

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

December 9, 2018

## GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Paul Simpson Duke

Leader: John came out of the wilderness to preach repentance; he preaches to us still

People: Make straight the paths we now walk and prepare the way for God's reign of justice and love.

All: Come, Lord Jesus!

## PRELUDE *Prelude on an Ancient Melody "Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme"*

(Awake, the Voice Is Calling Us) - Russell Schulz-Widma  
(b.1944, American)

## \*INVOCATION

(\* If you are able, please stand)

Jeremy Bon

## \*HYMN 202 People, Look East

(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

*BESANÇON*

## \*RESPONSIVE READING from Luke 1

Leader: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.

People: God has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David.

Leader: Thus God has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant,

People: that we, being rescued, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

Leader: And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins.

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

ALL: to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

## LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE Michael, Vania, and Layla McAllister

Response: O come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh; to us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her ways to go.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Malachi 3:1-4

Jeremy Bon

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

## ANTHEM

*Alma Redemptoris Mater* - Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

*Alma Redemptoris Mater, quae pervia coeli porta manes, et stella maris, succurre cadenti, surgere qui curat, populo: tu quae genuisti, natura mirante, tuum sanctum genitorem. Virgo prius ac posterius, Gabrielis ab ore sumens illud Ave, peccatorum miserere.*

*Mother of the Redeemer, who art ever of heaven, the open gate, and the star of the sea, aid a fallen people, which is trying to rise again; thou who didst give birth, while nature marveled how, to thy Holy Creator. Virgin both before and after, from Gabriel's mouth accepting the greeting, be merciful towards sinners.*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Paul Simpson Duke

## \*GOSPEL READING

Luke 3:1-6

Stacey Simpson Duke

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

## CONGREGATIONAL SONG (Hymn 207) Prepare the Way of the Lord *PREPARE THE WAY* (Children 5th grade and younger come forward while we sing)

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

(Following Time as Children, children in 2nd grade and younger leave for Church School. (Children in 3rd-5th grade remain in worship on second Sundays of the month.)

Sue Ellen Glover

## \*HYMN 209

Blessed Be the God of Israel

*MERLE'S TUNE*

## SERMON

*The Word from the Wild*

Stacey Simpson Duke

## SILENT REFLECTION

## OFFERING OF GIFTS

*Star in the East*

- Arr. David Ashley White

*Brightest and best of the stars of the morning;  
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;  
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,  
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.*

Cold on his cradle the dew-drops are shining,  
Low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;  
Angels adore him in slumber reclining,  
Maker and Monarch and Savior of all.



# Announcements

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of my mother, Pat Smith, on the anniversary of her December 11th birthday.*

~ Julie Smith ~

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

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Lee Foley, *Facilities Manager*

The Reverend James Middleton, *Pastor Emeritus*

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 9	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	11:00 a.m. - ABWM Christmas Celebration (Fellowship Hall)
	11:30 a.m. - Second Hour classes
Tuesday, Dec 11	1:00 p.m. - Board of Mission Action (Conf. Room)
	5:30 p.m. - Vespers - <i>FBC Young Adult Team</i>
Wednesday, Dec 12	10:30 a.m. - Hikone Food Sorting/Delivery
	1:30 p.m. - Bible Study (Lounge)
	5:00 p.m. - The Gathering (Lounge)
Thursday, Dec 13	1:00 p.m. - MacGregor-Stitt Circle (at Pierantozzi home)
	8:00 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal (Room 102)
Sunday, Dec 16	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	11:30 a.m. - Carol Sing (Sanctuary)

## *A Note of Reflection: Our 2019 Budget Status*

The pledges continue to trickle in as we near the end of our stewardship campaign Joyful Giving That Makes a Difference. Our "Hands and Hearts" bulletin board shows we are inching closer to our need of \$481,000 with total pledges thus far of \$466,874. Please prayerfully consider pledging for 2019, as it helps us plan our missions to meet local and international needs.

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

## *ABWM Christmas Celebration Today*

The American Baptist Women's Ministries at FBC holds their annual Christmas Celebration immediately after today's worship service. The Christmas Celebration is a great time to stock-up on holiday baked goods, ornaments, and do some Christmas shopping. Please join us.

### 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)).

#### Birth-3 years:

Children are welcome to worship with their families. Optional nursery care is available after Time as Children, when all kids go to church school or beginning at 9:45am. Our nursery team will sing, pray, have a snack and do a short, developmentally appropriate lesson with the children. Care is provided until the end of second hour classes at 12:30pm. Today and every Second Sunday of the month, kids are invited to join their families for Fellowship Time.

#### Preschool-2nd Grade: 202A

10:00-10:30 Worship with families  
10:30-11:30 Church School  
11:30-12:30 Snack, Grace Notes Choir,  
and Friendship Time

#### Youth (7th-12th grade)

10:00-11:00 Worship  
11:00-11:45 ABWM Christmas  
Celebration  
11:45-12:30 Church School

#### 3rd-6th Grade: 201B

10:00-11:00 Worship with families \*It's "Stay for Second Sunday" today!  
11:00-11:30 ABWM Christmas Celebration (Fellowship Hall)  
11:30-12:30 Choir and Friendship Time

### 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 Paul Simpson Duke, offering discussion and reflection on Mary of Nazareth, with special attention to depictions in art of the Annunciation.

### 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>.

### Holiday Food Collection for Hikone Housing

Thank you for your generous food donations! We are still accepting financial donations today in order to provide fresh produce, milk, gift cards, and extra items that cannot be purchased with food stamps. Monetary donations may be given to Sue Ellen Glover, or placed in the offering plate with a notation for "Hikone food".

Now we need your help with sorting, boxing, loading, and delivering the food. Join us this Wednesday, December 12, 10:30 – 12:30. Please sign up at the Information Counter or on the Connection Card.

### Children's Christmas Musical

Next Sunday, December 16, our children will present a short Christmas Musical for Time As Children in the worship service. They will sing beautiful songs and read poems, prayers and Bible scriptures. Join our children in preparing ourselves for Christmas.

### A New Time for Daily Prayer Group

A group in the church has started a daily time of prayer during Advent for Stacey and the Duke family, and have made arrangements for a new time in our sanctuary on Mondays through Saturdays, from 8-10am each day (the new time starts tomorrow, December 10). Individuals may come and go as they wish during these times.

Readings for Next Sunday, December 16

Zephaniah 3:14-20 \* Isaiah 12:2-6 \* Philippians 4:4-7 \* Luke 3:7-18

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: <https://bit.ly/2BV0fgg> . 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. We also have hard copy tickets available at the Information Counter for people who would prefer not to reserve them online.

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  
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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.

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

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!