



December 27, 2020. 1st Sunday of Christmas. Narrative Lectionary week 16 of year 3.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

Prelude

Greeting

Unison Call to Worship

Psalm 113

All: LORD, my heart isn't proud; my eyes aren't conceited. I don't get involved with things too great or wonderful for me. No. But I have calmed and quieted myself like a weaned child on its mother; I'm like the weaned child that is with me. Israel, wait for the LORD— from now until forever from now!

Prayer of Confession

All: Lord of Christmas Hope, we confess to you our despair. When we lack your hope we cling to idols that have only empty promises. Lord of Christmas Peace, we confess to you our anxiety. Help us to still our hearts and minds in the midst of natural fears. Lord of Christmas Joy, we confess to you our sorrow. Remind us of the beauty of life and your creation. Lord of Christmas Love, we confess to you our apathy. Inspire us to move forward with you as our guide along the way. We ask these things in the name of The Lord of Christmas, the incarnate Christ, the Word of God made flesh.

Pause for Silent Reflection and Confession

Words of Assurance

Share the Peace of Christ with others

Hymn #240 "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"

Offering and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn #94 "Praise God"

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Luke 2:21-38 (CEB)

Emma Pollock

When eight days had passed, Jesus' parents circumcised him and gave him the name Jesus. This was the name given to him by the angel before he was conceived. When the time came for their ritual cleansing, in accordance with the Law from Moses, they brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. (It's written in the Law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male will be dedicated to the Lord.") They offered a sacrifice in keeping with what's stated in the Law of the Lord, A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.

A man named Simeon was in Jerusalem. He was righteous and devout. He eagerly anticipated the restoration of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. The Holy Spirit revealed to him that he wouldn't die before he had seen the Lord's Christ. Led by the Spirit, he went into the temple area. Meanwhile, Jesus' parents brought the child to the temple so that they could do what was customary under the Law. Simeon took Jesus in his arms and praised God. He said,

"Now, master, let your servant go in peace according to your word,

because my eyes have seen your salvation.

You prepared this salvation in the presence of all peoples.

It's a light for revelation to the Gentiles and a glory for your people Israel."

His father and mother were amazed by what was said about him. Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "This boy is assigned to be the cause of the falling and rising of many in Israel and to be a sign that generates opposition so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your innermost being too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, who belonged to the tribe of Asher. She was very old. After she married, she lived with her husband for seven years. She was now an 84-year-old widow. She never left the temple area but worshipped God with fasting and prayer night and day. She approached at that very moment and began to praise God and to speak about Jesus to everyone who was looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

Sermon, *Not Jesus' Grandparents*, by Rev. Robb McCoy

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Hymn #226 "My Master, See, The Time Has Come"

Blessing

Postlude



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WEEKLY GPS

GROW

PRAY

STUDY

Coming Next:

Jan. 3	Child Jesus in the Temple	Luke 2:41-52
Jan. 10	John Baptizes Jesus	Luke 3:1—22
Jan. 17	Sermon in Nazareth	Luke 4:14-30
Jan. 24	Jesus Fishes for People	Luke 5:1-11

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK: Luke 2:30-31

“For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples .”

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday	John 1:14-18	The Flesh Lived Among Us
Tuesday	Psalms 23	The Lord is My Shepherd
Wednesday	Jeremiah 23:1-4	Caring Shepherds
Thursday	Matthew 2:1-12	The Visit of the Wisemen
Friday	Matthew 2:13-15	The Escape To Egypt
Saturday	Luke 2:39-40	The Return to Nazareth

CARING CONVERSATIONS or REFLECTIONS

- **Thinking About This Week’s Story:** At the temple. Simeon and Anna told everyone the good news: the Messiah is here! What was a message you told someone today? What was a message someone told you?
- **Getting Ready for Next Week’s Story:** When Jesus was 12 years old, he stayed behind in the temple when his parents thought he was traveling with them. What misunderstandings have you had today? What happy discoveries?



In memory of our parents and loved ones given by the Applegates

In honor of our children and grandchildren given by the Applegates

In memory of Joan Kieso Robinson given by the Applegates

In memory of Susan Beswick given by Ralph Beswick

In memory of Rita and Bob Beswick given by Ralph Beswick

In memory and honor of loved ones given by Kent and Nancy Cornish

In memory of loved ones given by Michelle Curtis

In memory of Ed and Bonnie Evans given by Roger and Jeri Evans,

Jane McGinnis, Mike Werthmann and families

In memory of David Gibson given by Avalon Gibson

In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Gibson given by Avalon Gibson

In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Deward Marcum given by Avalon Gibson

In memory of Jim Hill and Mary Jane Christian given by Ruth Hill and Family



In memory of all those who have left us this year given by Gary and Paula Johnson

In memory of Thomas Stender and Maurice & Mary Alice Lee

given by Dick and Ami Lee

In honor of Emma and Abby Pollock and Colton Degen given by Dick and Ami Lee

In memory of Floyd and Gertrude Pohlman given by Roger and Ellen Pohlman

In memory of George and Claudia Bohm given by Roger and Ellen Pohlman

In memory of those who have gone before given by Sherry Prather

In memory of Jim Prather given by Sherry Prather

In honor of Christa and Jara and their families given by Sherry Prather

In memory of Joan Robinson given by Nancy Schwegler

In memory of my husband, John Schwegler given by Nancy Schwegler

In honor of Pastor Robb and our entire church staff given by Nancy Schwegler

In memory of Marilyn E. Swim and Michael A. Swim given by Jack Swim