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ORDER OF WORSHIP

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 10, 2023

*As we gather to worship, notice the image on the cover of your bulletin.
Members of the Board of Music and Arts have curated images
to enrich our exploration of "Our Deep Longing" throughout the season of Advent.*

GREETING

Xan Morgan

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come with longing, looking for signs of God's justice and peace.

All: **We come in hope, trusting the ancient promises.**

One: We come in worship, seeking a new birth of God's love in us.

All: **Come, Lord Jesus!**

PRELUDE

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645
(Awake, the Voice Is Calling Us)

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750, German)

*INVOCATION

Kevin Morgan

*HYMN 202

People, Look East

BESANÇON

*THE PSALM

from Psalm 85:8-12a

Kevin Morgan

One: God will speak peace to God's people, to those who turn to God in their hearts.

Many: **Salvation is at hand for those who fear God,**

One: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

All: **Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky. The Lord will give what is good.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Jeremy, Audrey, Henry, Lily, and Georgia Bon

Congregational Response (Hymn 211, verse 2):

**O come, 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.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 9:2, 45:3

Kevin Morgan

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

CONGREGATIONAL SONG (Hymnal 204)

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

MCGEE

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.

God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.

TIME AS CHILDREN

Xan Morgan

(Following Time as Children, kids (through 5th grade) will leave for Church School.)

ANTHEM

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Kyle Pederson

Veni, veni, Rex Gentium
Veni, Redemptor omnium
Ut salvas tuos famulus
peccati sibi conscius.
Gaude, Emmanuel.
Nascetur pro te Israel, Emmanuel.

*O come, King of all nations,
Come, Redeemer of all
Bind in one the hearts
of all mankind.
Rejoice, Emmanuel.
Is born for you, Israel.*

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lowly exile here; Until the Son of god appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel, shall come to thee, O, Israel.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Lord's Prayer ("debts") on hymnal page 896)

Valerie Francia

*HYMN 216

Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming

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SERMON

Our Deep Longing: Our Dark, Love's Light

Paul Simpson Duke

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Jesus Christ the Apple Tree

Scott Bailey

Coley Roberts, *soprano soloist*

The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green
the trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel, by faith I know, but ne'er can tell
the glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought;
I missed of all, but now I see 'tis found in Christ the apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil, here I will sit and rest awhile;
under the shadow I will be of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive;
which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the appletree.

*HYMN 421

In the Bleak Midwinter

CRANHAM

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Greeting: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Divinum Mysterium (Divine Mystery)
(Of the Father's Love Begotten)

Noel Rawsthorn
(1929-2019, English)

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

~ The Lee Family ~

We pray for the family and friends of **Peter VanEck**. We also pray for **Beth Foster, Marlene Francis, Eva Kelly, Jill Damon, Betty Gerstler, Marilyn Marsh, Esther Floyd, Mervyn Juchartz, David Gregg, Mike Kelly, Chuck Suits, Lovely Varghese, Paul Larson, Grange Burnside, Mrs. Essie Slaughter, the Sanford family, Simona Butler, John Rowe, and Fay Key.**

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We're glad you're here! Please take a moment to fill out the Connection Card in your bulletin and place it in an 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.

Join us for refreshments in the fellowship hall. We look forward to connecting with you!

Children's Ministry. All children are welcome in worship; Worshipful Play Bags are available as you enter the sanctuary. Nursery care is available for children (infants through 3 years). Children (through 5th grade) leave for Church School following Time as Children. Children's Choir (PreK-5th grade) meets from 11:30-noon. At 12:00, we'll begin cooking for our rotating shelter guests (see information below). If you would like more information about Children's Ministry, please connect with Xan Morgan (xan@fbca2.org)

Youth (grades 6-12) are invited to join adults for Fellowship Time following worship and then head to the Youth Room below the sanctuary for Youth Group, 11:30a- 12:00p (today only). All youth grades 6-12 are invited to enjoy snacks and games and discuss their faith together. At 12:00, we'll begin cooking for our rotating shelter guests (see information below). If you would like more information about Youth Ministry, please connect with Valerie Francia (valerie@fbca2.org).

Youth Ensemble. All youth (grades 6-12) who love to sing are invited to join a special youth ensemble led by Emmanuel Morgan, Charlie Duke, and Mariah Boucher that will be singing at the 4:00p Christmas Eve service. Rehearsals are at 9:15a on Sunday mornings in December. Call time on Christmas Eve will be at 3:00p.

Children, Youth, and their Families Cook for our Rotating Shelter Guests Today. Please pick up your kids from Children's Choir or the play space upstairs to join the teens and their families in the Fellowship Hall to cook at noon! We'll have a quick pizza lunch and then get to work! Stations will be set up in the Fellowship Hall for age-appropriate cooking tasks. We'll wrap up around 1:00p. A big thanks to Amanda Shutko and her partners, Heather and DJ Reed in hosting this opportunity for our kids and teens to be a part of offering hospitality.

Bake Sale Today! The AB Women's Ministries will be holding their annual bake sale immediately after worship today. Get ready to feast your eyes on a great selection of goodies!! They have a great selection of small size and family size baked goods for purchase gatherings during the holidays. See you there!

Today in our Second Hour Adult Formation class, we continue our final unit the series, "We Seek To...." This session will be a conversation on "We Seek to Share what We Have." Paul Duke will be presenting and facilitating the discussion. We hope you can join us.

Our Faith and Family Small Group for Children's Ministry families will gather this Friday, December 15th to cook a meal for our Rotating Shelter guests. Adults will cook while the children have supervised time to play together. Will we see you there? Please let Xan (xan@fbca2.org) know.

Christmas Eve at 4:00p: A Nativity Story. Come as you are to this simple, informal, family-friendly service. We'll sing carols and listen to the Christmas story. The service will last an hour. Optional childcare for children under the age of 3 will be available.

Christmas Eve at 7:30p: A Festival of Lessons & 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. Come hear the Christmas story, join in singing beloved Christmas carols, and enjoy beautiful music from our choir and organist.

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



Calendar

December 10	Children, Youth, and Families cook for the Rotating Shelter
December 10	AB Women's Ministries Bake Sale @11:15a
December 13	Bible Study @1:00p
December 14	Choir Rehearsal @7:00p
December 11-18	Host Overnight Rotating Shelter
December 18-29	Host Daytime Warming Shelter
December 24	Worship @10:00a Christmas Eve @4:00p Lessons & Carols @7:30p
December 25	Christmas Day (church office closed)