

A TIME OF PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer *My Master, The Time Has Come* No. 226
 Prayer/Lord's Prayer
 Choral Response *My Master, The Time Has Come* No. 226

CHORAL ANTHEM *Do You Hear What I Hear?* Harry Simeone

SCRIPTURE Galatians 4:4-7
 Luke 2:22-40

HYMN *(remain seated)* *Away in a Manger* No. 217

SERMON FULL SPEED AHEAD Rev. Mary Birgelaitis

OFFERING

Call to Stewardship and Mission
 Offertory *Sweet Little Jesus Boy* Robert MacGimsey
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***Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

*CLOSING HYMN *Joy to the World* No. 246

*BENEDICTION

Christmas has come. The New Year awaits.
**As we look with hope toward a year of new beginnings,
 we go forth remembering the Gift of Christmas.**
 As we pray for Spirit-filled wisdom to guide the new year,
 let us go forth rejoicing in the gift of the Christ Child.

CHORAL RESPONSE *Good Christians Friends, Rejoice (verse 1)* No. 224

POSTLUDE *Christmas Joy* Franklin Ritter

*Please stand as able.

Music Director: Julia Burns Piano/Keyboard: Dennis Eiler Organ: Brad Bettencourt

Today's Scripture

Galatians 4:4-7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Luke 2:22-40

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 (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

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. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. 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, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in

peace, according to your word, or my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. 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 opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul, too." 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, 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. 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. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom, and the favor of God was upon him.

Today's Liturgist: Judy Leonard

WEEK	ATTENDANCE					GIVING
	8:30	10:30	IN-PERSON	VIDEO	TOTAL	
12/01	30	50	80	31	111	\$ 9,553
12/08	34	44	78	30	108	n/a
12/15	40	71	111	23	134	n/a
12/22	46	61	107	22	129	n/a
Our Fiscal Year started July 1 Weekly Offering Needed \$6,321						
STEWARDSHIP REPORT: n/a						

HOSPITALITY TIME



Today's Hosts:

STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR



Mon	Dec 30	11:00 AM Chair Yoga-CH, 1:30 PM Mission Team Peoples 'Kitchen Prep-Kitchen, 4:00 PM Communications Committee-Library
Tue	Dec 31	 11:00 AM Chair Yoga-CH,11:00 AM Mission team leave for Peoples' Kitchen
Wed	Jan 01	New Years Day-Church Office Closed for Holiday 
Thu	Jan 02	11:00 AM Chair Yoga-Criswell Hall, 5:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal-Handbell Room, 6:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary
Sun	Jan 05	8:30 AM Contemporary Service-Sanctuary. 10:30 AM Traditional Service-Sanctuary.

Abbreviaton Legend

CH--Criswell Hall
S--Sanctuary
K--Kitchen
L--Library---
Room #123
MMR--McMillen
Room #113
PS--Pastor's Study
HR--Handbell
Room #115



Monday, December 30

People's Kitchen
Food Prep-K



Saturday, January 25, 11 AM Fellowship Ministry visit to the Piedras

Blancas elephant seals in
Cambria.
Depart at 10 AM to carpool from the church.
Sign up in the Narthex.



Tuesday, December 31



Food Distribution at
People's Kitchen Site

HOSPITALITY TIME CUPCAKES
in celebration of
DON AND HELEN GUGELER'S
75th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



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December 29, 2024

10:30 AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

First Sunday After Christmas

*"The reason for Simeon's song? Deep inside his tired old heart,
he knew that the infant he held in his arms has in truth One
who had been holding him all his life long."*

—Michael Card

PRELUDE

We Three Kings

arr. Dan Coates

INTROIT

He is Born

No. 228

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

We celebrate hope born in a manger!

God of Christmas, let hope be born in us.

We follow the star and walk in the light!

God of Christmas, guide our journey through life.

Like Simeon we rest in the knowledge of your Presence!

God of Christmas, assure us with your peace.

May the peace of Christ usher us into this New Year!

*OPENING HYMN

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

No. 240

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

Holy Child of Bethlehem,

As we come into your presence, we celebrate

God's love coming to us in you.

Let your light shine upon us and your love

strengthen us as we enter this new year.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Carolyn Russell