

December 25, 2022

Christmas Sunday



Come Worship the Living



PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE

Joy to the World

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Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

Let earth receive her King;

let every heart prepare him room,

and heaven and nature sing,

and heaven and nature sing,

and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:25-40

NRSV

25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. 26 It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. 27 Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what was customary under the law, 28 Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

29 "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word,

30 for my eyes have seen your salvation,

31 which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

32 a light for revelation to the gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

33 And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him.

NLT

25 At that time there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon. He was righteous and devout and was eagerly waiting for the Messiah to come and rescue Israel. The Holy Spirit was upon him 26 and had revealed to him that he would not die until he had seen the Lord's Messiah. 27 That day the Spirit led him to the Temple. So when Mary and Joseph came to present the baby Jesus to the Lord as the law required, 28 Simeon was there. He took the child in his arms and praised God, saying, 29 "Sovereign Lord, now let your servant die in peace, as you have promised. 30 I have seen your salvation, 31 which you have prepared for all people. 32 He is a light to reveal God to the nations, and he is the glory of your people Israel!" 33 Jesus' parents were amazed at what was being said about him. 34 Then Simeon blessed them, and he said to Mary, the baby's mother, "This child is destined to cause many in Israel to fall, and many others to rise. He has been sent as a sign from God, but many will oppose him.

34 Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel and to be a sign that will be opposed 35 so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul, too." 36 There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, 37 then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. 38 At that moment she came and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

39 When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. 40 The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom, and the favor of God was upon him.

35 As a result, the deepest thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your very soul." 36 Anna, a prophet, was also there in the Temple. She was the daughter of Phanuel from the tribe of Asher, and she was very old. Her husband died when they had been married only seven years. 37 Then she lived as a widow to the age of eighty-four.[a] She never left the Temple but stayed there day and night, worshiping God with fasting and prayer. 38 She came along just as Simeon was talking with Mary and Joseph, and she began praising God. She talked about the child to everyone who had been waiting expectantly for God to rescue Jerusalem. 39 When Jesus' parents had fulfilled all the requirements of the law of the Lord, they returned home to Nazareth in Galilee. 40 There the child grew up healthy and strong. He was filled with wisdom, and God's favor was on him.

PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, which 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 trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CONSECRATING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,

Praise Him all creatures here below,

Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts,

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING



PRAYER REQUESTS

Virginia Abbott	Jimmie Early	Sara Katherine Reid
Alice Alford	Mitch Early	Vance Richardson
Matt Amason	Sherry Fox	Amy Salley
Sheryl Baird	Cicero Gainer	Janet Sheek
Betty Lou Brame	Jackie Gray	Nell Simmons
Peggy Burch	Sibyle Harmon	Hazel Stewart
Mabel Campbell	Elnora Holmes	Darlene Thomas
Melinda Campbell	Nancy Hulon	Tim
Justin Chamberlain	Brittany Johnson	Helen Wallace
Mitzie Conner	Maureen	Curtis Walsh
Ralph Conner	Joe Miller Sr.	Iris Ward
Lois Crafton	Debbie Mullins	
Dot Davis	Frances Owen	
Erica	David Pittman	

UPCOMING EVENTS

Full calendar can be found at www.ramseymemorial.org

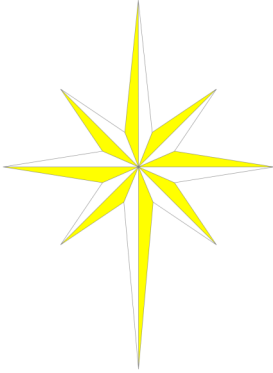
December 29	Prayer Group	(11:00am)
January 1	NO SERVICE	_____
January 5	Prayer group	(11:00am)
January 8	Communion Sunday	(10:00am, Sanctuary)
January 12	Prayer Group	(11:00am)
January 15	2nd Sunday after Epiphany	(10:00am, Sanctuary)

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resource!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

BETHLEHEM SETUP AND TAKE DOWN



Help is appreciated to set up and take down Bethlehem. Below are the dates and activities planned. We anticipate each event will take less than 2 hours.

- December 29 at 1:30 – inventory and pack items left in Marketplace
- December 29 at 3:30 – transform rooms back to Sunday School layout

We are in need of small toys that cost under \$2 for our visitors to purchase in the Marketplace (matchbook cars, plastic animals and dinosaurs, puzzles) and gloves for adults and children. Please email Debbie Garrett (dsgarrett08@comcast.net) if you can help with any of these efforts.

OFFICE CLOSURE

The Church Office will be closed Friday,
December 23, 2022 through Monday,
January 2, 2023. If you need to reach the office, please call the office
phone
(804-276-4628) and leave a message.
Messages will be checked.



NEW YEARS DAY

**HAPPY
NEW YEAR**

There will be no in-person or
livestream service. Pastor Claudia will share a prerecorded meditation which you will find on our YouTube channel, "Stream Ramsey".



God came to earth in the Christmas birth of a tiny baby boy,
Whose life and death are redeeming us yet with blessings, grace
and joy.

Our minds may know this history but stand in awe at mystery.
So faith becomes the way to make our hearts like “manger hearts”
where Christ can dwell and God imparts his wondrous love each
day.

- Peggy Ferrell