

Waupun United Methodist Church
December 31, 2023
Sunday worship – 9:00 a.m.



Simeon & Anna See Jesus

**Welcome to worship.
May you find the presence of God wherever you are.**

At the * sign, please stand as you are able.
Bold print = Congregational response

Prelude Welcome Musical Call to Worship

***Call to Worship**

We are called to celebrate the gift of God in Jesus Christ.

For twelve days of Christmas!

Like the angels we are called to sing our carols with great joy.

For twelve days of Christmas!

Like the stars we are called to shine with the brilliance of good news.

For twelve days of Christmas!

Like the shepherds we are called to eagerly gather around the Christ Child.

For twelve days of Christmas!

Like the donkey we are called to carry those who cannot walk by their strength alone.

For twelve days of Christmas!

Like the innkeeper we are called to provide for those without shelter in which to rest.

For twelve days of Christmas!

Like the manger we are called to cradle the precious gifts God gives.

For twelve days of Christmas!

Like Joseph we are called to honor the dreams in which God speaks.

For twelve days of Christmas!

Like Mary we are called to ponder the wonder of God acting through us.

For twelve days of Christmas!

Like Simeon we are called to look for signs of God's salvation in our lives.

For twelve days of Christmas!

Like Anna we are called to tell others what we know of the Christ Child.

For twelve days of Christmas!

Like the baby Jesus we are called to faithfully live God's purpose for our lives.

For twelve days of Christmas – and forever!

***Opening Hymn** Red #228 on screen "He Is Born"

***Opening Prayer**

Holy and loving God, in the fullness of time, You revealed Yourself to us as the Christ Child. Reveal Yourself to us again that we may know and trust Your promises with the faith and strength of Anna and Simeon. And as Jesus grew in strength and wisdom, so may we grow in the strength and wisdom of Your holy Word. Amen.

Bible Reading

Luke 2:22-28

²² 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. ²³ The law of the Lord says, "If a woman's first child is a boy, he must be dedicated to the LORD." ²⁴ So they offered the sacrifice required in the law of the Lord—"either a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

²⁵ At that time there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon. He was righteous and devout and was eagerly waiting for the Messiah to come and rescue Israel. The Holy Spirit was upon him ²⁶ and had revealed to him that he would not die until he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷ That day the Spirit led him to the Temple. So when Mary and Joseph came to present the baby Jesus to the Lord as the law required, ²⁸ Simeon was there. He took the child in his arms and praised God, saying,

New Living Translation (NLT)

Hymn Red #226 (Mel. – Amazing Grace) on screen "My Master, See, the Time Has Come"

Bible Reading

Luke 2:33-40

³³ Jesus' parents were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them, and he said to Mary, the baby's mother, "This child is destined to cause many in Israel to fall, and many others to rise. He has been sent as a sign from God, but many will oppose him. ³⁵ As a result, the deepest thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And

a sword will pierce your very soul.”

³⁶ Anna, a prophet, was also there in the Temple. She was the daughter of Phanuel from the tribe of Asher, and she was very old. Her husband died when they had been married only seven years. ³⁷ Then she lived as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the Temple but stayed there day and night, worshiping God with fasting and prayer. ³⁸ She came along just as Simeon was talking with Mary and Joseph, and she began praising God. She talked about the child to everyone who had been waiting expectantly for God to rescue Jerusalem.

³⁹ When Jesus’ parents had fulfilled all the requirements of the law of the Lord, they returned home to Nazareth in Galilee. ⁴⁰ There the child grew up healthy and strong. He was filled with wisdom, and God’s favor was on him.

(NLT)

Pastor’s Message

“Jesus is”

Tithes and Offerings

***Song of Thanksgiving Red #238 on screen “Angels, We Have Heard on High” (1st vs + Chorus)**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People

Joys, Praise and Concerns Pastoral Prayer The Lord’s Prayer

Announcements

***Closing Hymn**

Red #251

on screen

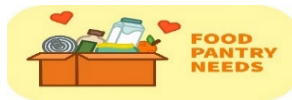
“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

***Blessing/Dismissal**

Today’s Worship Ministers:	All of us - wherever we are
Tech Operators:	Brady Bronson and Val Dolgner
Pianist:	Sue Rens Guell
Worship Leader/Preacher:	Pastor Steve Miller
Counters:	Marilyn Vander Sanden and Jeanne Ludjack

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday, January 3: Choir rehearsal? – 6:30 pm



December – Monetary gift or Personal Care items January - Pasta
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INTENSIVE PRAYER LIST

Mike Duer Joyce Brown Tammy Kasuboski Bob Bradley Ray Dolgner Ryan Giese Jerry Kok
Dolores Good Marion Dolgner The Confirmation class
Family and friends of Lorna O’Donovan Those impacted by war in Ukraine For peace in the Mideast

Remember our homebound:

Hillside Manor, Beaver Dam: Joyce Berry

Prairie Place, Ripon: Elaine Stanton

Prairie Ridge, Waupun: June Witowich, Alice Chase, Betty Buchholz, Phyllis McDowell

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