

ORDER OF WORSHIP

4th Sunday of Advent

December 23, 2018

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Paul Simpson Duke

Leader: Out of little Bethlehem will come a mighty savior.

People: By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us,

Leader: To give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,

People: To guide our feet into the way of peace.

All: Come, Lord Jesus!

PRELUDE

Capriccio Pastorale

- Girolamo Frescobaldi
(1583-1643, Italian)

*INVOCATION

Kevin Morgan

(* If you are able, please stand)

*HYMN 213 (vv. 1-3) Life Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates
(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

TRURO

*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.

People: Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

Leader: His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

People: He has shown strength with his arm;

Leader: he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

People: He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly;

Leader: 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

Bob, Bonnie, and Sam Kidd

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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Micah 5:2-5a

Kevin Morgan

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

And the Glory of the Lord Shall Be Revealed
from *Messiah*

- G.F. Handel

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Paul Simpson Duke

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

*GOSPEL READING

Luke 1:39-45

Stacey Simpson Duke

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC (see insert)

Canticle of the Turning

Christina Alaniz, Marissa Alaniz, Stacey Simpson Duke, Hélena Kremer

TIME AS CHILDREN

Xan Morgan

*HYMN 198

My Soul Gives Glory to My God

MORNING SONG

Children (5th grade and younger) leave for church school.

SERMON

What Mary Knew

Stacey Simpson Duke

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Thus Saith the Lord of Hosts and
But Who May Abide the Day of His Coming
from *Messiah*

- G.F. Handel
Sam Kidd, *baritone*

Thus saith the Lord, the Lord of Hosts: Yet once a little while and I will shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come.

The Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to His temple, even the messenger of the Covenant, whom ye delight in; behold, He shall come, saith the Lord of Hosts.

But who may abide the day of His coming, and who shall stand when He appeareth? For He is like a refiner's fire.

*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 242 Love Came Down at Christmas GARTAN

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Allegro from Fantasia in G Major, BWV 571* - J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of
Rev. James M. Grange, father of Robbie Stapleton,
on the occasion of his Christmas Eve birthday.*

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

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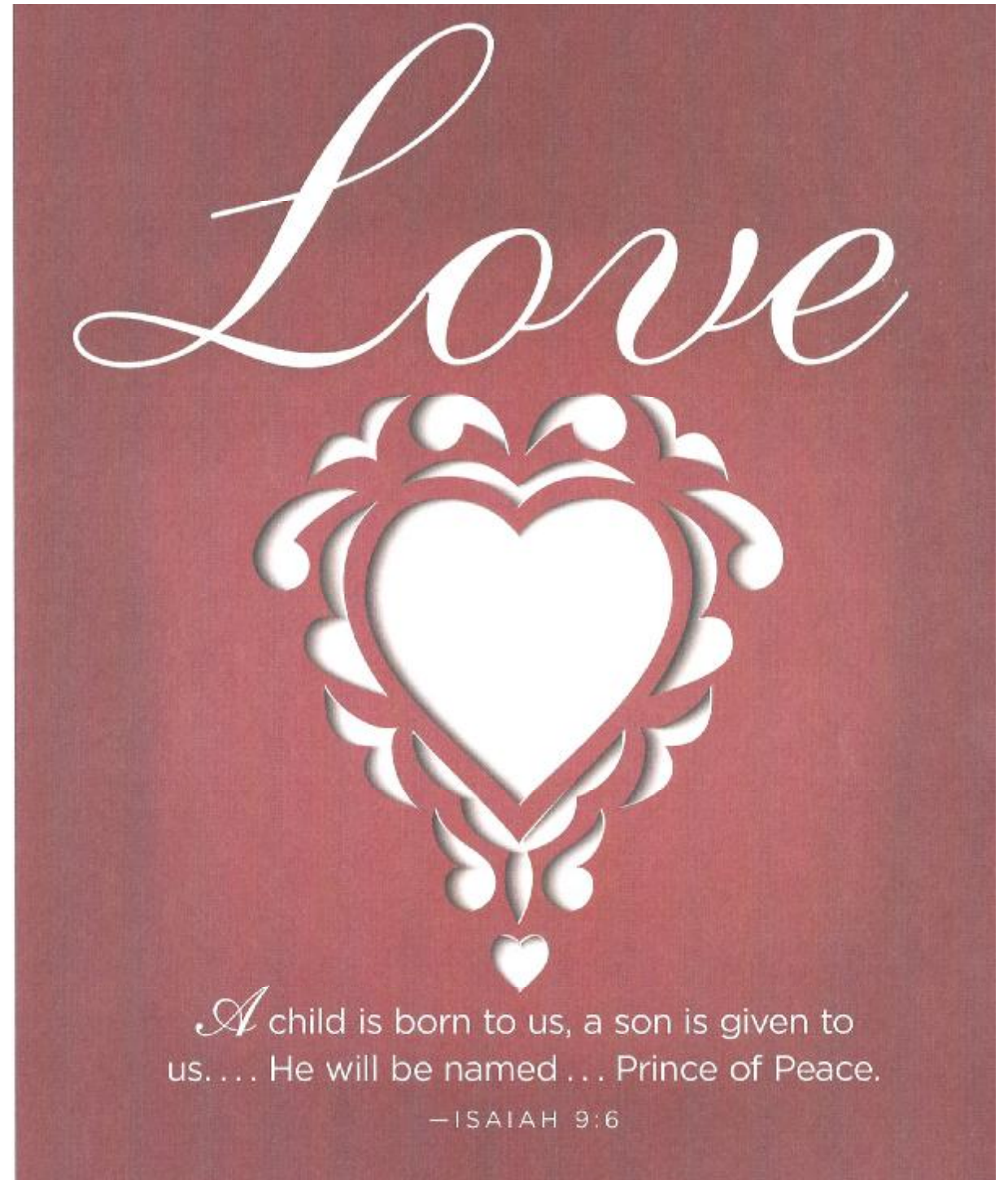
Bonnie Kidd, *Sanctuary Choir Director*

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

Lee Foley, *Facilities Manager*

The Reverend James Middleton, *Pastor Emeritus*

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Poinsettias have been given by	in honor of:
Dee & Madeline Drake	The marriage of Katharine Griffin Drake and Michael Griffin Drake
Paul & Stacey Simpson Duke	Our church family
Esther Floyd	The Floyd Boys
The Hallidays	Our Church leadership - Paul, Stacey, Xan & Bonnie
The Juchartz family	Mervyn Juchartz
Bonnie & Bob Kidd	The First Baptist Choir
Poinsettias have been given by	in memory of:
The Alaniz Family	Maria Alaniz and Murphy Stumpf
Janice & Charles Beck	Mr. & Mrs. Charles B. Beck and Mr. & Mrs. Philip Milburn
Katherine Becker	Emory & Louise Eley Carl & Helen Becker
The Doman Family	David, Carl, and Christine Doman
Esther Floyd	John C. Floyd, Jr.
The George Family	Leslie George
Cindy H. Harrison	Shirlee Marshall & Tim Hodges
Mary Margaret & his family	Rev. Charles R. Hatt, Sr.
Roberta Hause	Dr. Jim Hause
Beverly Inbody	Orrin and Doris Inbody
The Juchartz family	Conrad Juchartz
Bonnie & Bob Kidd	John Reed
The Lee Family	Pearl Hsu and Harry & Elizabeth Lee
David & Joyce Robbins	Omer Robbins, Jr.
Jim & Michelle Rushton	Christopher Courdway
Nancy Rushton	George and Velda Sanders
Carol Shannon	My cousin, Pamela Shannon, and my aunt, Dorothy Casler
Lynn Suits and Family	Jerry Suits
The White Family	Burne K White
Andrea, Dick and Frank	Edgar & Zella Willis

*** Poinsettias may be taken home after the Festival of Lessons & Carols on Christmas Eve ***

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 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</i> (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday, Dec 30	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Tuesday, Jan 1	5:30 p.m. - Vespers - <i>First Baptist Team</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.

"Joyful Giving that Makes a Difference": Financial Campaign Results

During the Joyful Giving financial campaign for 2019, we announced our ambitious goal of receiving \$481,000 in pledges, a 5.7% increase from last year. We are thrilled to announce that we have now received 84 pledges totaling \$486,594, a 6.7% increase over last year. Thank you so much for your outpouring of Joyful Giving! Your gifts will make a difference in our church, our community, and the world.

- Allen Burton and Bob Kidd, Financial Stewardship Campaign Co-Chairs

Readings for Next Sunday, December 30

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 * Psalm 148 * Colossians 3:12-17 * Luke 2:41-52

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 (6th-12th grade)</u>
10:30-11:30 Church School (Room 202A)	10:00-11:00 Worship
	11:00-11:30 Fellowship Time
<u>3rd-5th grade:</u>	
10:30-11:30 Church School (Room 201B)	

Adult Christian Education

11:30-12:30

Our Christian Education series, *For All the Saints*, 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/2N0FYGa>.

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

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 last gathering will be tomorrow, Dec 24th.

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

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.

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/>

The 2019 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).