

SERMON NOTES:

1. Simeon's Hope in the Spirit (vv. 25-26)

2. Simeon's Thanksgiving in the Spirit (vv. 27-32)

This Week at 1st Pres

Sunday, December 11

9:00 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:15 AM	Children's Church	Children's Wing
10:30 AM	Christmas Special Music	Sanctuary
10:15 AM	Youth Large Group	Youth Building
11:00 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:30 AM	Children's Church	Children's Wing

Monday, December 12

10:00 AM	Flower Delivery Pick-Up	Connector
	Women's Prayer Ministry	Session Room
6:00 PM	Bell Choir Practice	SS 208

Tuesday, December

10:00 AM	All-Staff Meeting	Tower 402
12:00 PM	Beatitude Living	Tower 404
5:30 PM	ONE Bible Christmas Study	10th Floor
6:30 PM	Virtual House of Prayer	Zoom

Wednesday, December 14

6:30 AM	Dead Theologians Society	Fellowship Hall
5:30 PM	RAPHA Fellowship	Nell Davis

Thursday, December 15

10:00 AM	Balance Excercise Class	Student Center
7:30 PM	Virtual House of Prayer	Zoom

Friday, December 16

10:15 AM	Support Staff Meeting	
12:00 PM	Card-E-Ology	8th Floor
6:00 PM	First Friends Christmas Party	Fellowship Hall



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The Lord's Day
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022

11:00 AM

† *Please stand as you are able.*

CHRISTMAS PRELUDE (10:30 AM)

"Gloria" by Antonio Vivaldi
"Hear the Angels Singing" by Lloyd Larson
"Wexford Carol" arr. Elaine Hagenberg
"Go, Tell It on the Mountain" arr. John Rutter
"Blessed Is the Lord" by Dan Forrest
"This Child Is" arr. Bruce Greer
"Jesus Loves Me" arr. Ric Flauding
"Angels We Have Heard on High" arr. Pinkston

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

PREPARING HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" arr. Lloyd Larson

THE PRAISE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Luke 1:46-50

Reader: My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

People: for He has looked on the humble estate of His servant.

For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

Reader: for He Who is mighty has done great things for me,
and holy is His name.

**People: And His mercy is for those who fear Him
from generation to generation.**

Reader: He has helped His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy,

People: as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever

† PRAYER OF INVOCATION



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†THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father Who art in heaven,

Hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

†HYMNS OF PRAISE

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” arr. Hal Hopson

“The First Noel”

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Philippians 2:5-11

Have this mind among yourselves,

which is yours in Christ Jesus,

Who, though He was in the form of God,

did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,

but emptied Himself,

by taking the form of a servant,

being born in the likeness of men.

And being found in human form,

He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted Him

and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name.

so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Our God and Father,

when we behold Your Son, Jesus, we see Your great love for us,

for You sent Your one and only Son into the world to die for sinners like us,

so that whoever believes in Him would have eternal life.

Since You have given Your Son, we can say with the apostle Paul,

“How will You not also with Christ graciously give us all things?”

Yet our love and devotion to our possessions and our pleasures

reveal again our true need for Jesus.

Lord, would You please fill our hearts with desire

to know Him, to love Him, to serve and follow Him;

fill our mouths with words to honor Him and proclaim Him;

give us His presence to guide us in wisdom, to give peace

to our troubled souls, to guard and protect our ways;

grant us His grace and favor to forgive our sins and to bring us to glory.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Isaiah 60:1

Pastor: Arise, shine, for your light has come,

and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“Wonderful, Merciful Savior”

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

“Breath of Heaven” arr. Craig Courtney

Sophia Hassevoort, soloist

GREETING & DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH*

**Please check in your children PreK-1st grade at the check-in station by the Fellowship Hall level elevator and walk them to the PreK-K dept.*

†DOXOLOGY

THE WORD FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

SERMON

Luke 2:25-32 — “The Spirit in Simeon”

“The Spirit of Christmas” Sermon Series

Dr. Gabe Fluhrer

†HYMN OF RESPONSE

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

No. 201

THE SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

†BENEDICTION

from Numbers 6:24-26

Pastor: May the LORD bless you and keep you;

May the LORD make His face to shine upon you

and be gracious to you;

May the LORD lift up His countenance upon you

and give you peace, both now and forevermore,

in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

POSTLUDE

“Prepare the Royal Highway” arr. Michael Burkhardt

Patrick Rice, organ

*The flowers present this morning are given by Everett and Gayle Sorensen
in immense thanksgiving to the Lord for granting life to our son, Gregory Clay
on December 10, 1962. To God be the glory. Psalm 139:13-18.*

*The flowers will be arranged by the Flower Committee and delivered by volunteers
to our homebound and hospitalized on Monday, December 12th.*

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