

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Lord's Day, January 1, 2017

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst for righteousness; and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Prelude

Kyle Doeden

Welcome and Announcements

(Register Attendance)

Meditation

Galatians 4:4-5

"When the time had fully come, God sent His Son,
born of a woman, born under law,
to redeem those under law,
that we might receive the full rights of sons."

APPROACHING GOD IN WORSHIP

Greeting: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Call to Worship:

Psalm 100:1-2, 4

Minister: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.
Worship the LORD with gladness;
come before Him with joyful songs.

People: Enter His gates with thanksgiving
and His courts with praise;
give thanks to Him and praise His name.

Hymn of Adoration

Joy Has Dawned/Angels We Have Heard on High

Insert

Prayer of Adoration

Gloria Patri

#735

*Glory be to the Father,
And to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, amen.*

APPROACHING GOD IN CONFESSION AND SERVICE

Call to Confession:

Hebrews 12:4-6

"In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And you have forgotten that word of encouragement that addresses you as sons: 'My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when He rebukes you, because the Lord disciplines those He loves, and He punishes everyone He accepts as a son'."

Prayer of Confession in Unison:

Our Father we thank You that You discipline and correct us. We know that a father chastens only his own children. We also know that if a child is left to himself, he grows up to become a selfish tyrant. Remind us that chastening is proof that we are indeed Your children. Remind us that all of Your children are chastened.

We know that a child who does not learn subjection to authority will never become a useful, mature adult. Likewise, Your children who rebel against Your authority are in danger of great loss.

Forgive us for doubting that our difficulties come from You. Forgive us for failing to be trained by Your discipline. May the discipline of Your Word guide us into the peace of Your approval and may the discipline of conviction and pain produce in us a harvest of righteousness for our good and for Christ's glory.

We come to You in our Savior's name and merit. Amen.

Now hear the Lord's Assurance of Pardon

"He knows the way that I take; when He has tested me, I will come forth as gold."

Job 23:10

Offertory Prayer

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Doxology

#731

Hymn

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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Pastoral Prayer

RECEIVING THE WORD OF GOD

The Scripture Reading:

Psalm 71:17-24

Luke 2:21-40

Minister: Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and observe it.

People: Open our eyes, that we may see wonderful things from Thy Word.

Children may leave at this time for Children's Church. (Ages 3-7)

The Morning Sermon

The Song of Simeon

Rev. Don Rackley

Prayer of Application

Hymn

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

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RECEIVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Apostles' Creed

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Words of Institution and Invitation

I Corinthians 11:23-29

Prayer of Confession and Consecration

Receiving the Bread

Is not the bread we break a sharing in the body of Christ? I Cor. 10:16

Receiving the Cup

Is not the cup of blessing a sharing in the blood of Christ? I Cor. 10:16

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Ministry of Mercy Offering will be taken as you leave.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen (v.1-3)

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Benediction

Hymn

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen (v.4)

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Postlude

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Rev. Don Rackley, *Senior Pastor*

Rev. Tim Rackley, *Associate Pastor*

Brad Doeden, *Assisting Elder*

Liesel Engelbrecht, *Pianist*

SERMON OUTLINE

The Song of Simeon

The Scripture Reading:

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Luke 2:21-40

Point: This Child is set for the fall and rise of many.

I. Born Under the Law

- A. Circumcised the Eighth Day (v.21)
- B. Presented to the Lord (v.22)
- C. Greeted by the Saints (v.25)

II. A Costly Salvation

- A. All the Families Shall be Blessed (Genesis 12:3)
- B. The Consolation of Israel
- C. A Stone, a Sign and a Sword

III. The Reward of Faith

- A. Anna's Thanksgiving
- B. The Redemption of Israel
- C. The Return Home