



Jesus Presented in the Temple



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December 27, 2020
The first Sunday after Christmas
December Memory Verse: John 16:33c.
“But take heart. I have overcome the world”

The service is under the control of the Holy Spirit.

GATHERING & WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

L: The Peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Please pass the Peace of Christ to your neighbor.

PRELUDE “I Saw Three Ships”

MOMENTS OF INFORMALITY

THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

***CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 148:1-14**

L: ¹Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise the Lord, in the heights!

P: ²Praise the Lord, all his angels, praise the Lord, all his hosts!

L: ³Praise the Lord, sun and moon, praise the Lord, all shining stars!

P: ⁴Praise the Lord, highest heavens, and all waters above the heavens!

L: ⁵Let them praise the name of the Lord, who commanded and they were created,

P: ⁶... who established them for ever and ever, and fixed their bounds which cannot be passed. *(over)*

L: ⁷Praise the Lord from the earth, sea monsters and all deeps,

P: ⁸...fire and hail, snow and smoke, stormy wind fulfilling God’s command!

L: ⁹Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

P: ¹⁰Beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

L: ¹¹Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

P: ¹²Young men and maidens together, old men and children!

L: ¹³Let them praise the name of the Lord, whose name alone is exalted, whose glory is above earth and heaven.

P: ¹⁴God has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful ones, for the people of Israel who are near their God. Praise to Lord!

***HYMN No. 249 “There’s a Song in the Air”, v. 1 & 4**

1. There's a song in the air! There's a star in the sky!

There's a mother's deep prayer and a baby's low cry!

And the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing,
for the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!

4. We rejoice in the light, and we echo the song

that comes down thro' the night from the heavenly throng.

Ay! we shout to the lovely evangel they bring,

and we greet in His cradle our Savior and King!

WORD OF GOD Galatians 4:4-7

⁴But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. ⁶Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “Abba, Father.” ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but God’s child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Christmas Lullaby"

*CHRISTMAS DOXOLOGY (tune: "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly")

Glory be to God the Father, glory be to Christ the Son,
Glory to the Holy Spirit, glory to the Three-in-One.
Here we offer to you gladly all the gifts that you impart,
As we glory in your Presence, giving from a grateful heart.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS

*HYMN No. 219 "What Child Is This", v. 1 & 3

1. What Child is this who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.

3. So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own Him;
the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone Him.

Refrain

SPECIAL MUSIC "Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow" - Chancel Choir

JOYS AND CONCERNS

For our joys we say: "Praise the Lord."

For our concerns we say: "Lord, hear our prayers."

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. AMEN

SERMON SCRIPTURE Luke 2:22-40 *Jesus Presented in the Temple*

²²When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord"), ²⁴and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: "a pair of doves or two young pigeons."

²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. ²⁶It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, ²⁸Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

²⁹"Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. ³⁰For my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: ³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel."

³³The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, ³⁵so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."

³⁶There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. ³⁸Coming up to them at that very

moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

L: The Word of God for the children of God.

P: Thanks be to God

SERMON Ron Slavin, Youth Minister

HYMN No. 251 "Go Tell It on the Mountain", v. 1 & 3

1. While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.

Chorus

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere,
go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

3. Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

Chorus

***BENEDICTION**

***MUSIC OF PARTING "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"**

(Please allow the ushers to direct you as you leave the sanctuary.)

***Please stand if you are able.**

ASSISTING WITH TODAY'S SERVICE

Worship Host – Robbyn Slavin

Song Leader – David Lyons

The Staff at FUMC would like to thank everyone for all the gifts we received for Christmas. We greatly appreciate your thoughts and kindness, not only during the Christmas holiday, but throughout the year, also. May God bless all of you.



Thank you for the gifts!

Phil
Robbyn
Debbie
Janie
Janne
David

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

*Feel free to contact Pastor Bruce at any time if you are in need of a pastoral visit.
724-747-6098 (call or text) or email at preacherptl@gmail.com*

Sunday, December 27

1st Sunday after Christmas

8:15 In-Church & Drive-in Church
(Radio 87.9 FM)

9:30 Youth Sunday School (Grades 6-12),
Harvesters Adult Class,
Prayer Shawl Group, BYKOTA

9:30 Toddler – 5th Grade Sunday School
(see announcement)

10:45 In-Church & Drive-in Church
(Radio 87.9 FM) Facebook, YouTube, and
Zoom
(Meeting ID# 633 303 454 Password 104289)

Tuesday, December 29

9-11:30 AM - Nativity set up
7:30 NA

Wednesday, December 30

10:00 Prayer Group Meeting
(Zoom Meeting ID#311 4389 930, Password 3U22u3)

Thursday, December 31 – New Year’s Eve

Office Closed
6:30 NA

Friday, January 1 – New Year’s Day

Office Closed

Saturday, January 2

6:00 PM Contemporary Service

Sunday, January 3

Epiphany Sunday

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Harvester Class...There will be no class on Sunday, December 27th but will resume on January 3rd. We meet downstairs, with masks on and distanced. We will continue our video/study "The Christmas Experience" for a few more weeks. Anyone is welcome on Sundays from 9:30-10:30.

CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS: The church office will not be open every day this coming week. Please call the office before you make a trip to the church to be sure someone will be there to assist you.

Our church secretary will be out of the office until January 4th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – 12/27/2020

2021 CALENDARS: Once again this year, our friends at Ott Funeral Home have donated wall calendars to our church. The calendars contain beautiful pictures and a monthly Bible verse. They are on the table in the Narthex and you are welcome to take them. We send out a big thank you- to Ott Funeral Home for their generosity.

2020 OFFERINGS AND DONATIONS: We are coming to the end of 2020 and all 2020 contributions must be in to the office by December 31, 2020 to be credited on your 2020 Annual Giving Statement. Contributions received after December 31, 2020 will be posted to your 2021 Annual Giving Statement.

Also, receipts for items that you have bought for the church and wish to be reimbursed for or have credit for on your annual giving statement must also be turned in December 31, 2020. After December 31st the 2020 financial records will be closed and all credits will go toward the 2021.

A PROGRESSIVE NATIVITY EXPERIENCE

First Sunday After Christmas

*Wow! What an experience on that First Christmas!
History was made. . . the Birth of The Messiah!!*

Let's recap some of the events from Christmas:

*After a long and tiring trip to Bethlehem, there was no lodging available for Mary and Joseph. It came time for Mary to have her baby.

*The Messiah was born in a stable, wrapped snugly in strips of cloth and laid in a manger.

*An Angel announced the Messiah's birth to shepherds who were out in their fields tending their sheep.

*The vast host of others - the armies of heaven - joined the angel praising God.

*The shepherds hurrying to the village of Bethlehem to meet this newborn Messiah!

*The shepherds glorifying and praising God for everything they had seen and heard when they met the Messiah!

*The wise men still following the star to Bethlehem after meeting with King Herod in Jerusalem.

In Luke 2: 21-24 (NLT) - *Eight days later, when the baby was circumcised, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel even before he was conceived. Then it was time for their purification offering, as required by the law of Moses after the birth of a child; so, his parents took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. So, they offered the sacrifice required in the law of the Lord - either a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.*

You will notice the pair of turtledoves in a cage at the manger scene. They are representing the purification offering Mary and Joseph had ready to take with them to the temple.

Sneak Peak for next week- Matthew 2:9

Camp News... Thank you to everyone who ordered RADA Cutlery for our Camp Fundraiser! Our profit was \$261 which will be put towards camp costs for any camper registering in 2021. A hoagie sale may start up in January, depending on the COVID situation. Check your bulletin for details.

Camps are now in place for starting up in June! Brochures will be available online and on the church camp table in the assembly room by February. Register early to hold your spot. Keep our three camps and their staff in your prayers so campers can return this summer!

Questions...Contact Laurie Saporito, Camp Steward at 724-864-5649 or cts72@hotmail.com

PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY: If you would have any prayer requests for any serious or pressing problem please contact Jean Barrett at (724-515-5524) or Bernie Johnston at (724-863-6967). This would be for immediate prayer concerns and should not be confused with the prayer list found in the bulletin. If you would like to be included as a prayer warrior, to pray for immediate concerns via text or email, please let us know. Thank you.

TODDLER – 5TH GRADE SUNDAY SCHOOL: this age group has not yet returned to in-church Sunday school. Please use the contact information listed to participate in the Zoom classes:

Toddler Zoom Sunday School - 2-4 year old children - please email or call Dawn Capecci 412 651 2503, missdawn25@yahoo.com or Donna Weber 724 864 4954, donnam_weber@yahoo.com for more information and the Zoom instructions.

Preschool - 5th grade Sunday School - 9:30 AM on Zoom. For more information please contact Becky at 412-816-1906.

MEDIA TEAM: Volunteers are needed to join our media team. Our worship services, and many of our meetings on Zoom, would not be possible without them. You will be trained to use the equipment and assist with the services and meetings. If you would like to become part of the team please call Pastor Bruce (724-747-6098) or Pastor Ron (724-691-7113).

SAFETY GUIDELINES: We are still practicing the COVID 19 safety guidelines set by the CDC for social distancing and wearing face masks. Thank you everyone for being so good about this and doing your part to protect yourself and others.

We encourage you to bring your own face mask when you come to the church. The disposable face masks that we have at the church should be used as a last resort as they are getting hard to come by and costly to purchase. And ... it's fun to see all the different mask designs!

Thank you for your cooperation.

Bible passages are taken from the New International Version (NIV) of the Holy Bible.

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CHRISTMAS DOXOLOGY (tune: "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly")

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ZOOM MEETING INSTRUCTIONS: As you can see in "THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH" many of our services, Bible Study, and Prayer Group are all being broadcast using Zoom. If you would like to participate in these activities using Zoom, please follow the instructions below. Please contact Pastor Bruce or Ron if you have questions.

For computer or smartphone:

Go to Zoom.com Click-Join a meeting
When prompted enter Meeting ID, then a screen will pop up to enter password.
(The Meeting ID & Password are noted with the service or meeting)
You will enter the "meeting space". If you move your mouse to the bottom of the box,
it will show you the different options, like chat and video.

For landline or cell phone (Audio only):

Dial 1-646-558-8656. Enter meeting number and follow the prompts.
(The Meeting ID & Password are noted with the service or meeting in
"This Week at our Church.")



THE SALVATION ARMY UNIT OF IRWIN has its own phone number. If you know anyone in need of our services please have them call 724-331-7832. The office hours for the unit are Wednesday mornings from 9:30 until 11:30.

HOSPITAL CALLS AND VISITS: If you or someone you know is in the hospital or would like a visit from the pastor please call the office or Pastor Bruce. *Remember, Pastor Bruce cannot provide care to our congregation if he doesn't know there is a need.*

Pastor Bruce receives calls or texts at his cell phone number 724-747-6098

***** **IN PERSONAL CARE & REHABILITATION FACILITIES** *****

Dorothy B. ~ Asbury Heights, Mt. Lebanon Marge O. ~ The Grove at Irwin

Wanda H. ~ Redstone, N. Huntingdon James R., Sr. ~ St. Anne's Home, Greensburg
Doris C. ~ Golden Heights (Harrison City) LaVerne F. ~ Walden's View

***** **CONTINUOUS PRAYERS** *****

Brent L., Kurt W. & Family, Cheryl M., Tim & Diane N., Rick H., Marlin A & Nancy P., Joe S., Joe L., Virginia, Jennifer N., Curt E., Cheryl H., Valerie M., Patty H., Jeanne R., Jeff M., Donna H., John B., Joe and Wava, Dean and Dorothy, Chris E., Rose N., Sara C., Jeanne and Larry A., Fred & Barb S., Mischa & Suzanne S., Diane B., Les H., John G., Noah C., Craig C., Red, Dawn, Amy P., Chuck K., Pat M., Jane I., Ashley, Stu S., Shawn S., Christa L., Rhonda, Beverly and Tom D., Laura, Marlin F., Stephanie S., Dave W., Bill & Elaine M., Kim V. Paul & Iva Lou B., Jackie S.
Bob & Natalie F. & Family (Missionaries in India)
Connie Wieck (Missionary)

***** **THIS MONTHS PRAYERS LIST** *****

We will change the prayer list the first Sunday of each month.

Contact the church office at 724-863-6858 with names for the list.

Vi, Tom and Peggy, Sandy L., George and Kelly, Paul and Michelle, Neil and Alma, Yvonne I. and family, Rolan & Janice W., Samantha, Lilliana P., Tiffany M., Joe K., Our Country & World, COVID 19 Concerns, Our Country and Leaders, Our world, Medical & Emergency Personnel, First Responders and Military, All Essential Workers, Teachers and Students, Businesses, The Unrest in Our Country, Helena & Marilyn, George and Lisa S., Joseph D., Sara T., Marilyn F., Ray S., The Lois Frye Family, Jerry L., Janice E., Judy L., Jim L., Ethan D, Randy D, and Cindi D, Connie B., Audrey F., Chrissy O., Bob (Debbie) W., Chris Driscoll & family

***** **SERVICE PERSONNEL** *****

Brandon D. – Korea	Colby S. – Iraq	Sara D.	
Angelo W. – Oklahoma City	Nicholas P. – Schofield Barracks, HI	Jeremy L.	
David J. – Afghanistan	Amanda M. – Texas	Carl B.	
James G. – Texas	Emery M. – Japan	Mark Russak	Edward J. III



December 26, 2020

The First Saturday after Christmas

December Memory Verse: John 16:33c.

“But take heart. I have overcome the world”

Welcome

Announcements

Memory Verse

Opening Prayer

Worship music:

Messiah Has Come

How Many Kings

Sharing of joys and concerns/ prayer

Offering

Worship music:

Christmas Offering

When I Think Upon Christmas

Scripture & Message

Closing song:

Receive Our King