

ORDER OF WORSHIP

3rd Sunday of Advent

December 16, 2018

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Stacey Simpson Duke

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God!

People: May our lives do the same!

Leader: Christ comes to rule the world with truth and grace.

People: Let every heart prepare him room.

All: Come, Lord Jesus!

PRELUDE

Variations on "Lo, How a Rose" - Murray C. Bradshaw
(b.1930, American)

*INVOCATION

Lilly Davidson-Walshe

(* If you are able, please stand)

*HYMN (see insert) Lord of the Coming Glorious Day *LASST UNS ERFREUEN*
(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

*RESPONSIVE READING from Isaiah 12:2-6 Lilly Davidson-Walshe

Leader: Surely God is my saving help; I will trust and not be afraid.

People: God is my strength and my power! God is my saving help!

Leader: Therefore with joy you shall draw water from the wells of salvation.

People: We will say in that day: Give thanks to God. Proclaim that God's name is exalted.

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord, who has done gloriously; let it be known in all the earth.

All: Shout aloud and sing for joy, for great is the Holy One among us!

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE Heather Entrekin and Peter Stover

Response: O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Stacey Simpson Duke

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

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL (see insert)

Children's Choir

EPISTLE READING

Philippians 4:4-7

Paul Simpson Duke

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

*HYMN 216 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
Children (5th grade and younger) leave for church school.

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SERMON

Rejoice, Y'all

Paul Simpson Duke

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Chorus from *Christus, Op.97*

- Felix Mendelssohn

There shall a Star from Jacob come forth,
And a Sceptre from Israel rise up,
And dash in pieces princes and nations.
How Brightly beams the morning star!
With sudden radiance from afar,

With light and comfort glowing!
Thy Word, Jesus, inly feeds us,
Rightly leads us, life bestowing.
Praise, oh praise such love o'erflowing!

(This piece is from an unfinished oratorio called "Christus" that was published posthumously. The text is from the Old Testament book of Numbers, and prophesies the coming of the Messiah.)

*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 246

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fuge in C, BuxWV 174

- Dieterich Buxtehude
(1637-1707)

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
in celebration of the 45th anniversary of Tom & Sue Ellen Glover.*

~ Jillian, Drew, Jamie, and Emory Mast ~

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, Peter Boevé, Wilma Duke, Doris George, Bill McKeachie, Juanita Dieterle, Pat Huebel, Iris Martin, Chuck Suits, John Wallace, Anna Kirstein, Peter Mortensen, Saw Nay Lin, Bob Simpson, Liz & Micah Dalton, Robert L, and Marissa Alaniz.

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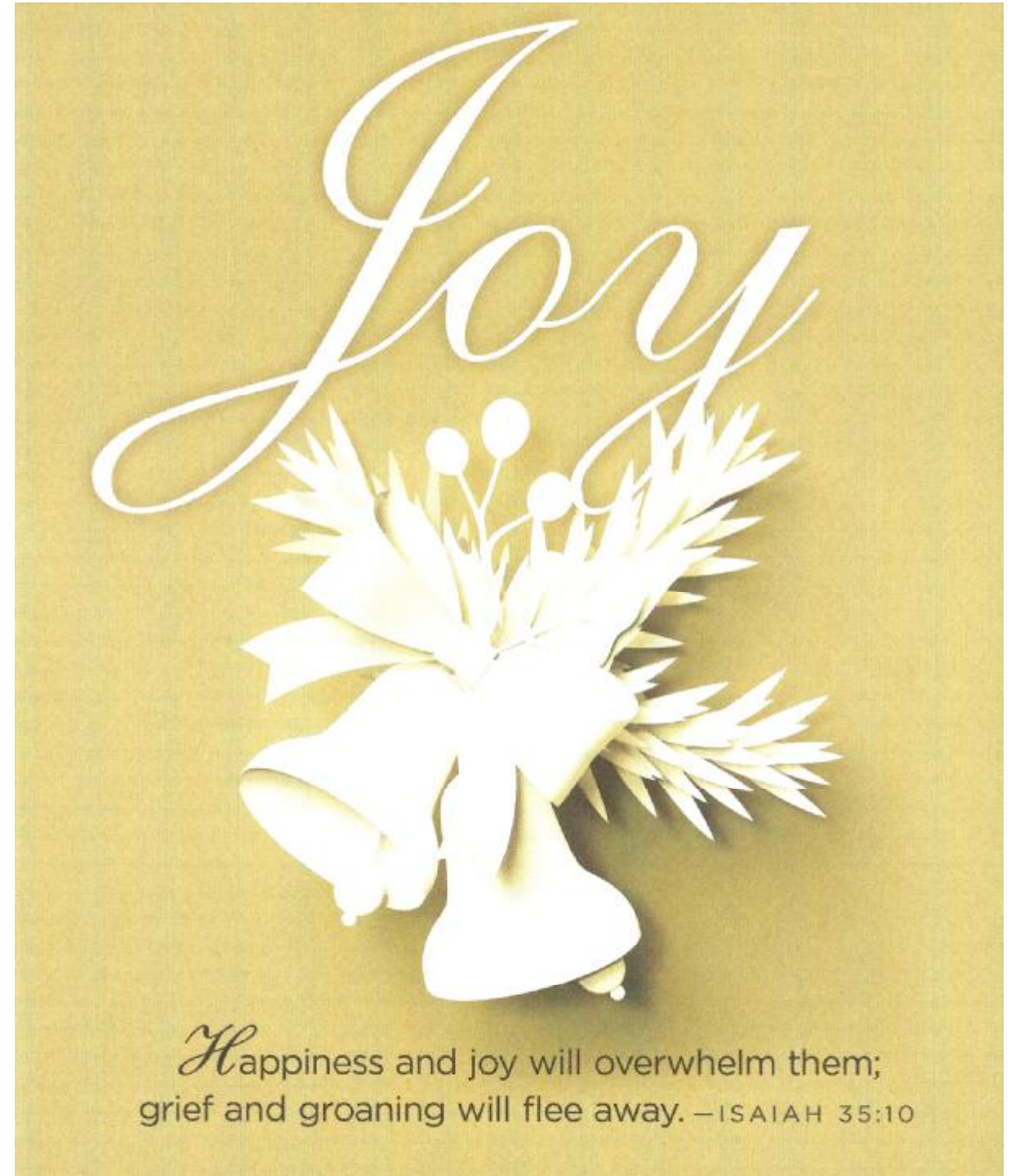
Bonnie Kidd, *Sanctuary Choir Director*

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

Kat Becker, *Administrator*

Lee Foley, *Facilities Manager*

The Reverend James Middleton, *Pastor Emeritus*



Happiness and joy will overwhelm them;
grief and groaning will flee away. —ISAIAH 35:10

New Member Reception

Please join us after worship next Sunday for a special reception welcoming all our new members from the past year. This is a chance to celebrate our new members and make sure we are helping them - and all our newcomers - get connected to the life and work of the congregation. We'll have yummy treats for everyone and a gift for each new household. Please plan to come and help us celebrate our newest church members!

The FBC Men's Book Club will meet on Tuesday, January 22, 6:30 pm, at Stephen Gutierrez's house, 411 Linda Vista St. The book that he has chosen is, *Under The Affluence: Shaming the Poor, Praising the Rich and Sacrificing the Future of America*, by Tim Wise. Here's a link to a summary:

<https://www.kirkusreviews.com/book-reviews/tim-wise/under-the-affluence/>

Warm Clothing for Vespers Guests

Please remember our Vespers guests during this cold weather. 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, soap (travel size and full size), toothpaste, tooth brushes, small Kleenex packs, and Band-Aids are also greatly appreciated. A basket will be near the Information Counter each Sunday for your donations.

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 online - 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.

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 for refreshments in the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday, Dec 16	10:00 a.m.	- Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	11:30 a.m.	- Carol Sing (Sanctuary)
Tuesday, Dec 18	5:30 p.m.	- Vespers - <i>Northside Comm. Church</i> (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 p.m.	- Board of Trustees (at Burton home)
Wednesday, Dec 19	1:30 p.m.	- Bible Study (Lounge)
Thursday, Dec 20	7:00 p.m.	- Choir Rehearsal (Room 102)
Friday, Dec 21	7:00 p.m.	- Youth Christmas Party (Room 107)
Saturday, Dec 22	2:00 p.m.	- Choir Dress Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Sunday, Dec 23	10:00 a.m.	- Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Monday, Dec 24	7:30 p.m.	- Festival of Lessons & Carols (Sanctuary)
Tuesday, Dec 25	5:30 p.m.	- Vespers - <i>Bethel UCC Manchester</i> (Fellowship Hall)

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 at 7:30p.m. Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24, to hear the Christmas story, join in singing beloved Christmas carols, and enjoy beautiful music from our choir. We want to make it as simple as possible for you to invite your family and friends to church for this service, and we also want to make sure we are ready to host everyone who wants to attend this service; we expect to have a full house! To assist with our hospitality, this year we are offering free tickets to our Christmas Eve service and asking everyone – whether members or visitors – to reserve their tickets online here: tinyurl.com/fbca2LC18. There are postcards available at the Information Counter to help you invite your friends. Free childcare will be provided for infants through first grade and may be reserved through the online ticketing system.

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 to 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-2nd Grade:</u>		<u>Youth (7th-12th grade)</u>	
10:30-11:30	Church School (Room 202A)	10:00-11:00	Worship
11:30-11:45	Snack (202B)	11:30-12:30	Carol Sing (Sanctuary)
11:45-12:30	Carol Sing and Friendship Time (202B)		

<u>3rd-5th grade:</u>	
10:30-11:30	Church School (Room 201B)
11:30-12:30	Carol Sing (Sanctuary)

Adult Christian Education 11:30-12:30

Our Sunday morning Christian Education series, *For All the Saints*, has come to an end for this year, and will resume on January 20

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/2NOFYGa>.

Carol Sing Today

Please join us in the sanctuary at 11:30 for a Carol Sing, led by Bonnie Kidd, accompanied by Shin-Ae Chun. Children are very welcome at the Carol Sing. Optional childcare is provided in Room 202A for kids up through 2nd grade.

Daily Prayer Group

A group in the church continues a daily time of prayer during Advent for Stacey and the Duke family, meeting in our sanctuary on Mondays through Saturdays, from 8-10am. Individuals may come and go as they wish during these times.

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, cell: 734-732-6802
Ron Gregg, email: rgregg@patientfocussystems.com, w: 734-996-9232
Kat Becker, email: office@fbca2.org office: 734-663-9376

2019 Calendars

Only a few left! 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.

Church Office & Buildings Holiday Schedule

The office will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day and open from 9am to 1:00pm on Dec 26, 27, 28, and 31. The buildings will be closed on Christmas Day and New Years Day, but will open for the hunger meal cooks and guests.

Readings for Next Sunday, December 23

Micah 5:2-5a * Luke 1:47-55 * Hebrews 10:5-10 * Luke 1:39-45