



Immanuel Presbyterian Church

Online Worship Service

1st Sunday of Christmas

December 27, 2020

*Discovering and displaying Christ
in here and out there*

Celebration of the Lord's Day

WELCOME

PRELUDE

A Christmas Lullaby

Schurr

CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from Psalm 62

One: Praise God from the heavens!

All: Praise Him from the skies above!

One: Praise God, angels and all the hosts of heaven!

All: Praise Him, sun and moon, and shining stars!

One: Praise God, all creatures great and small,

All: Praise Him, animals and birds, reptiles and fish!

One: Praise God, kings of the earth and people everywhere,

All: Praise Him, men and women, young and old!

One: Let all the earth bring praise to the Lord, at whose word creation came into being.

All: We gather to praise and worship our God!

CAROL

In the Bleak Midwinter

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PRAYER

SONG

Way Maker

Sinach

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2: 22-40 NRSV

²² When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, 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 shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), ²⁴ and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." ²⁵ Now 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.²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.²⁷ Guided 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,²⁸ Simeon 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.³⁴ Then 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 opposed³⁵ so 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,³⁷ then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day.³⁸ At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to 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.⁴⁰ The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

One: The grass withers and the flower fades, but the Word of God endures forever.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Waiting Patiently

Kris Goorsky, Director of Christian Formation

SPECIAL MUSIC

You Gotta Get Up (Christmas Song)

Mullins

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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