

THE LORD'S DAY

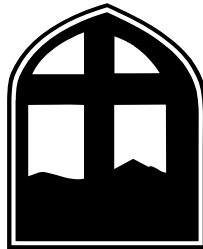
December 19, 2010

Worship Service

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

Bethany

B I B L E C H U R C H



My soul magnifies the Lord,

And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.

For He has regarded

the lowly state of His maidservant;

For behold, henceforth all generations

will call me blessed.

For He who is mighty

has done great things for me,

And holy is His name.

Luke 1:46-49

Meditation

Then Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I do not know a man?' And the angel . . . said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God. Luke 1:34-35

Prelude

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

W Zlobi Lezy

†Call to Worship & Prayer of Invocation

Luke 1:46-49

Adoration

†*Good Christian Men, Rejoice*

Hymn **202**

In Dulci Jubilo

†*Congregational Reading*

Luke 1:50-55

The congregation will read text in italics.

⁵⁰ And His mercy *is* on those who fear Him from generation to generation.

⁵¹ *He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.*

⁵² He has put down the mighty from *their* thrones, and exalted *the* lowly.

⁵³ *He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent away empty.*

⁵⁴ He has helped His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy,

⁵⁵ *As He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever."*

[†]*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 of Sin & Assurance of Pardon

[†]Congregational Reading Malachi 3:1-3
The congregation will read in unison.

'Behold, I send My messenger, and he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple, even the Messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight. Behold, He is coming,' says the LORD of hosts. 'But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire and like launderers' soap. He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer to the LORD an offering in righteousness.'

[†]*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* Hymn **199**
Mendelssohn

Thanksgiving

In the Bleak Mid-Winter Hymn **222**
Cranham

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Our God, Heaven cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain;
Heav'n and earth shall flee away when He comes to reign.
In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed
The Lord God incarnate, Jesus Christ.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there,
Cherubim and seraphim thronged the air;
But His mother only, in her maiden bliss,
Worshipped the beloved with a kiss.

What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give Him: give my heart.

Petition

[†]Prayer of Intercession

Offering

Ministry of the Word

Scripture Reading Jeremiah 23:1-8; Micah 5:2-4

[†]*Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light* Hymn **215**
Ermentre Dich Mein Schwacher

The Sermon
A Virgin Bears a Son
Matthew 1:18-25

[†]*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* Hymn **205**
W Zlobi Lezy

†Prayer & Benediction

[†]*Congregation will stand*



Christmas Fellowship at the Stranges', 5:00 PM

A Virgin Bears a Son – Matthew 1:18-25

Pastor Greg Stiekles

When Joseph is devastated by the news that Mary, his wife-to-be, is expecting a child, God reveals to him that all is yet well. For God Himself is moving in a miraculous and unprecedented way to accomplish His promises. In this text there are three reasons Mary's conception, though troubling to Joseph, reveals the power and salvation of God:

1. Mary's conception is the work of the Holy Spirit:

That which is conceived in her is ek pneumatos hagiou (20).

2. Mary's conception is the means of God's salvation:

And she will bring forth a Son . . . (21).

3. Mary's conception is the fulfillment of God's Word:

So all this was done that it might be fulfilled . . . (22-23).



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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 Stiekles 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

TONIGHT – 5 PM, Christmas Fellowship at John & Karen Strange's (409 Rickel Drive, Hendersonville): bring your favorite Christmas treat, salty or sweet & Bible verse 'gifts'; please park on the Stranges' side of the street and do not allow children near the goldfish pond

WEDNESDAY – 7 PM, Christmas caroling; no midweek services or programs

DECEMBER 24th – 6 PM, Christmas Eve Service

DECEMBER 26th – Combined Sunday School with Missionary Tammy Detwiler

DECEMBER 29th – No midweek services or activities

DECEMBER 31st – 6 PM, Prayer Service & Fellowship

Weekly Catechism

26. Q. How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?

A. Christ, the son of God, became man by taking to himself a true body, and a rational soul, being conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit in the Virgin Mary, and born of her, yet without sin.

Heb 2:14; Matt 26:38; Heb 4:15; Luke 1:31, 35; Heb 7:26