

GRACE



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NOTE: All Scripture is taken from the English Standard Version except where stated otherwise.

* Denotes congregation standing

TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD An integral part of our worship is to bring God a token of our increase. Your tithes and offerings may be placed in the small box at the back of the room. As we will give thanks to God for his gifts *during* the service, we encourage you to make your offering *before* the service.

The Lord's Day Worship

A.D. December 23, 2018

Cleansed by God

God's Law-Word for His People: Matthew 5:48

Prayer of Confession: Hymn # 201 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Assurance of Pardon: Luke 2:10-11

Called by God

* Call to Worship

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
(Matthew 28:19)

Amen.

Grace, mercy, and peace to you from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. The Lord be with you. (cf. I Timothy 1:2)

And also with you. Amen.

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. (Psalm 24:7)

Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle! (Psalm 24:8)

Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. (Psalm 24:9)

Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory! (Psalm 24:10)

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord. Amen.

* Hymn # 218 "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

* Invocation and Lord's Prayer (found on the back inside cover of the TH)

* Hymn # 734 "Gloria Patri"

Consecrated by God

NURSERY: We are delighted to have God's children worship with us. Their cries, coos, and occasional shrieks are reminders to us of God's wonderful blessings. However, if you would like, there is nursery care available for children under 3 from the hymn before the sermon through the remainder of the worship service. The nursery is located behind the bathrooms of this building.

Christmas Readings for God's People:

Pastor: Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. (Isaiah 7:14)

Congregation: **But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.** (Matthew 1:20)

Pastor: "Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other." (Isaiah 45:22)

Congregation: **"She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."** (Matthew 1:21)

Pastor: "And a Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who turn from transgression," declares the LORD. (Isaiah 59:20)

Congregation: **But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law,⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.** (Galatians 4:4-5)

Pastor: He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young. (Isaiah 40:11)

Congregation: **I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me.** (John 10:11 & 14)

Pastor: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. (Isaiah 9:2)

Congregation: **Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."** (John 8:12)

Pastor: Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. (Isaiah 40:1)

Congregation: **Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.** (Matthew 11:28)

Pastor: There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a

branch from his roots shall bear fruit. (Isaiah 11:1)

Congregation: And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals."
(Revelation 5:5)

Pastor: In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples-- of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious. (Isaiah 11:10)

Congregation: "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." (Revelation 22:16)

Pastor: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6)

Congregation: Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness: He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory. (I Timothy 3:16)

* Hymn # 200 "It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

* Sermon Text: Luke 1:67-79

Sermon Title: "The Prophecy That Broke the Silence"

Prayer of Application

* Hymn of Response # 197 "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"

Communion with God

Prayers of God's People

* Confessing Our Faith Together – Heidelberg Catechism # 1

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong – body and soul, in life and in death – to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

You are cordially invited to participate in the Lord's Supper if you are a believer in Christ, have been baptized, are a communicant member in a Bible-believing church, and regularly attend church worship. We use wine in our celebration of the Lord's Supper.

Distribution of Bread: Hymn # 226 "As with Gladness Men of Old"

Distribution of Wine: Hymn # 210 "Silent Night! Holy Night!"

Commissioned by God

* Closing Hymn # 208 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

* Benediction

| <i>Refreshments & Nursery (If you are unable to fulfill your assignment on your assigned day please call Carrie and she will find a replacement for you)</i> | <i>Date</i> | <i>Nursery</i> | <i>Refreshments</i> |
|--|----------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| | Today | Erin & Sofia | Vicki |
| | December 30 | Amy | Susan |
| | January 6 | TBD | TBD |
| | January 13 | TBD | TBD |
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| DATE | <i>Greeter</i> | <i>Lord's Supper</i> | <i>Usher</i> |
| December | Andrew | Judith | Andrew |
| January | TBD | TBD | TBD |

Schedule - Today

9:30 am Worship

11:30 am Sunday School for All Ages

4:30 pm Christmas Caroling at South Coast

5:30 pm Faith Family at the Andruss' Home

Next Sunday (December 30)

9:30 am Worship

11:30 am Sunday School for All Ages

This Week

Saturday 6:00 pm Ladies' Christmas Party at Judith's (See Judith, Michaela, or Patty for details)



Sofia (Jan. 5), Philomena (Jan. 12)

Patty (Jan. 20), Donna (Jan. 21)

Kylie (Jan. 24), Ruth (Jan. 31)



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Luke 2:67-79 “The Prophecy That Broke the Silence”

I. Zechariah’s Prophecy Was from the Holy Spirit

A. A Revelation of the C_____ of J_____ (Luke 1:68-75)

B. A Revelation of the C_____ of J_____ the Baptist (Luke 1:76-79)

II. Zechariah’s Prophecy Connected God’s Covenant People

A. God’s C_____ N_____ and the N_____ of God’s Covenant P_____ Are Invoked (Luke 1:68, Galatians 6:15-16)

B. God Is A_____ Speaking to His P_____ by His P_____ (Luke 1:70, Malachi 4:5)

C. The Mercy P_____ to Our F_____ Is Being S_____ (I Peter 1:10-12)

D. God’s O_____ to A_____ Was Beign F_____ (Genesis 22:15-18, Galatians 3:16,28, and 29)

III. Zechariah’s Prophecy Was Centered on Our Savior

A. Our R_____ (Luke 2:38, Heberws 9:12)

B. Our H_____ of S_____ - Our M_____ Savior (Psalm 18:1-2)

C. Our G_____ D_____ (II Samuel 7:12-13)

D. Our D_____ from Our E_____ (Psalm 106:6-10, I Corinthians 15:25)

IV. Our Response to Zechariah’s Prophecy

A. B_____ the L_____ (Luke 1:68, Hebrews 13:15)

B. S_____ the L_____ (Luke 1:74-75, Hebrews 9:13-14)