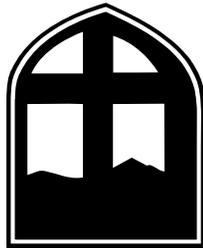


Bethany

B I B L E C H U R C H



Serve the LORD with fear,

And rejoice with trembling.

Kiss the Son, lest He be angry,

And you perish in the way,

When His wrath is kindled but a little.

Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him.

Psalm 2:11-12

THE LORD'S DAY

December 26, 2010

Worship Service

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

Meditation

"Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, For He has visited and redeemed His people, And has raised up a horn of salvation for us In the house of His servant David, As He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets."

Luke 1:68-70a

Prelude

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Divinum Mysterium

†Call to Worship & Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 2:11-12

Adoration

†*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Hymn 201

Adeste Fideles

†**Congregational Reading**

Galatians 4:1-7

The congregation will read text in italics.

¹ Now I say that the heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ at all from a slave, though he is master of all, ² but is under guardians and stewards until the time appointed by the father.

³ *Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world.*

⁴ *But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law,*

⁵ *to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.*

⁶ *And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!"*

⁷ *Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.*

⁺ *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

⁺*Of the Father's Love Begotten* Insert
Divinum Mysterium

Petition

⁺Prayer of Intercession

Offering

Ministry of the Word

Ministry of Music *O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem*

Scripture Reading Isaiah 11 & 12

⁺*Angels, From the Realms of Glory* Hymn **193**
Regent Square

THE SERMON
A Virgin Bears a Son, Part 2
Matthew 1:18-25

⁺*Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne* Hymn **223**
Margaret

⁺Benediction & Prayer

⁺*Congregation will stand*



Prayer Meeting, 6:00 PM

A Virgin Bears a Son, Part 2 – Matthew 1:18-25

Pastor Greg Stiekas

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).

Although the claim of a virgin conception has always been challenged by those who refuse to believe it, the Bible clearly teaches that Mary conceived in her womb through the power of the Holy Spirit (Matt. 1:18, 20; Luke 1:34-35).

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

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

The purpose of the virgin birth was to birth the Son of God *into our race*, so that He would become *one of us* in order to die for us as our representative; and to do so in a way that would declare to the world the miraculous salvation that God alone could provide, and to show the infinite uniqueness of the Son, Jesus.

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 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

DECEMBER 29th—No midweek services or activities

DECEMBER 31st—6 PM, Prayer Service & Fellowship

JANUARY 15th—8 AM, Men & Boys' Prayer Breakfast

JANUARY 21st—9 AM to 5 PM, Quiltathon

Cancelled Services: Whenever a service or event at Bethany is cancelled, we communicate it by (1) calling those without email, (2) emailing the "prayer group," (3) posting a message on the front page of our web-site, and (4) leaving a special greeting on the church answering machine. In *some* emergencies, we will try to notify all regular attendees with a phone call.

Missionary updates from the Waughs and Cheloudtchenkos are available in the missionary rack near the front entrance.

Weekly Catechism

31. Q. Of what did Christ's humiliation consist?

A. Christ's humiliation consisted in his being born, and that in a low condition, made under the law, undergoing the miseries of this life, the wrath of God, and the cursed death of the cross; in being buried, and continuing under the power of death for a time.

Luke 2:7; Gal 4:4; Isa 53:3; Matt 27:46; Phil 2:8; Matt 12:40