



<sup>16</sup> And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger.

<sup>19</sup> But Mary kept all these things and pondered *them* in her heart. <sup>20</sup> Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.

*Luke 2:16, 19–20*

December 15, 2013

# THE LORD'S DAY

December 15, 2013

## WORSHIP SERVICE

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

### PRELUDE

*In the Bleak Mid-Winter*

### †CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Luke 2:16, 19-20

### ADORATION OF OUR GOD

†O *Worship the King*

Hymn **65**  
LYONS

†CONGREGATIONAL READING

Galatians 4:1–7

*The congregation will read text in italics.*

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, <sup>2</sup>but is under guardians and stewards until the time appointed by the father. <sup>3</sup>Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world.

<sup>4</sup>*But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.*

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

<sup>7</sup>*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.

### CELEBRATION OF OUR GREAT SAVIOR

*Christmas Intrada*

Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSON: BEHOLD THE LOWLY CHILD!

Luke 2:1–7

*What Child Is This?*

Instrumental Trio

*Murmurs in a Stable*

Choir

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:8–20

†*Angels We Have Heard On High*

Hymn **196**  
GLORIA

†Prayer of Intercession

Offering

SCRIPTURE LESSON: BEHOLD THE SUFFERING SERVANT!

John 19:17–27

*Bethlehem Down*

Choir

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 53:1–12

*What Wondrous Love Is This!*

Horn Solo

*†In the Bleak Mid-Winter*

Hymn **222**  
CRANHAM

SCRIPTURE LESSON: BEHOLD THE RISEN KING AND PRIEST!  
Acts 1:14; 2:32–36

*Arise, My Soul, Arise*

Vocal Solo

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 9:6–15; 10:11–25

*Before the Throne of God Above*

Choir

*†Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Hymn **126**  
BEECHER

**† PRAYER & BENEDICTION**

*† Congregation will stand (if able)*



Annual Christmas Gathering, 5:00  
Kanuga Conference Center



## BEHOLD THE BABE: THE EYEWITNESSES OF CHRISTMAS

PART 2, MARY, FROM SELECTED SCRIPTURES

Pastor Greg Stiekes

Luke bases his Gospel on eyewitness testimony—the witness of those who saw and heard and knew Jesus as he lived and ministered among his people (Luke 1:2). Though Mary is likely the primary eyewitness in chapters 1 and 2, Luke also includes other witnesses: Zechariah, Elizabeth, Joseph, the shepherds, Simeon, and Anna. As we give careful attention to their stories, we too behold the coming of the Christ child, and rejoice with them at the wonder of God’s great salvation.

With Mary, the mother of Jesus, we behold three glorious aspects of the Son which are central to our salvation:

1. Behold, the Lowly Child! (Luke 2:1–7)
2. Behold, the Suffering Servant! (John 19:17–27)
3. Behold, the Risen King and Priest! (Acts 1:14; 2:32–36)



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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, 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 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

**MONDAY, Dec. 16, 1:00**—We will be assembling the baskets to be handed out Wed night; see Rena Stiekes if you would like to help.

**WEDNESDAY**—6:45 PM, AWANA; Adult Bible Study, 7:00; Teen Caroling at 7:00. *Meet at the church building.*

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE, 6:00**—Join us for our annual candlelit service celebrating the wondrous birth of our Lord!

**NEW YEARS EVE SERVICE, 6:00**—A special time of prayer and testimonies as we anticipate our walk with the Lord in 2014 as his church. **Soup Supper** to follow and time of fellowship with skits and games.

**GIFT BASKETS**—Deadline to contribute items for gift baskets to be distributed for Christmas to families and seniors is Dec. 15.

	Dec 1	Budget	YTD	YTD Budget
General Fund	\$6,002	\$3,712	\$191,178	\$181,865
Missions	20		\$2,734	
Deacons Fund	10		\$6926	
Building Fund	2,452		\$9,727	\$32,667

**KIDS4TRUTH Q&A AND MEMORY VERSE FOR NEXT WEEK**  
Review of verses.