inbody	Juanita Dieterle
The Morgan Family	Rick Stravers' 65th birthday
David Robbins	Joyce Robbins
Lynn Suits and Family	Jim & Jerry Suits

Poinsettias have been given by	in memory of:
The Bates Family	Bonnie Bates
Katherine Becker	Emory & Louise Eley and Carl & Helen Becker
Katherine Becker & Beverly Inbody	Ginny McKeachie
The Danciu/DaSilva Family	Elisabeta Chirila and Ony Marcelo DaSilva
The Doman Family	David, Carl, and Christine Doman
Stacey, Paul, Rob, and Charlie Duke	Bernice Simpson
Doris M. George and Family	Leslie G. George
Roberta Hause	Jim Hause
Beverly Inbody	Orrin and Doris Inbody, and Wanda Finn
Vernon Jensen	Bonnie Jean Jensen
David, Candee & Andrew Lee	Harry & Elizabeth Lee
Omer & David Robbins	Elsie Robbins
Nancy Rushton	George and Velda Sanders
Lynn Suits and Family	Hazel Suits & Flossie Feiner
Linda Turner	Tommy Turner
The White Family	Burne K White

\*\* Please take your poinsettias home after  
the Festival of Lessons & Carols service this evening. \*\*

*The Interfaith Roundtable Presents "Faces of Faith VII"*  
One of the annual programs that the IRT offers the community is a "face to face" experience with people from many different religious and spiritual backgrounds. This year we have six presenters ready to talk about the joys and misconceptions that come with their tradition or beliefs? Come listen to and engage with a Hindu, an Interfaith minister, a Muslim, a Buddhist, a Jew and a Catholic. On Sunday, January 14, from 4-6pm at Zion Lutheran Church (1501 W Liberty, Ann Arbor)

# *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 in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments.

Sunday, Dec 24	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	7:30 p.m. - A Festival of Lessons & Carols (Sanctuary)
Monday, Dec 25	<i>Christmas Day</i> - Church Office & Buildings Closed
Tuesday, Dec 26	5:30 p.m. - Vespers - <i>Bethel UCC Manchester</i>
Sunday, Dec 31	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	11:30 a.m. - Sanctuary Un-Decorating Party

### *A Festival of Lessons and Carols*

First Baptist Church of Ann Arbor presents a Festival of Lessons and Carols, modeled on the world-famous carol service from King's College in Cambridge, England. Join us tonight at 7:30 to hear the Christmas story, join in singing beloved Christmas carols, and enjoy beautiful music from our choir. It's not too late to reserve tickets online here: <http://tinyurl.com/fbca2l-c>. We also have hard copy tickets available at the Information Counter. Please let Xan know if you need childcare (provided free for infants through first grade).

### *The 2018 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).

### *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 \$8.

### Children & Youth Christian Education and Music

Children and Youth are an important part of our life together at First Baptist Church. All children are welcome in worship. If you are visiting and would like more information about our ministry with kids and youth, please connect with our Director of Children's Ministry, Xan Morgan ([xan@fbca2.org](mailto:xan@fbca2.org)) or our Youth Minister, Stacey Simpson Duke ([staceyduke@gmail.com](mailto:staceyduke@gmail.com)).

#### Birth-3 years:

Children are welcome to worship with their families. Optional nursery care is available after Time as Children, when all kids go to church school or beginning at 9:45am. Today kids of all ages will be celebrating Christmas with a birthday party for Jesus. Please pick up your children in Room 202A (preschool-2nd grade classroom).

#### Preschool-2nd Grade: 202A

10:00-10:30 Worship with families  
10:30-11:15 Church School (202A)

#### 3rd-6th Grade: 201B

10:00-10:30 Worship with families  
10:30-11:30 Church School (202A)

#### Youth (7th-12th grade)

10:00-11:00 Worship  
11:00-11:30 Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)

### Adult Christian Education

11:30-12:30

*Adult classes have finished until the new year.*

### Other Adult Learning Opportunities

Wednesday Bible Study on Wednesdays at 1:30pm. Pastor Paul Simpson Duke is leading a study of the Gospel of John.

Small Groups: We have continuing small groups centered on study, sharing, prayer, worship and mission meeting at various times. See Stacey or Paul 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).

### 2018 Calendars

Each year the children sell God's Creation calendars for \$10. The profits are used to purchase books for the children of Hikone, and these books were delivered with the food collection last Wednesday. Only 3 calendars remain, so get yours today at the table near the Information Counter before and after worship, or you may contact Sue Ellen.

### Readings for Next Sunday, December 31

Galatians 4:4-7 \* Psalm 148 \* Luke 2:25-32, 36-38

### 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.



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