

December 31, 2017

8:30 AM | 11:00 AM

The First Sunday after Christmas

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Hymnals are available in the back.

Hard copies of the full content of the worship service are available in the back as well as on the church website.

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GOD CALLS AND CLEANSSES US

Gathering Song *Joy Has Dawned upon the World*

Welcome, Greeting, and Announcements

Childcare is available during the worship service.

Infants/Toddlers (nursery); Two and Three year olds (Rooms 102, 103)

Call to Worship Psalm 98

Prayer of Invocation

Worship Singing *Joy to the World*

Confession of Faith + Gloria Patri *The Nicene Creed*

Worship Singing *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Prayer for the Church and the World

Worship through Giving

Worship Singing *Gentle Mary Laid Her Child*

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Sermon Stephen Bates

Immanuel: How is God with Us?

Luke 2:21-38 | *God with the Weary World*

GOD STRENGTHENS US

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Gluten/Soy-free crackers are in the paper liners of each tray.

Worship Singing *All My Heart This Night Rejoices*
(BREAD) verses 1-3
(CUP) verses 4-7

GOD SENDS US

God's Promise of His Presence and Blessing

VISITORS

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Immanuel: How is God with Us? Luke 2:21-38 (ESV) | *God with the Weary World* Stephen Bates

²¹ And when eight days had passed, before His circumcision, His name was then called Jesus, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.

²² And when the days for their purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "EVERY firstborn MALE THAT OPENS THE WOMB SHALL BE CALLED HOLY TO THE LORD"), ²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice according to what was said in the Law of the Lord, "A PAIR OF TURTLEDOVES OR TWO YOUNG PIGEONS."

²⁵ And there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel; and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶ And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷ And he came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to carry out for Him the custom of the Law, ²⁸ then he took Him into his arms, and blessed God, and said,

²⁹ "Now Lord, You are releasing Your bond-servant to depart 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 OF REVELATION TO THE GENTILES,
And the glory of Your people Israel."

³³ And His father and mother were amazed at the things which were being said about Him. ³⁴ And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this Child is appointed for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and for a sign to be opposed— ³⁵ and a sword will pierce even your own soul—to the end that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

³⁶ And there was a prophetess, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years and had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ and then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple, serving night and day with fastings and prayers. ³⁸ At that very moment she came up and began giving thanks to God, and continued to speak of Him to all those who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

Prayer meeting..... 7:45 AM in Room 205
 Worship Service..... 8:30 AM in Worship Area
 Long Range Planning Team Presentation..... 10:00 AM in Worship Area
 Worship Service..... 11:00 AM in Worship Area

MONDAY, JANUARY 1: OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2

Preschool..... 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM in classrooms
 Staff Meeting..... 10:00 AM in Room 202
 Missions Team..... 6:30 PM in Room 201

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

Preschool..... 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM in classrooms

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

Preschool..... 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM in classrooms

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5

Adult Education Team..... 4:00 PM in Room 201

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM at church

UPCOMING DATES

- January 7:** Youth Group resumes
- January 8:** Session Meeting; Disability Team
- January 9:** Ledgewood Bible Club resumes; Finance Team
- January 10:** Personnel Team; Youth Team; Adult Choir resumes
- January 11:** Ladies Lunch

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Today during Sunday School, Chad will present the Long Range Planning Team recommendations to address our current space needs as well as future growth. This time will be recorded and available online for those who are unable to attend.

The last opportunity for your gift to be included in the 2017 tax year: checks in the offering plate or collection box on the office door TODAY. Thank you.

MERCY

Brown bags are available as you enter this morning. Please bring them back next week filled with **offerings of non-perishable food for distribution to the needy (by ABCCM)**. The following suggestions are always needed at the shelter: peanut butter, jelly, flour, vegetable oil, mac & cheese, canned meats, fish, stews, juices; toiletries (deodorant, soap, razors, shampoo, etc.) **Also next week we will collect alms for use in our mercy ministries. Please look for the baskets at the back of the sanctuary.**

PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Julie Collins, in the wake of her husband David's death: God's tender mercy and abiding comfort.
2. Doug and Rachel Flaherty: God's provision for Doug's ministry to IVCF staff and students from the mountains to the triad of NC (see Mission Focus on Website).
3. Ashley Rhoden: healing from thyroid surgery.

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