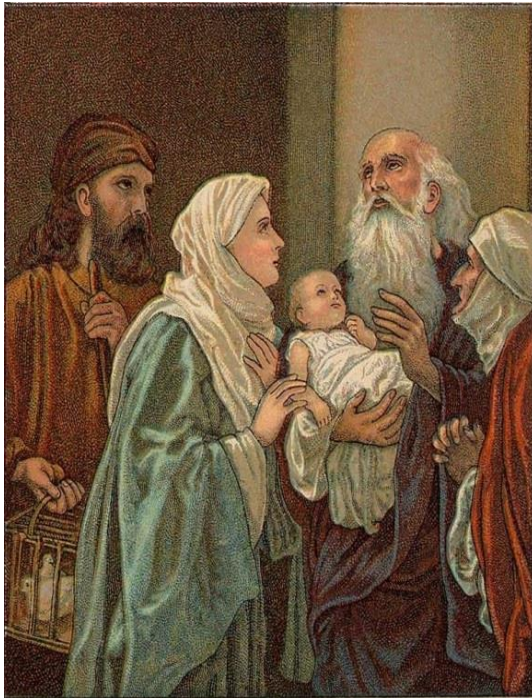


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December 29, 2019



Mary and Joseph bringing Jesus to the Temple and
Simeon and Anna expecting their visit
(Luke 2: 22-38)

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Community Pentecostal Congregations**

DECEMBER 29, 2019

10:30 A.M.

Thought as we enter to worship:

As the final Sunday of 2019, let us focus on the blessings God has given us in the past and the promises of God's presence in the New Year. The Message Translation gives us this: Deuteronomy 31:6 **"Be strong. Take courage. Don't be intimidated. Don't give them a second thought because GOD, your God, is striding ahead of you. He's right there with you. He won't let you down; he won't leave you."**

Hebrews 13:5-6 **Don't be obsessed with getting more material things. Be relaxed with what you have. Since God assured us, "I'll never let you down, never walk off and leave you," we can boldly quote, "God is there, ready to help; I'm fearless no matter what. Who or what can get to me?"**

GATHERING MUSIC "Mary Did You Know?" arr. by Melody Bober
"Joseph's Lullaby" arr. by Melody Bober
"Good News Medley" arr. by Mona Rejino

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

May the peace, love and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE PEOPLE OF GOD ARE CALLED TO WORSHIP

THE PRELUDE (a time to quiet our hearts and focus our attention on The Lord God and the marvelous love given to us in Christ Jesus.) "Good Christian Men, Rejoice" (Inspired by Debussy's First Arabesque) arr. by Faye Lopez

***CALL TO WORSHIP JOEL 2:28-30 AND 32**

The Lord says, "I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions.

ALL: Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days. I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth... And everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE #22 Angels From The Realms of Glory (vs. 1&4)**

***CALL TO CONFESSION** If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. **1 John 1:9 NIV**

THE TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

THE UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Holy God, on this final Sunday of 2019, we come to you in prayer not by the power of our righteousness but by your invitation. Such an invitation is more wonderful than we can understand. As we look back over this past year, there are many times when you wanted to be a part of the life we enjoy and we were too busy. We thought we had bigger and better plans, and every time we struggled and worried about the outcome. Forgive us for those wasted opportunities and give us wisdom to listen to all the dreams and visions and circumstances you have planned for us in the New Year. Thank you for the forgiveness that comes through Jesus Christ and his perfect sacrifice. Your plan is best. Help us to join you in sharing this Good News with our world today. We offer our prayers in the name of Jesus. Amen

THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE: Jeremiah 29:11-14

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares the LORD,

THE GLORIA #579 "Glory Be to the Father"

THE PEOPLE OF GOD HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

BY READING GOD'S WORD: Luke 2:22-38

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD BY PRESENTING TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE CALL TO DEDICATION:

THE OFFERTORY

#592 The Doxology "Responding in Praise"

THE UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

Holy God, we give thanks for every opportunity to know you. You are the best example of giving. Your presence is with us not only in this life, but also forever, in the life to come. In response to such wonderful love, we bring tithes and offerings asking that you bless them so they may be used to help others know your love as well. Your love for us is the best part of life and the strength we need to live for your Kingdom. We give in the name of Jesus. Amen.

THE PEOPLE OF GOD ARE INVITED TO BRING OUR PETITIONS TO GOD

Sharing Joys and Concerns

The Time of Silent Prayer

The Pastoral Prayer

We Pray Together:

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.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

By singing our favorite Christmas Hymns:

AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD, WE ARE CALLED OUT TO SERVE GOD'S KINGDOM
THE CLOSING PRAYER and BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Sing We Now of Christmas" with "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"

arr. by Brant Adams

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" (inspired by Debussy's la Cathedrale engloutie)

arr. by Faye Lopez