



The Dawn Chorus: Hope

1st Sunday of Advent

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Paul Simpson Duke

Leader: Listen! The Word of God is speaking.

People: Look! The light of God is shining.

Leader: We listen, we watch, we wait, with hope.

All: Come, Lord Jesus!

PRELUDE

Variations on O Come, O Come Emmanuel

- Michael Fontana
(b.1960, American)

*INVOCATION

Scott Diels

(*If you are able, please stand)

*HYMN 196

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

*PSALM RESPONSIVE

from Psalm 122

Scott Diels

Leader: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

People: For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, "Peace be within you."

All: For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

Rolf & Sandy Bouma

**Congregational Response: O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 2:1-5

Scott Diels

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

TIME AS CHILDREN

Xan Morgan

(Children are invited to come forward. Following Time as Children, kids (through 5th grade) will leave for Church School.)

ANTHEM

What Shall I Render to My God?

- Austin C. Lovelace

What shall I render to my God
For all His mercy's store?
I'll take the gifts He hath bestowed
And humbly ask for more.

My vows I will to His great name
Before His people pay,
And all I have, and all I am,
Upon His altar lay.

The sacred cup of saving grace
I will with thanks receive,
And all His promises embrace
And to His glory live.

Thy lawful servant, Lord, I owe
To Thee whate'er is mine.
Born in Thy family below.
And by redemption Thine.

Thy hands created me,
Thy hands from sin have set me free,
The mercy that hath loosed my bands
Hath bound me fast to Thee.

Praise Him, ye saints, the God of love
Who hath thy sins forgiv'n,
Till gathered to the church above,
We sing the songs of heav'n.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Paul Simpson Duke

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

*NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 13:11-12

Stacey Simpson Duke

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

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Stacey Simpson Duke

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Advent Meditation

- Michael Larkin

Come, O come, Emmanuel, ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lowly exile here, 'til the Son of God appear.
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee, Israel.

Savior of the nations, come. (Come, Thou day-spring from on high,
Virgin's Son, make here Your home. (Cheer us by Thy drawing nigh.)
Marvel now, O heaven and earth, (That the Lord chose such a birth.)
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee, Israel.

Wondrous birth! Oh, wondrous Child, (Come, O come, Emmanuel,
Of the Virgin undefiled. (Ransom captive Israel,)
Mighty God and Mary's son, (Eager now His race to run)
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee, Israel.

*HYMN 145

Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Greeting: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prepare the Way, O Zion

- Paul Manz
(1919-2009, American)

*The flowers are given by Burne and Phylis White's family to the glory of God
and in gratitude for all the love and support of our church family.*

We pray for the family and friends of **Vernon Jensen**. We also pray for **Mary Margaret Hatt, Esther Floyd, Marilyn Marsh, Stacey Simpson Duke, Laura Parmelee, Maria Pierantozzi, Sandra Deline, Allison Lovell, Mrs. Essie Slaughter, Ulysses Slaughter, Jr., Mia Jermano, Tom and Terri Rubenstein, John Rowe, Fay Key, Leah Grange, and Kris Ledyard Arges.**

We're glad you're here! Please take a moment to fill out the Connection Card in your bulletin and place it in offering plate when it comes by later in the service. You can indicate any prayer requests you have and let us know if you'd like a name tag and/or our bi-weekly communication about the life of the church.



You may place your offering in one of the plates when they are passed. Or make your offering online using this QR code or via PayPal (@fbca2), and place a Connection Card indicating so in the offering plate.

Church service hearing aids are available at the back of the sanctuary.

After the worship service, please join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall as we connect with one another with coffee and snacks.

We have Advent devotional booklets available at the Ministry Stations , along with a separate sheet of paper that has five bird ornaments printed and ready to be cut out (this goes with the devotional). If you would prefer to have the devotional in digital format, please contact Pastor Stacey (staceyduke@gmail.com); you will still need to pick up the hard copy bird ornament sheet.

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Children and Youth are an important part of our life together at First Baptist Church. All children are welcome in worship. Worshipful Play Bags are available as you enter the sanctuary. Nursery care is available for children (infant through 3 yrs) on the top floor. Children (through 5th grade) leave for Church School following Time as Children.

Following worship, children (Young 5s-K) have Children's Choir with Coley Roberts and younger children (birth-4s) are invited to have supervised time in our play space. Care is provided for children until 12:30p when 2nd Hour classes for adults and teens wrap up. Please pick up your kids in the play space on the top floor. Youth (grades 6-12) are invited to join adults for Fellowship Time following worship and then head down to the Youth Room (directly underneath the Sanctuary) for Youth Group, 11:30a- 12:30p. If you are visiting and would like more information, please connect with Xan Morgan (xan@fbca2.org) about Children's Ministry or Pastor Stacey Simpson Duke (staceyduke@gmail.com) about Youth Ministry.

Sermon Discussion and Group Sharing. Sundays, 11:30a-12:30p. Each week, Pastor Paul facilitates conversation on the themes, questions, implications, and possible applications of the sermon just preached in the Sunday service. It's a free-flowing discussion in which all ideas, perspectives, questions, and concerns are welcome. Opportunity is also given each week for participants to offer personal sharing if they wish, so that we can know and support each other better. Join us in the Memorial Lounge for this time of thoughtful discussion and connection.

Join us for Night Prayer on Tuesdays, 8:30pm, on our church Facebook page (facebook.com/fbca2).

Campus Ministry on Wednesdays at 5:30p in the Memorial Lounge. Subscribe to the weekly e-newsletter at <https://bit.ly/2N0FYGa>

Our AD LIBITUM Concert Series will present two concerts in December celebrating the Advent and Christmas season. "Telling" Part 1 on Thursday, December 1, at 12 :15 pm will feature "Christmas Music from the 20th Century-Present." Long-time music contributors to the Ann Arbor community, Gail Jennings, Andrew Jennings, Tom Strode And Shin-Ae Chun will play seasonal music on the organ, violin and piano (including a piano duet). "Telling" Part 2 on Thursday, December 8, at 12:15 pm will present "Christmas Organ Music and Paintings." Along with the organ music performed by Shin-Ae Chun, inspiring paintings will be introduced by our own church member Grace Vandervliet (Curator for Museum Teaching and Learning at the UMMA). Both concerts are free and open to the public. Mark your calendar. Invite your friends and neighbors.

Food and Supplies Collection for the Hikone Community. Hikone is one of the housing communities served by Community Action Network (CAN) and FBCA2 has had a long relationship with the Hikone community, starting in 1987 when CAN was launched. For more than 10 years we have collected food and other supplies for our friends in the Hikone community and the need in 2022 is even greater since we began this ministry. From Community Action Network's Nov newsletter: *The need for food assistance **DOUBLED** in our community [since the beginning of the pandemic] and we **continue to operate our food programs at 200% pre-pandemic levels** because the need remains.*

Please help by providing Kid-friendly foods that they can serve themselves: high protein/low sugar items such as microwave cups and cans with pop-tops, cereal, oatmeal, canned pasta, mac-and-cheese, chili, peanut butter, soup, tuna, granola and protein bars, fruit cups, juice/milk boxes, sports drinks, vitamin water, etc.

Or if you choose to donate financially, this money will be used for personal hygiene products, fresh produce, detergent, TP and paper towels, and gift cards which are distributed by the Community Director for emergency needs. We also appreciate any gently used books for children/youth and sturdy cardboard boxes which will be used to transport items to Hikone.

In 2021, our congregation collected over \$1700 in financial donations as well as two truckloads (and a few carloads) of food and supplies. This fall, we are far behind that level of giving with less than \$200.

- Bring your donations each Sunday through December 11. (only 2 more Sundays!)
- We will also receive your donations **today** at the **Countdown to Christmas** Advent drive-through event on November 27.
- Mail your financial donation to the church before December 4 or place in the offering plate. Please address the check and the envelope to Sue Ellen Glover, 517 E Washington, Ann Arbor 48104.
- We can pick up your donations from your home. Just contact Sue Ellen gloverse@hotmail.com or call the church office and leave a message with Kat.

We need all donations by December 11 in order to sort, box, and deliver to Hikone on December 13.

Membership Matters! Membership is about responding to God's call to take the next step in your spiritual journey, and to belong to a community of people who are striving together to do the work of God's limitless love with purpose and passion. By becoming a member of First Baptist Church, you are making a commitment to partner with us as we seek together to claim, cultivate, and proclaim the good news of God's love for our world. Your commitment will make a positive difference in your life, in the life of this church, and in the world around us. How do I become a member? That's a great question, and we're glad you asked! You can contact one of our pastors (Pastor Stacey or Pastor Paul) or Xan to indicate your interest in learning more about church membership. We are welcoming new members on December 18.

Seek, serve, and grow with us! More information about these opportunities at fbca2.org/connect or use the QR code to the right.



Calendar

November 27	Countdown to Christmas Advent Event
December 1	Ad Libitum Concert @12:15p
December 8	Ad Libitum Concert @12:15p
December 11	ABWM Bake Sale @11:15a
December 15	ABWM Meeting @1:00p in Memorial Lounge
December 18	New Member Blessing
December 24	Christmas Eve Service @4:00p – The Nativity Story
December 24	Christmas Eve Service @7:30p – A Festival of Lessons & Carols
December 25	Christmas Day Service @10:00a – A Christmas Tableau

Poinsettia Order Form

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 Monday, December 12.

Thank you!