



*Songs of  
Christmas:  
Simeon*

*Luke 2:21-38*

Reverend Janet Russell

Song Of Simeon  
Great Things

Benediction



**Coffee & Donuts:**

December 17 – Jeff Stanish

December 24 – 11 AM Service - Everyone Bring pies 😊

## Sunday Service

December 17, 2023

9:30 am



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# Welcome



**Call to Worship** – Hardy Hemphill

**Isaiah 52:7-10**

**Leader:** How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

**People:** Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices; together they shout for joy. When the Lord returns to Zion, they will see it with their own eyes.

**Leader:** Burst into songs of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem, for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem.

**People:** The Lord will lay bare his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God.

**Lighting the Advent Wreath** – Greg, Janet & Evan Shaw

**Reader 1:** We light three candles as a sign for the coming light of Christ, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel.

**Reader 2:** Simeon said, "For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.

**All:** Let us walk in peace by the light of the Lord. Come, Lord Jesus! Amen.

Good Christian Friends Rejoice

God With Us

You'll Come

**Greetings & Announcements** – Rev. Janet Russell

**Prayers of the People** – Dan Yuen

Emmanuel

**Luke 2:21-38** NIV

*<sup>21</sup> On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise the child, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he was conceived. <sup>22</sup> When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup> (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord"<sup>[a]</sup>), <sup>24</sup> and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: "a pair of doves or two young pigeons."<sup>25</sup> Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. <sup>26</sup> It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. <sup>27</sup> Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, <sup>28</sup> Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: <sup>29</sup> "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss<sup>[c]</sup> your servant in peace.*

*<sup>30</sup> For my eyes have seen your salvation, <sup>31</sup> which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: <sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel."*

*<sup>33</sup> The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him. <sup>34</sup> Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, <sup>35</sup> so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too." <sup>36</sup> There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, <sup>37</sup> and then was a widow until she was eighty-four.<sup>[d]</sup> She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. <sup>38</sup> Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.*