



Sunday, December 28, 2025; 8:15 am and 10:00 am

Like a child born to pray, and to show us the way.
Like a child here to stay, Jesus comes.
Like a child we receive all that love can conceive.
Like a child we believe, Jesus comes.

Congregational Greeting

Children's Time (10:00 am only)

Emily Butler

Offertory / Offertory Prayer

Offertory Music

Angels We Have Heard On High

Frisch Family

(arr. James Curbow)

Scripture

Luke 2:22-40

From the Pulpit

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 turtle-doves 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; for 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 for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped 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.

Lay Readers: 8:15 - Camille Parker, and 10:00 - Cheryl Busch

Sermon

“Sensing the Sacred Everyday”

Prayer / The Lord’s Prayer

***Closing Hymn**

#237 - *Sing We Now of Christmas*, vss. 1, 2, 3

(Traditional, arr. Martin Shaw) One License # 87099

1 Sing we now of Christmas, Noel, sing we here!

Hear our grateful praises to the babe so dear.

Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel!

Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noel!

2 Angels called to shepherds, ""Leave your flocks at rest,
journey forth to Bethlehem, find the child so blest.""

Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel!

Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noel!

3 In Bethlehem they found him; Joseph and Mary mild,
seated by the manger, watching the holy child.

Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel!

Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noel!

***Benediction**

Sending Forth Music *Go Tell It on the Mountain*
(arr. Stephen Bulla)

Frisch Family

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