

THE LORD'S DAY

December 28, 2014

WORSHIP SERVICE

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

PRELUDE

Amazing Grace
NEW BRITAIN

†CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Psalm 72:18–19

ADORATION

†*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Hymn **7**
NETTLETON

†CONGREGATIONAL READING

Luke 2:8-20

The congregation will read text in italics.

⁸ And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

⁹ *And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear.*

¹⁰ And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."

¹³ *And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,*

¹⁴ *"Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"*

¹⁵ When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶ And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.

¹⁷ *And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child.*

¹⁸ And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.

²⁰ *And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.*

†*Doxology*

OLD ONE HUNDREDTH

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.

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

I Wonder as I Wander

Hymn **211**

I WONDER AS I WANDER

THANKSGIVING

†*Go Tell It on the Mountain*

Hymn **212**

GO TELL IT

PETITION

†Prayer of Intercession

Offering

**Blessed be the LORD,
the God of Israel,**
who alone does wondrous things.
Blessed be his glorious name forever;
may the whole earth be filled with his
glory!
Amen and Amen!

Psalm 72:18–19

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 12

†My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

Hymn 416
LANDAS

THE SERMON
An Unprecedented Coming
Galatians 4:1-7

†Amazing Grace

Hymn 147
NEW BRITAIN

† PRAYER & BENEDICTION

† Congregation will stand (if able)



Evening Prayer Service, 6:00 PM

AN UNPRECEDENTED COMING— GALATIANS 4:1-7

Greg Stiekes

The “fullness of the time” in Gal 4:4 is the fulcrum, or turning point in all of salvation history; for it brought to fulfillment to plan of God the Father to rescue lost humanity. And in the center of God’s plan stands Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who is qualified by three unprecedented realities:

Previously:

1. Jesus was sent by God: an unprecedented mission.
God sent forth his Son . . .
2. Jesus was born of a woman: an unprecedented admission.
born of a woman . . .

Today:

3. Jesus was born under the law: an unprecedented submission.
born under the law . . .



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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, Adult Bible Study, Teen Bible Study
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 Stiekes 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, Dec 31 New Years Eve Service at 6:00 pm

	Dec 21	Budget	YTD	YTD Budget
General Fund	\$6,233	\$3,577	\$189,499	\$182,423
Missions	\$70		\$4,024	
Deacons Fund			\$6,186	
Building Fund			\$9,433	\$42,092

KIDS4TRUTH Q&A AND MEMORY VERSE FOR NEXT WEEK

Q. Why are human beings the *pinnacle*, the most glorious part, of all God's Creation?

A . Of all God's Creation, human beings are made to be most like God and to bring Him more of the glory He deserves. **Psalm 86:8-10** There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name. For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God. (603)

