

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP Paul Simpson Duke

PRELUDE *St. Columba* - Kenneth Leighton
(The King of Love My Shepherd Is) (1929-1988, English)

*INVOCATION Beth Foster
(* If you are able, please stand)

*HYMN 694 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come *ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR*
(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

*RESPONSIVE READING based on Psalm 132
Leader: Enter into the Silence, into the Heart of Truth;
People: For herein lies the Great Mystery where life is ever unfolding;
Leader: Herein the Divine Plan is made known, the Plan all are invited to serve.
People: Listen for the music of the Holy Word in the resounding Silence
of the universe.
Leader: Those who follow the way of Love with calm and faith-filled intent,
People: Know that all is working toward healing and wholeness.
Leader: And may the healing power of love lift you from the limitations of fear and
ignorance into the arms of freedom.
All: May the peace of the Spirit bless you, and lead you on life's journey.
- *Nan C. Merrill, Psalms for Praying*

*GLORIA (Hymn 72, sung twice)
Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, Gloria! Alleluia! Alleluia!

NEW TESTAMENT READING Revelation 1:4b-8
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM *King of Glory, King of Peace* - Alfred V. Fedak
The best ideal is the true and other truth is none.
All glory be ascribed to the Holy Three in One.
King of glory, King of Peace, I will love thee;
And, that love may never cease, I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request, thou hast heard me;
Thou didst note my working breast, thou hast spared me.
Wherefore with my utmost art I will sing thee,
And the cream of all my heart I will bring thee.

Though my sins against me cried, thou didst clear me,
And alone, when they replied, thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;
In my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort to enroll thee:
E'en eternity's too short to extoll thee.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Paul Simpson Duke
Lord's Prayer ("debts") on hymnal page 896

*GOSPEL READING John 18:33-38 Stacey Simpson Duke
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

CONGREGATIONAL SONG 558 (v.4) We Are the Church *PORT JERVIS*
Children 5th grade and younger come forward while we sing
I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we are the church together.
And when the people gather, there's singing and there's praying,
there's laughing and there's crying sometimes, all of it saying:
I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we are the church together.

TIME AS CHILDREN Xan Morgan
Children leave for church school.

*HYMN (see insert) The Kingdom of God Taizé Community

SERMON *Held By Truth* Stacey Simpson Duke

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS *O for a Closer Walk with God* - C.V. Stanford
O for a closer walk with God, So shall my walk be close with God,
A calm and heav'nly frame; Calm and serene my frame;
A light to shine upon the road So purer light shall mark the road
That leads me to the Lamb! That leads me to the Lamb.
Return, O holy Dove,
Sweet messenger of rest;
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,
And drove thee from my breast.

*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

*HYMN 308

Thine Be the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Duke Street
(Jesus Shall Reign)

- Wilbur Held
(1914-2015, American)

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of Thomas Scott.*

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 Gene Eavy, Joan & Lynn Blunt, Stacey Simpson Duke, Wilma Duke, Doris George, Bill McKeachie, Juanita Dieterle, Pat Huebel, Iris Martin, Anna Kirstein, Chuck Suits, Peter Mortensen, Saw Nay Lin, Liz & Micah Dalton, Robert L, and Marissa Alaniz.

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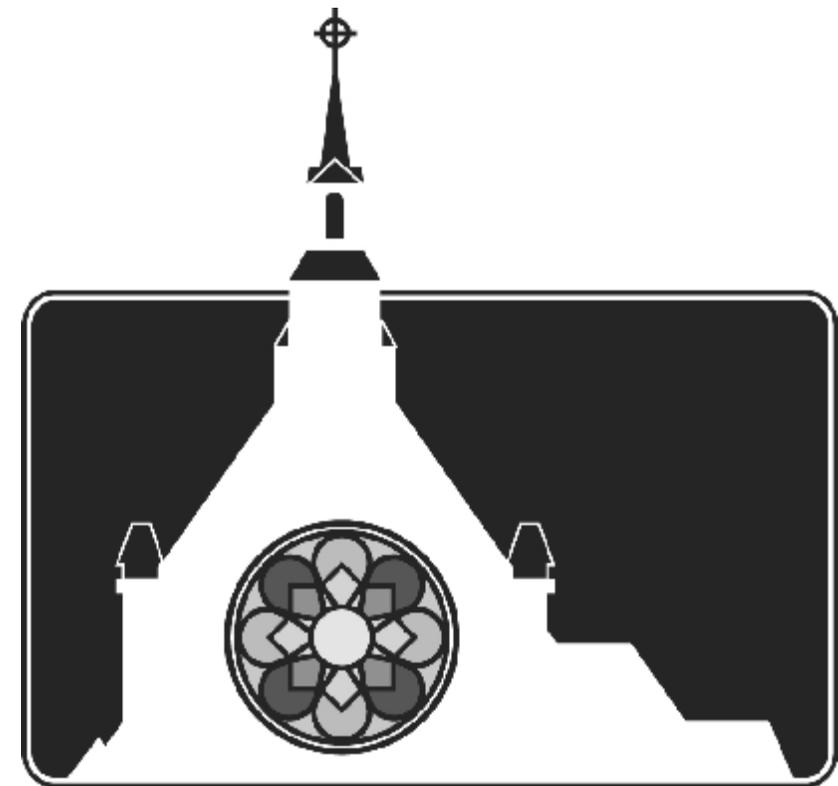
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FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Christ the King Sunday

November 25, 2018

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

2019 Calendars

Each year the children sell God's Creation calendars for \$10. The profits are used to purchase books for the children of Hikone housing to be delivered with the food collection before Christmas. These heavy-weight calendars have beautiful nature photographs with scriptures. The calendars will be available for sale near the Information Counter before and after worship, or you may contact Sue Ellen.

Warm Clothing for Vespers Guests

It's getting colder and as you get out your warm clothing keep in mind that our Vespers guests are often without these items. We are collecting new or gently used hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, long underwear, socks, coats, and sweatshirts. Donations of grooming & personal items, such as shampoo, toothpaste, tooth brushes, small Kleenex packs, Band-Aids, are also greatly appreciated. A basket will be near the Information Counter each Sunday for your donations.

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.



Please order _____ poinsettia(s) for the Christmas services at \$20 each, and list as such in the bulletin:

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

From: _____

I have enclosed \$_____ as payment for the poinsettia(s).

Please have paid orders to the office by Friday, December 14. Thank you!

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 for refreshments in the Fellowship Hall.

- Sunday, Nov 25 10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
5:00 p.m. - Intergenerational Advent Workshop (Fellowship Hall)
- Tuesday, Nov 27 5:30 p.m. - Vespers - *Bethel UCC Manchester* (Fellowship Hall)
- Wednesday, Nov 28 6:00 p.m. - Board of Outreach (Conference Room)
1:30 p.m. - Bible Study (Lounge)
5:00 p.m. - The Gathering (Campus Center)
- Thursday, Nov 29 7:00 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal (Room 102)
- Sunday, Dec 2 10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:30 a.m. - Second Hour classes

FBC Stewardship Campaign 2019: Joyful Giving That Makes a Difference

Over the past few weeks we explored the theme *Joyful Giving That Makes a Difference* for FBC's 2019 financial stewardship campaign. We heard inspiring words of witness describing personal beliefs and the attributes of FBC that are so special and make a difference. If you track the progress of the campaign on our "Hands and Hearts" bulletin board near the information counter, you will note that we have a significant way to go to meet our basic budget needs. Given the alarming nature of today's world, we MUST make a difference by spreading the gospel of love, caring, and exemplifying God's word. Please pray and consider what role you can have in helping make our church, community, nation and world better places for all.

- Allen Burton and Bob Kidd, Co-Chairs, 2019 FBC Stewardship Campaign

Intergenerational Advent Workshop...

Join us this evening, November 25th from 5-7pm for a delicious catered dinner (\$3/person suggested donation) followed by activities to help us prepare the way for Jesus' birth. We'll make Advent Wreaths with fresh greens, Advent Calendars and more! We're looking forward to our time together; please invite your friends to join us! You can RSVP for the event at the information counter or at www.fbca2.org/event/advent.

Readings for Next Sunday, December 2

Jeremiah 33:14-16 * Psalm 25:1-10 * 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 * Luke 21:25-36

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) or our Youth Minister, Stacey Simpson Duke (staceyduke@gmail.com).

Children are encouraged to worship with their families. Optional nursery care (infant-3 year-olds) is available beginning at 9:45 am. Following Time as Children, 4 year-olds through 5th graders leave for Church School in the Children's Ministry wing.

No 2nd Hour classes for children and youth today.

Adult Christian Education

11:30-12:30

No second hour classes for adults today.

Other Adult Learning Opportunities

Wednesday Bible Study meets 1:30pm in the Lounge. Paul Simpson Duke leads 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 every Wednesday evening during the school year, 5:00p-7:00pm, in the Campus Center, for a free, home-cooked meal, friendship, and spiritual growth. If you would like to receive our weekly e-newsletter, sign up here: <https://bit.ly/2N0FYGa>.

Join the Sunday Morning Welcoming Team!

No meetings - just come and serve! Our Welcoming Team is one of our most important ministries. On Sunday mornings, volunteers stand in key places in the building to show hospitality to all who come for worship. Sign-up is online: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d44afa928ab9-sunday> - it's fast and easy! Sign up on your own, with a friend, with a spouse, or with your whole family. Sign up once or multiple times. Serving on our Welcoming Team is a great way to plug in to ministry at First Baptist and get to know others in our community. Questions? Contact Sam Laidlaw at laidlawsam7@gmail.com.

Calling all Needlers!

We are gathering again for Needling and Noshing on Sunday, Dec. 2nd from 7-9pm at the home of Kristin Reynolds. Please RSVP to Kristin (kristinreynolds@comcast.net) by 11/26 if you plan to attend.

Our Coffee Break Concert Series presents Organ Concert "Dancing at Christmas" performed by Shin-Ae Chun on December 6, Thursday at 12:15 pm. This time we are taking a field trip to Bethlehem United Church of Christ to hear its 3-manual Casavant Organ in the beautiful sanctuary. The program includes two contrast organ pieces celebrating Advent and Christmas and a carol singing of "O Holy Night." Concert flyers are available for you to share with friends and neighbors. It is a free concert and open to all. Refreshments are kindly provided by both First Baptist and Bethlehem Churches. Mark your calendar and plan to be there if you are free.

Holiday Food Collection for Hikone Housing

The Board of Mission Action sponsors an annual food drive for our friends at Hikone housing. The Christmas holiday break is very tough on low income children – they are not in school so they do not receive their free lunches and breakfasts. Please help us gather a truck-load of kid-friendly food by December 9 (macaroni and cheese, peanut butter, cereal, soup, oatmeal packets, juice/milk boxes, plastic containers of juice, tuna, canned pasta, breakfast granola bars, fruit cups and cans, etc.) Please leave your food on the table near the Information Counter. We also love monetary donations which will be used to purchase milk, bread, fresh produce, laundry detergent and items that cannot be purchased with food stamps. (Monetary donations may be given to Sue Ellen Glover, placed in the offering, or mailed to the church with a "Hikone" designation.)

We also include books for the Hikone parents to give as gifts to their children. We use the proceeds from the children's calendar sale but you are also invited to donate new (or like-new) books (all reading levels are needed - from Baby board books through Young Adult chapter books). Please leave food and books on the table near the Information Counter. And finally, financial donations are needed to purchase grocery gift cards, milk, bread, fresh produce, laundry detergent and items that cannot be purchased with food stamps. (Monetary donations may be given to Sue Ellen Glover, placed in the offering, or mailed to the church with a "Hikone" designation.)