



And Mary said,  
 “My soul magnifies the Lord,  
 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
 for he has looked on the humble estate of  
 his servant.  
 For behold, from now on 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*

# THE LORD’S DAY

December 21, 2014

## WORSHIP SERVICE

*Enter with reverence, Worship in truth, Serve Christ with gladness this Christmas.*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Lighting of the Advent Candle

“Silent Night”

Violin Solo, Rachel Macdonald

Luke 1:46–49

### ADORATION

†*All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name*

Hymn **30**

DIADEM

†CONGREGATIONAL READING

Philippians 2:5–11

*The congregation will read text in italics.*

<sup>5</sup>Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,

<sup>6</sup>*who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,*

<sup>7</sup>but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.

<sup>8</sup>*And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.*

<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,

<sup>10</sup>*that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

†*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

*Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne*

Hymn **223**

MARGARET

### PETITION

†Prayer of Intercession

Offering

### THANKSGIVING

*Christ, the Light of the World, Is Born!*

Music and Scripture Selections  
 Celebrating Jesus Christ as The True Light

*Song of the Stars* (Martin, Larson)

*Come to Us, O Promised One* (McGuire, Larson)

*This Is the Christmas Story* (Hamilton)

Matt, Mark, and Mike Herbster

*Candlelight Carol* (Rutter)

*Never a Brighter Star* (Berry, Forrest)

*My Savior’s Love* (Gabriel, Nix)

Mark and Amy Herbster

*No Night There* (Clements, Rasbach)

† *How Great Our Joy*

Hymn **218**  
JÜNGST

**MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

SERMON  
“An Unprecedented Coming”  
Galatians 4:1-7  
Pastor Greg Stiekes

† *What Child Is This*

Hymn **228**  
GREENSLEEVES

† **PRAYER & BENEDICTION**

† *Congregation will stand (if able)*



Evening Prayer Service, 6:00

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:

1. Jesus was sent by God: an unprecedented mission.  
*God sent forth his Son . . .*
  - a. The Person was unique.
  - b. The timing was unique.
  - c. The objective was unique.
2. Jesus was born of a woman: an unprecedented admission.  
*born of a woman . . .*

The admission, or entrance, of Jesus into the world was unprecedented because it involved:

- a. A precise prediction.
- b. A miraculous conception.
- c. A genuine incarnation.

*Next Lord’s Day:*

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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 24** Christmas Eve Service at 6:00 pm

**Wednesday, Dec 31** New Years Eve Service at 6:00 pm

	Dec 14	Budget	YTD	YTD Budget
General Fund	\$3,733	\$3,577	\$183,266	\$178,846
Missions			\$3,954	
Deacons Fund	\$160		\$6,186	
Building Fund	\$50		\$9,433	\$42,092

**KIDS4TRUTH Q&A AND MEMORY VERSE FOR NEXT WEEK**

**Q. What does it mean that humans are "made in the image of God"?**

**A .** Being "made in the image of God" means that God made humans to resemble Him in certain ways, like being able to think, feel, and make choices. **Genesis 1:27**--So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. (602)

