

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 2, 2018

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

## GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Stacey Simpson Duke

Leader: In our longing, we wait for a sign.

People: In our darkness, we wait for the light.

Leader: We are God's people, and we wait with hope.

All: Come, Lord Jesus!

PRELUDE *Nun komm der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659*  
(Now Come the Savior of the Nations)

- J.S. Bach (1685-1750)  
Chance Stine, *saxophone*

## \*INVOCATION

Nancy Rushton

(\* If you are able, please stand)

\*HYMN 196 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus  
(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

*HYFRYDOL*

## \*THE PSALM

Psalm 25:1-5

Leader: To you, Lord, I lift up my soul.

People: O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame.

Leader: Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame.

People: Help me to know your ways, Lord; teach me your paths.

Leader: Lead me in your truth and teach me,

All: for you are the God of my saving help; for you I wait all day long.

## LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

Gene, Nancy, Chloe, and Anna Sophia Eavy

Response: O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 33:14-16

Nancy Rushton

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

## ANTHEM

*Comfort, Comfort Ye My People*

- Johann Olearius

Comfort, comfort ye my people, speak ye peace, thus saith our God;  
Comfort those who sit in darkness, mourning 'neath their sorrows' load.  
Speak ye to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them.  
Tell her that her sins I cover and her warfare now is over.  
Hark the herald voice is crying in the desert far and near,

Bidding all men to repentance since the Kingdom now is here.  
Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way;  
Let the valleys rise to meet Him and the hills bow down to greet Him.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Stacey Simpson Duke

## \*GOSPEL READING

Luke 21:25-36

Paul Simpson Duke

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

## TIME AS CHILDREN

Xan Morgan

Children (5th grade and younger) come forward.

*Prepare the Way of the Lord*

Prepare the way of the Lord. Prepare the way of the Lord,  
and all people will see the salvation of our God.

Children leave for church school.

## \*HYMN 626

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

*PICARDY*

## SERMON

*Raising Our Heads*

Paul Simpson Duke

## SILENT REFLECTION

## OFFERING OF GIFTS

*Pie Jesu*

- Andrew Lloyd Webber

Bonnie Kidd & Emmanuel Morgan, *duet*

Pie Jesu,  
Qui tollis peccata mundi,  
Dona eis requiem.  
Agnus Dei,  
Qui tollis peccata mundi,  
Dona eis requiem sempiternam.

*Pious Jesus,  
Who takes away the sins of the world,  
Grant them peace.  
Lamb of God,  
Who takes away the sins of the world,  
Grant them peace everlasting.*

## 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 *Rorate caeli* Arr. by Bernard Wayne Danders

The Cup *Blessed be the God of Israel* Arr. by Shin-Ae Chun

Prayer after Communion

\*HYMN OF FELLOWSHIP  
(PG. 557)

Blest Be the Tie That Binds  
(1<sup>ST</sup> stanza)

*DENNIS*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*

- Robert Buckley Farlee  
(b.1950, American)  
Chance Stine, *clarinet*

*The flowers this morning are given to the Glory of God  
in celebration of Sara Barnes' birthday.*

*~ The Gregg family ~*

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, John Wallace, Anna Kirstein, Chuck Suits, Peter Mortensen, Saw Nay Lin, Liz & Micah Dalton, Robert L, and Marissa Alaniz.

Today's Fellowship Offering will go towards the Retired Ministers & Missionaries Offering. Please give generously.

# Hope



*Nations will come to your light and kings  
to your dawning radiance. —ISAIAH 60:3*

ABWM Christmas Celebration Next Sunday

The American Baptist Women's Ministries at FBC will hold their annual Christmas Celebration next Sunday, December 9th, in the Fellowship Hall following the morning service. The Christmas Celebration is a great time to stock-up on holiday baked goods, ornaments, and do some Christmas shopping. Please join us. Any contributions of baked goods, crafts, and gently-used Christmas decorations are greatly appreciated and will help the ladies continue with their many assistance programs. Set up for the Bazaar will be on Saturday, Dec 8, from 10am to noon.

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.



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, Dec 2      10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 a.m. - Second Hour classes
- Tuesday, Dec 4    1:00 p.m. - Board of Mission Action (Conference Room)
- 5:30 p.m. - Vespers - *First Baptist Team* (Fellowship Hall)
- Wednesday, Dec 5    1:30 p.m. - Bible Study (Lounge)
- 5:00 p.m. - The Gathering (at Duke home)
- Thursday, Dec 6    12:15 p.m. - Coffee Break Concert (at Bethlehem UCC)
- 7:00 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal (Room 102)
- Saturday, Dec 8    10:00 a.m. - ABWM Set Up for Celebration (Fellowship Hall)
- Sunday, Dec 9      10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 11:00 a.m. - ABWM Christmas Celebration (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:30 a.m. - Second Hour classes

A Note of Reflection: Our 2019 Budget

We are nearing the end of our stewardship campaign *Joyful Giving That Makes a Difference*. On November 18, we had a lovely celebration in the Fellowship Hall, which followed several inspiring testimonies over the month from young and old. On the "*Hands and Hearts*" bulletin board you will see that we remain short of the funds required to carry out the ministries of FBC, with total pledges at \$454,034. Please consider pledging for 2019. It helps us plan for the year to come.

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

The Mission Action Board is looking for one or more persons who will coordinate the 2019 Warming Shelter. The Warming Shelter ministry will be held at FBCA2 on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the month of February. Last year we averaged 40 – 70 guests and 50+ meals. It is a much needed and important part of our homeless ministry in our Ann Arbor community. A Warming Shelter Coordinator Job Description is available.

For more information please contact:

Kent Jennings, email: [kentjen31@gmail.com](mailto:kentjen31@gmail.com), cell: 734-732-6802

Ron Gregg, email: [rgregg@patientfocussystems.com](mailto:rgregg@patientfocussystems.com), w: 734-996-9232

Kat Becker, email: [office@fbca2.org](mailto:office@fbca2.org) office: 734-663-9376

### 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)).

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.

<u>4s-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:</u>		<u>Youth (6th - 12th grade):</u>	
10:30-11:30	Church School (Room 202A)	11:30-12:30	Church School (Room 107)
11:30-11:45	Snack (202B)		
11:45-12:05	Grace Notes Choir (202A)		
12:05-12:30	Friendship Time (202B)		
<u>3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade:</u>			
10:30-11:30	Church School (Room 201B)		
11:30-12:00	Snack and Friendship Time		
12:00-12:30	Children's Choir (306)		

### Adult Christian Education 11:30-12:30

Our Sunday morning Christian Education program this fall is a series: "For All the Saints." Members of our church family are offering presentations on some of the people whose lives have been inspirations and models for them. We are hearing about some great figures from Christian history and about some people whom our presenters have known personally. Today's presenter will be Xan Morgan who will be sharing about her recent trip to the Tornillo detention center for migrant children and the saints she met along the way.

### 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>.

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

All food and financial donations are due NEXT SUNDAY, December 9 for the Board of Mission Action's 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. We are aiming for a truck-load of kid-friendly food (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.). We are also including books for the Hikone parents to give as gifts to their children. Please leave food and books on the table near the Information Counter. And 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.

### Volunteers needed!

On Wednesday, December 12, we will be sorting and boxing all of the donations, loading them into David Bowen's truck and our cars, and delivering everything to Hikone, located off of Packard, across from Buhr Park.. If you are able to help between 10:30 – 12:30, please sign up at the Information Counter or contact Sue Ellen.

### Daily Time of Prayer

A group in the church has expressed a desire to offer a daily time of prayer during Advent for Stacey and the Duke family, and have made arrangements for it to happen in our sanctuary on Mondays through Saturdays, from noon until 2:00 pm each day. Individuals may come and go as they wish during these times. This ministry of intercessory prayer begins tomorrow, December 3.

The MacGregor-Stitt Circle next meets at 1pm on December 13 at the home of Maria Pierantozzi. The program will be "One Christmas Memory".

### Readings for Next Sunday, December 9

Malachi 3:1-4 \* Luke 1:68-79 \* Philippians 1:3-11 \* Luke 3:1-6