

THE LORD'S DAY

December 22, 2013

WORSHIP SERVICE

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

Our eyes have seen

Your salvation

³¹ Which You have prepared

before the face of all peoples,

³² A light to *bring* revelation to the

Gentiles,

And the glory of Your people

Israel.”

Luke 2:30–32

PRELUDE

Who Is He in Yonder Stall

WHO IS HE

†CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Luke 2:30–32

ADORATION

†*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Hymn **199**
MENDELSSOHN

†CONGREGATIONAL READING

Matthew 1:18–22

The congregation will read text in italics.

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit.

¹⁹ Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly.

²⁰ But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying,

“Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. ²¹ And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins.”

²² So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying:

²³ “Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which is translated, “God with us.”

†*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.

CONFESSON & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This Is the Christmas Story

Men’s Trio

THANKSGIVING

†*Who Is He in Yonder Stall*

Hymn **227**
WONDERFUL GRACE

PETITION

†Prayer of Intercession

Offering

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:26-56

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night

Men’s Quartet

†*How Great Our Joy*

Hymn **218**
JÜNGST

December 22, 2013

The Yearning

Men's Quartet

BEHOLD THE BABE: THE EYEWITNESSES OF CHRISTMAS
PART 3, THE SHEPHERDS, FROM LUKE 2:8-20
Pastor Greg Stiekas

THE SERMON
Behold the Babe: The Eyewitnesses of Christmas
Luke 1 & 2

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.

†Our Great Savior

Hymn **177**
HYFRYDOL

To the *Shepherds*, some of the most unlikely witnesses, the angels appeared, scattering them to witness and proclaim the wonder of the Savior's birth:

† PRAYER & BENEDICTION

† Congregation will stand (if able)



Evening Prayer Service, 6:00 PM

Tuesday Evening
Christmas Eve Service, 6:00 PM



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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

TUESDAY Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Service 6:00 pm

WEDNESDAY Dec 25 —No Services

TUESDAY Dec 31 - New Year's Eve Prayer Service 6:00 pm

SATURDAY Jan 18 - Men and Boys Prayer Breakfast 8:00 am

	Dec 15	Budget	YTD	YTD Budget
General Fund	\$4,930	\$3,712	\$196,108	\$185,577
Missions			\$2,734	
Deacons Fund	150		\$7076	
Building Fund			\$9,702	\$32,667

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

