

ORDER OF WORSHIP

1st Sunday after Christmas Day

December 30, 2018

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill Foster

PRELUDE

Prelude
from *Suite Bergamasque*

- Claude Debussy

*INVOCATION

(* If you are able, please stand)

Betsy Foote

*HYMN 238

Angels We have Heard on High

GLORIA

(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

*THE PSALM

from Psalm 148

Betsy Foote

Leader: Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

People: fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling God's command!

Leader: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

People: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

Leader: Young men and women alike, old and young together!

All: Let them praise the name of the Lord, whose name alone is exalted;
whose glory is above earth and heaven.

*GLORIA (Hymn 72, sung twice)

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, Gloria! Alleluia! Alleluia!

EPISTLE READING

Colossians 3:12-17

Betsy Foote

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

O Child of the Nations
The Sacred Harp

- arr. by Howard Helvey

O Child of the nations, with love, we behold! Renew us again through the stories of old.

O Come, Branch of Jesse; our hearts You inspire! Awaken our spirit, O dearest Desire.

With angels and prophets, we long for Your birth foretold through the ages,
announcing Your worth.

O come, Key of David; our minds You inspire! We welcome Your presence, O dearest Desire.

O Jesus, revealed as an infant and King, give voice to faith's infancy rising to sing!

O come, shining Dayspring; our souls You inspire! We live in Your living, O dearest Desire.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Bill Foster

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

*GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:41-52

Xan Morgan

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

CONGREGATIONAL SONG (Hymn 207) Prepare the Way of the Lord

(Children 5th grade and younger come forward while we sing)

PREPARE THE WAY

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

TIME AS CHILDREN

Xan Morgan

*HYMN 241

That Boy-Child of Mary

BLANTYRE

(Today, children stay to worship with their families)

SERMON

Becoming

Xan Morgan

SILENT REFLECTION

CAROLS

214 (vv. 1-3)

Savior of the Nations, Come

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND

247 (vv. 1-2)

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET DER MORGENSTERN

*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 251

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Les Tourbillons

- Jean Phillippe Rameau

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
in celebration of the 20th anniversary of having met Joyce Robbins.*

~ David Robbins ~

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.

Paul and Stacey are in Georgia visiting family and will return Thursday night. We are delighted to welcome Xan Morgan to the pulpit this morning.

We welcome Andrew Anderson to the piano this morning. He is a native of St. Claire, Michigan, who has lived and worked in Ann Arbor for many years. He has been active as an accompanist, soloist, and chamber musician and gives several recitals in the area each year.

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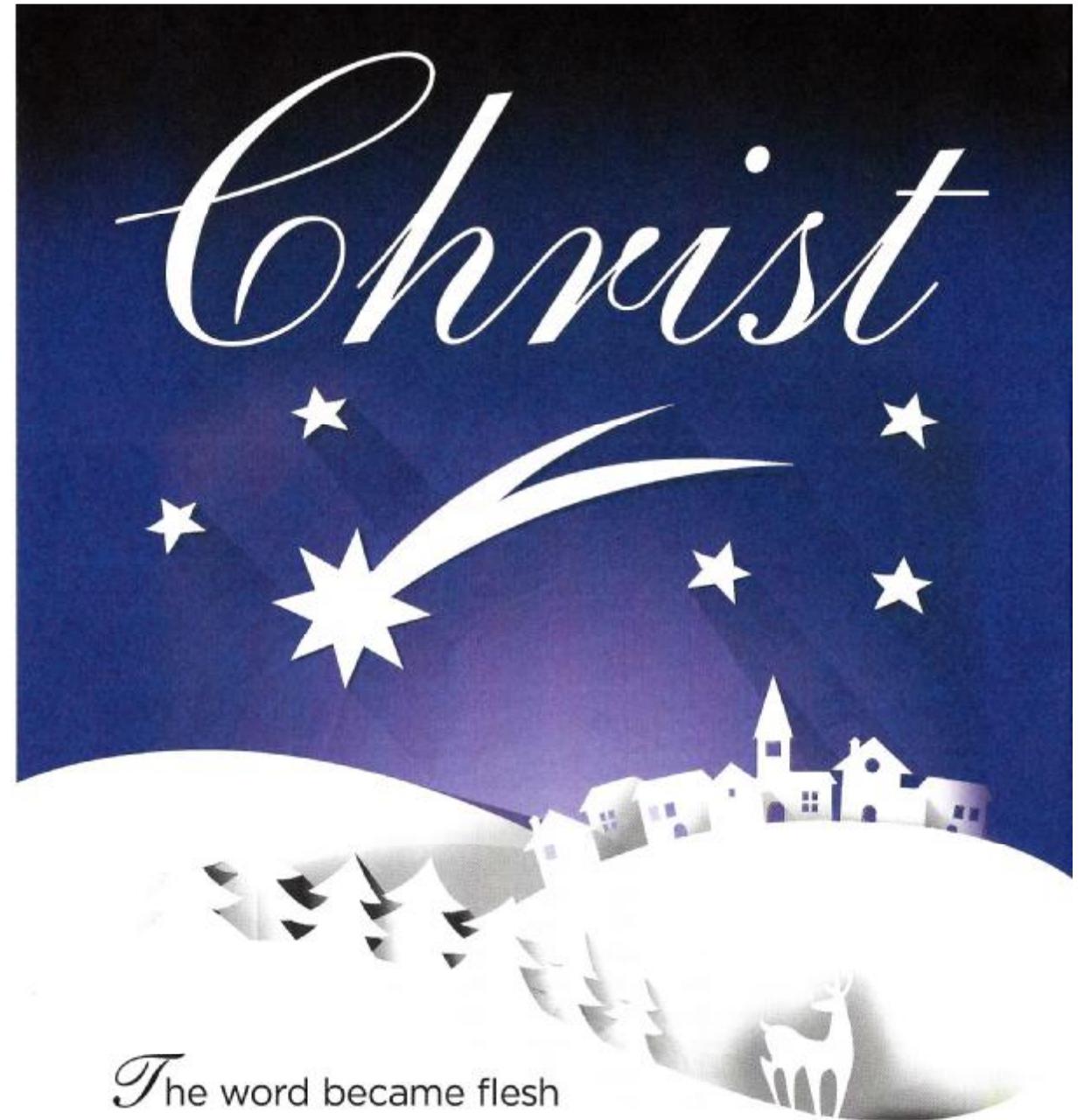
Xan Morgan, *Director of Children's Ministries*

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*



The word became flesh
and made his home among us.

— JOHN 1:14

Warming Center Collection

In February, we will once again host the daytime warming shelter on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We are collecting warm clothing including gloves, hats, mittens, and socks (look for sales!), plus personal products like toothbrushes and toothpaste, deodorant, shampoos, pocket tissue packs, combs, soap, etc. for our guests. There will be a basket near the Information Counter each Sunday.

Resources for Personal Devotions

The Board of Christian Education invites you to use The Secret Place or Disciplines for your daily devotions. The Secret Place is available at the Information Counter (free). It is available in regular and large print editions and published quarterly. Disciplines 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 \$10.

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 30	10:00 a.m.	- Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Tuesday, Jan 1	5:30 p.m.	- Vespers - <i>First Baptist Team</i> (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday, Jan 6	10:00 a.m.	- Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Unhanging of the Greens

Join the Board of Worship next Sunday, January 6, after worship for an "unhanging of the greens" as we take down the Advent and Christmas decorations in the sanctuary. We should be done in 45 minutes or so.

Readings for Next Sunday, January 6

Isaiah 60:1-6 * psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 * Ephesians 3:1-12 *
Matthew 2:1-12

Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 27

Our annual financial meeting will be held after fellowship time (11:30) on January 27. After the business meeting we will enjoy a potluck lunch. Please plan to attend. There will be a sign-up sheet at the information desk and in the church office during the week. The Board of Care and Community will provide chicken, rolls, and beverages. If your last names begins with A-D = salad or some kind of vegetable, E-J = potato, rice, or pasta dish, K-Z = fruit or a dessert.

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.

<u>4s-2nd Grade:</u>		<u>Youth (6th-12th grade)</u>	
10:00- 11:00	Worship with families	10:00- 11:00	Worship
11:00- 11:30	Fellowship Time	11:00- 11:30	Fellowship Time

<u>3rd-5th grade:</u>	
10:00- 11:00	Worship with families
11:00- 11:30	Fellowship Time

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. Bible Study will resume on January 9

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>.

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 2019 Flower Calendar

The sign-up 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).

Fellowship Time Volunteers Needed

There is a brand new sign-up for 2019 that needs lots and lots of volunteers. All food and supplies are provided as well as "training" and assistance. Families are welcome! The time required is approximately 45 minutes before worship and 45 minutes after. Please choose a date or two and sign-up at the Information Counter or in the fellowship hall.