

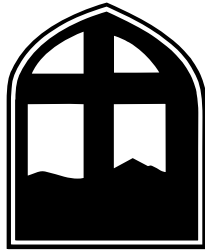
THE LORD'S DAY

December 25, 2011

WORSHIP SERVICE

Enter with reverence, Worship in truth, Serve Christ with gladness.

Bethany
B I B L E C H U R C H



GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST,

And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

Luke 2:14

MEDITATION

And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.

Luke 2:40

PRELUDE

I Wonder as I Wander

I WONDER AS I WANDER

†CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Luke 2:14

ADORATION

†*Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

Hymn **193**

REGENT SQUARE

†CONGREGATIONAL READING

Isaiah 11:1-10

The congregation will read text in italics.

¹ There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots.

² *The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.*

³ His delight is in the fear of the LORD, and He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, nor decide by the hearing of His ears;



⁴ *But with righteousness He shall judge the poor. and decide with equity for the meek of the earth: he shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked.*

⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, and faithfulness the belt of His waist.

⁶ *“The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb. the leopard shall lie down with the young goat. the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.*

⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze: their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸ *The nursing child shall play by the cobra’s hole, and the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper’s den.*

⁹ They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain. for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰ *“And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse. who shall stand as a banner to the people; for the Gentiles shall seek Him, and His resting place shall be glorious.”*

† *Doxology*
HUNDREDDTH

OLD ONE

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

CONFESSON & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

I Wonder as I Wander

Hymn **211**

I WONDER AS I

WANDER

THANKSGIVING

† *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Hymn **201**

ADESTE FIDELES



PETITION

†Prayer of Intercession

Offering

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Kings 5
John 1:1-34

† *Angels We Have Heard on High*

Hymn **196**
GLORIA

THE SERMON
Why Shepherds?
Luke 2:8-21

† *How Great our Joy*

Hymn **218**
JUNGST

† PRAYER & BLESSING

† *Congregation will stand*



No Prayer Meeting



Why Shepherds? *from* Luke 2:8 – 21
Pastor George Stiekas

If a publicity agent had been in charge of what took place in Bethlehem when Jesus Christ was born, the account would have been much different than what is recorded in the Bible. This was the entrance of God into humanity. Some fanfare was absolutely necessary. Mary and Joseph would have stayed at the Grand Hotel. There would have been lights everywhere, dignitaries of all kinds and musicians from Bethlehem to celebrate His coming. But instead, the occasion was solemn, quiet and humble. The only ones God chose to welcome the King of Kings into our world were shepherds. Why Shepherds?

- I. Their Watching (2:8)
- II. Their Wondering (2:9-14)
 - A. Their reassurance by the angel of the Lord (2:9-10).
 - B. The revelation by the angels of the Lord (2:11-12).
 - C. The rejoicing by the angels (2:13-14).
- III. Their Worship (2:15-16)
- IV. Their Witness (2:17-18, 20).
 - A. The Confirmation (2:17-18, 20)
 - B. The Contemplation (2:19)
 - C. The Circumcision (21)



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*Sunday School, 9:45; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00,
Sunday Evening Prayer Meeting, 6:00.
Fellowship Dinner 3rd Sunday of the month & no evening service.
Wednesday Evenings: Awana, visitation, fellowship groups
Please note weekly announcements for any changes to this schedule.*

To Our Guests: We welcome you to Bethany Bible Church! We trust you will sense our desire to exalt the Lord in our worship, as well as our commitment to the sufficiency of the Scriptures. You and your entire family are invited to worship with us. A nursery is provided for ages 0-3 if you would like, and you may also hear the service in the foyer or fellowship room if you need to attend to small children. We would like to have a record of your visit. You should receive a *guest card* which you may give to Pastor Stiekas personally or hand to one of our ushers. We trust that God will richly bless you as we endeavor to magnify the Lord on His day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMING EVENTS
WEDNESDAY—No midweek services planned

JANUARY 1st - 6th - Prayer Emphasis Week

JANUARY 1st—9:45 AM, Combined Sunday School Prayer Service

JANUARY 1st—3 PM, Communion Prayer Service

JANUARY 3rd—10:30 AM to 12:00 PM, Kindred Spirits' Prayer Meeting

JANUARY 4th—6:45 PM, AWANA; 7 PM, Prayer Meeting; 8:30 PM, Deacons Meeting

JANUARY 6th—9 AM, All-Church Prayer Breakfast (see sign-up sheet)

Weekly Catechism

62. Q. What is forbidden in the sixth commandment?

A. The sixth commandment forbids the taking away of our own life,¹ or the life of our neighbor unjustly,² or whatever tends to it.³

¹ Acts 16:28

² Gen 9:6

³ Prov 24:11-12