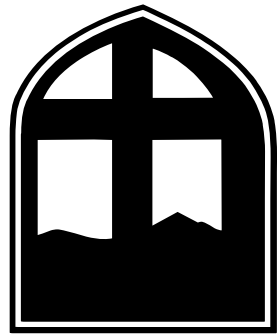


Bethany

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THE LORD'S DAY

December 16, 2012

WORSHIP SERVICE

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

MEDITATION

He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. *John 1:11*

PRELUDE

†CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Luke 1:68-70

ADORATION

†*Good Christian Men, Rejoice* Hymn **202**
IN DULCI JUBILO

†CONGREGATIONAL READING Psalm 41:1-5, 10-13
The congregation will read text in italics.

¹ Blessed is he who considers the poor; the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble.

² *The Lord will preserve him and keep him alive, and he will be blessed on the earth;*

You will not deliver him to the will of his enemies.

³ *The Lord will strengthen him on his bed of illness; you will sustain him on his sickbed.*

⁴ I said, "Lord, be merciful to me; heal my soul, for I have sinned against You."

⁵ *My enemies speak evil of me: "When will he die, and his name perish?" . . .*

¹⁰ But You, O Lord, be merciful to me, and raise me up, that I may repay them.

¹¹ *By this I know that You are well pleased with me, because my enemy does not triumph over me.*

¹² As for me, You uphold me in my integrity, and set me before Your face forever.

¹³ *Blessed be the Lord God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen.*

†*Doxology* OLD 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.

PETITION

†Prayer of Intercession

Offering

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING 2 Kings 19
Mark 12:1-17

†*Away in a Manger*

Hymn **216**
CRADLE SONG



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
1 Peter 1:3-5

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Shout the Good News!

Christmas Messengers in Scripture in Song
by Lloyd Larson

Presented by

the Choir of Faith Baptist Church of Taylors, S.C.
Conducted by Tim Fisher

THE SERMON

The Real Meaning of Christmas
1 Peter 2:4-9

+Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Hymn **205**
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+ PRAYER & BENEDICTION

+Congregation will stand



Prayer Meeting, 6:00 PM

THE REAL MEANING OF CHRISTMAS *from* 1 PETER 2:4-9

Pastor George Stiekas

Christmas and Calvary are forever linked for it was the sole purpose of our Savior's incarnation. Peter paraphrases Isa 28:16, an Old Testament prophecy, speaking of the coming Messiah as the cornerstone of His New Covenant, the church. During His earthly ministry, Jesus said, I will build My church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it (Matt 16:18). Christmas is the celebration of the church of Jesus Christ, Who is its head (Eph 1:22, 23; 5:23, 24; Col 1:18; 3:17; 2:8, 19).

1. A Description of the Lord Jesus Christ (I Pet 2:4).
2. A Description of God's Plan and Promise (I Pet 2:6-7a).
3. A Description of the Unbeliever (I Pet 2:7b-8).
4. A Description of the Believer (I Pet 2:5, 9)
 - A. Our Position – A Chosen Generation.
 - B. Our Office – A Royal Priesthood.
 - C. Our Character – A Holy Nation.
 - D. Our Value – A Peculiar People.
 - E. Our Purpose – To Show forth God's Praise.

Planned Hymns for Next Week:

Angels We Have Heard on High (196); Hark! the Herald Angels Sing (199);
How Great Our Joy (218); O Lord, How Shall I Meet Thee (Passion Chorale);
Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne (223)



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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
WEDNESDAY—7 PM, Christmas Caroling

NEXT SUNDAY—No Evening Service

DECEMBER 24th—6 PM, Christmas Eve Communion

DECEMBER 31st—7 PM, New Year's Eve Fellowship

	Dec 9	Budget	YTD	YTD Budget
General Fund	\$2,461	\$3,608	\$184,226	\$180,377
Missions	\$0		\$3,864	
Deacons Fund	\$0		\$7,349	
Building Fund	\$0		\$2,408	\$22,724

NEW MISSIONARY LETTERS: Cheloudtchenkos, Messers

Weekly Catechism

23. Q. *How miserable is man's condition resulting from the fall?*

A. All mankind, by their fall, lost communion with God, are under his wrath and curse, and so made liable to all the miseries in this life, to death itself, and to the pains of hell for ever.

Gen 3:8, 24; Eph 2:3; Gal 3:10; Rom 6:23; Matt 25:41