

Christmas at the  
MOVIES



December 27, 2015

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME and RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

## OPENING HYMN “Deck the Halls”

## INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

## CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS *from Psalm 51*

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight. Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.**

P: Create in us pure hearts, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within everyone in this place. Restore to your people at Peace the joy of your salvation and grant us a willing spirit, to sustain us. It is because of your son Jesus that we are forgiven and saved.

C: Amen.

## NEW TESTAMENT LESSON **Colossians 3:12-17** [NIV 84]

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. <sup>13</sup>Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. <sup>14</sup>And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

<sup>15</sup>Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. <sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

## **HOLY GOSPEL Luke 2:21-35 [NIV 84]**

<sup>21</sup>On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise him, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he had been conceived.

<sup>22</sup>When the time of their purification according to the Law of Moses had been completed, 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>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 upon 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 Christ.

<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 now dismiss 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 people, <sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to 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.”

**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God!

## **BAPTISM of ALLISON MARY WETZ**

### **SERMON HYMN “Go Tell it On the Mountain”**

### **SERMON “IT’S A WONDERFUL LIFE”**

### **PEOPLE of PEACE in PRAYER**

### **THE LORD’S PRAYER** *The Family Prayer of the People of God*

### **WORDS of INSTITUTION**

### **THE PEACE**

## OFFERING

*(Before Communing, please take time to read our statement of faith found in the pew rack in front of you; fill out and place your attendance card and offering in the basket as you come forward.)*

## DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

“Joseph’s Lullaby”

Bart Millard/Brown Bannister

*Lance Boltz*

## DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

“It Came Upon A Midnight Clear” [LW 62]

“Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”

POST-COMMUNION HYMN “Joy to the World” [LW 53, vs. 1 & 2]

## CONNECT

- Epiphany Worship | Sunday, January 3 | 8:30 & 11:00am
- Un-Decorating Day | Sunday, January 3 | After Worship | Light lunch provided
- Choirs Resume | January 5 (Handbells) & January 6 (Children & Adult Choirs)
- Church Office will be closed: December 28 – January 4

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

SERMON: *Rev. Morgan Hamilton*  
Liturgist: *Rev. Wicheng Wetnyangran*

