

First Sunday of Christmas

December 27, 2020

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: “Christmas Reflections” Sarah Douglas

Invocation

Hymn: #132 “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” (see insert)

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

***Response:** In the Lord I’ll be ever thankful; In the Lord I will rejoice! Look to God: do not be afraid. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. (#654)

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Anthem: Hymn #136 “Go Tell It on the Mountain” (see insert)

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

Hymn: #115 “Away in a Manger”

1. Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
2. The cattle are lowing; the poor baby wakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.
3. Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in they tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:25-40

²⁵Now 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. ²⁶It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. ²⁷Guided 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, ²⁸Simeon 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. ³⁴Then 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 ³⁵so 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, ³⁷then as a widow to the age of eight-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸At that moment she came, and began to praise God and 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. ⁴⁰The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Sermon: **Christmas Spectacles**

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*Affirmation of Faith - Apostles Creed

The Peace of Christ
Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Hymn:#116 “The Snow Lay on the Ground” (see insert)

*Benediction
Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: “Once in Royal David's City” Victor Johnson

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

Rev. Robert W. Birch, Minister
Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:
PRAYER PERSON THIS WEEK: **Lori A. Smith**

Thanks to all the people who helped make our **Bonbons** this year and to the people who purchased them. A special thanks to Loretta McClarigan for selling some of them in her shop. We made and sold 147 dozen and raised \$990.50 for the fundraising fund.

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