

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP Paul Simpson Duke

PRELUDE *Kommt und laßt uns Christum ehren* - Karl Wolfrum
(Come and Let Us Honor Christ) (1856-1937, German)

*INVOCATION Mary Davis
(* If you are able, please stand)

*HYMN 173 Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies *RATISBON*
(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

*RESPONSIVE READING from Isaiah 60
Leader: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord
has risen upon you.
People: For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples;
Leader: but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.
People: Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
Leader: Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you.
People: Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice.
ALL: Arise, shine; for your light has come; and the glory of the Lord
has risen upon you.

*GLORIA (Hymn 72, sung twice)
Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, Gloria! Alleluia! Alleluia!

EPISTLE READING Ephesians 3:1-12
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM *In Excelsis Gloria!* - Flor Peeters
Christ was born of maiden fair; Christ is come to save mankind,
Hark the angels in the air. As in holy page we find;
Thus adoring hear them there, Therefore sing with rev'rent mind,
In excelsis gloria. *In excelsis gloria.*
Shepherds saw those angels bright
Caroling in glorious light;
God His Son is born tonight,
In excelsis gloria.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Paul Simpson Duke

*GOSPEL READING Matthew 2:1-12 Stacey Simpson Duke
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

CONGREGATIONAL SONG (see insert) We Are Marching *SIYAHAMBA*
(Children 5th grade and younger come forward while we sing)

TIME AS CHILDREN Xan Morgan
(Children 5th grade and younger leave for Church School)

*HYMN 725 Arise, Shine Out, Your Light Has Come *DUNEDIN*

SERMON *Empowered by Dreams of Another Way* Stacey Simpson Duke

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS *A New Year Carol* - Benjamin Britten

Here we bring new water from the well so clear,
For to worship God with, this happy New Year.
*Sing levy dew, sing levy dew, the water and the wine;
The seven bright gold wires and the bugles that do shine.*

Sing reign of Fair Maid, with gold upon her toe,
Open you the West Door, and turn the Old Year go. *Refrain*

Sing reign of Fair Maid, with gold upon her chin,
Open you the East Door, and let the New Year in. *Refrain*

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 *O Little One Sweet* harmonized by J.S. Bach

The Cup *Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern* by Johann Pachelbel

Prayer after Communion

*HYMN OF FELLOWSHIP
(PG. 557)

Blest Be the Tie That Binds
(1ST stanza)

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BENEDICTION

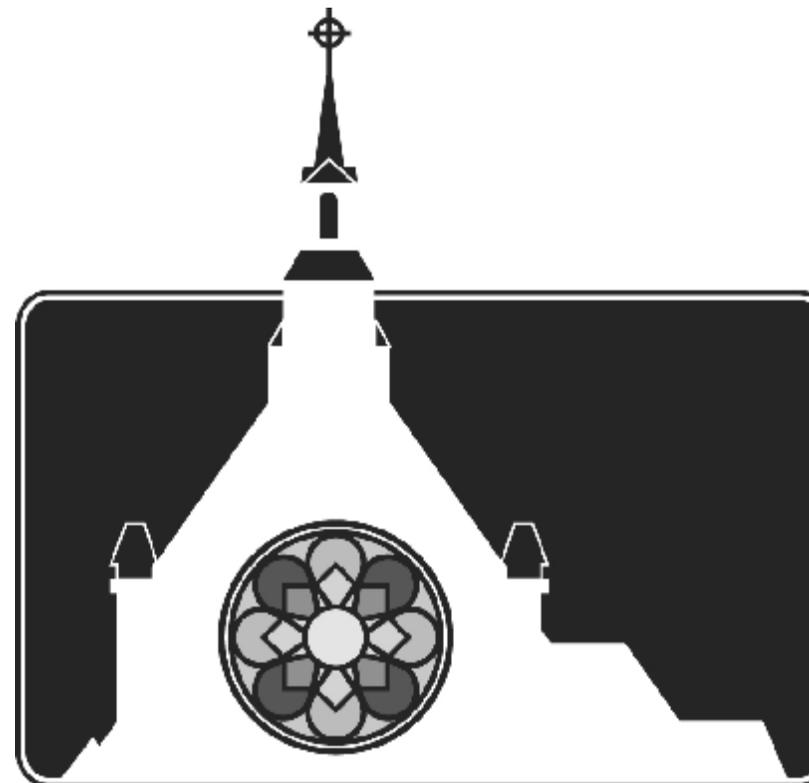
POSTLUDE *Variations on Freu dich sehr, o meine Seele (Excerpt)* - Georg Böhm
(Rejoice Greatly, O My Soul) (1661-1733, German)

*The flowers this morning are given to the Glory of God
in loving memory of Pearl Hsu and Elizabeth & Harry Lee.*

~ The Lee 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 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, Judy Stratman, Tarra Gembariski, Liz & Micah Dalton, Robert L, and Marissa Alaniz.

Today's Fellowship Offering will go towards the Fellowship Fund which provides for meeting emergency needs of those within our community. Please give generously.



**FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR**

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Epiphany of the Lord
January 6, 2019

~ Please turn off all cell phones. Thank you. ~

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.



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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, Jan 6	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Tuesday, Jan 8	1:00 p.m. - Board of Mission Action (Conference Room)
	5:30 p.m. - Vespers - <i>FBC Young Adult Team</i> (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00 p.m. - Executive Council (Lounge)
Wednesday, Jan 9	1:30 p.m. - Bible Study (Lounge)
	5:30 p.m. - The Gathering (Campus Center)
Thursday, Jan 10	7:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal (Room 102)
Sunday, Jan 13	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	11:30 a.m. - Second Hour (Lounge)

Unhanging of the Greens

Join the Board of Worship after worship today for an "un-hanging of the greens" as we take down the Advent and Christmas decorations in the sanctuary. We should be done in 45 minutes or so.

January 13th Special Second Hour Presentation

Marissa Alaniz will be giving us an update on our mission partner in Nicaragua, AMOS Health and Hope, and her work with them. Please plan to join us!

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.

4s-2nd Grade:

10:00 - 10:30 Worship with families
10:30 - 11:30 Church School

Youth (6th-12th grade)

10:00 - 11:00 Worship
11:00 - 11:30 Fellowship
Time

3rd-5th grade:

10:00 - 10:30 Worship with families
10:30 - 11:30 Church School

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/2N0FYGa>.

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 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).

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.

How can we live lives of power and purpose?

Join us each Sunday this month for "Empowered," our January sermon series.

- January 13: Empowered to Rise to Our True Self
- January 20: Empowered by Trusting Abundance
- January 27: Empowered for Living Our Purpose

Readings for Next Sunday, January 13

Isaiah 43:1-7 * Psalm 29 * Acts 8:14-17 * Luke 3:15-17, 21-22