## Our eyes have seen

# Your salvation

<sup>31</sup> Which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, <sup>32</sup> A light to *bring* revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory of Your people Israel."

Luke 2:30-32

## THE LORD'S DAY

December 22, 2013

### WORSHIP SERVICE

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

#### PRELUDE

Who Is He in Yonder Stall Who Is HE

<sup>†</sup>CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF INVOCATION Luke 2:30-32

#### ADORATION

<sup>†</sup>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hymn **199** MENDELSSOHN

<sup>†</sup>CONGREGATIONAL READING The congregation will read text in italics. Matthew 1:18–22

<sup>18</sup> 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.

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

<sup>20</sup> 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. <sup>21</sup> And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins."

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

<sup>23</sup> "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."

<sup>†</sup> 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.

#### CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*This Is the Christmas Story* 

Men's Trio

#### **THANKSGIVING**

<sup>†</sup>Who Is He in Yonder Stall

Hymn **227** 

WONDERFUL GRACE

#### **PETITION**

<sup>†</sup>Prayer of Intercession

#### Offering

#### MINISTRY OF THE WORD

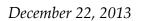
SCRIPTURE READING Luke 1:26-56

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night Men's Quartet

Hymn **218** 

<sup>†</sup>How Great Our Joy

JÜNGST





The Yearning Men's Quartet

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

<sup>†</sup>Our Great Savior

Hymn **177**Hyfrydol

<sup>†</sup> Prayer & Benediction

<sup>+</sup>Congregation will stand (if able)

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Evening Prayer Service, 6:00 PM

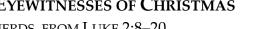
Tuesday Evening Christmas Eve Service, 6:00 PM

#### BEHOLD THE BABE: THE EYEWITNESSES OF CHRISTMAS

PART 3, THE SHEPHERDS, FROM LUKE 2:8–20 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.

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:





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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

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.