



Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has visited and redeemed his people
69 and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in
the house of his servant David.

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78 because of the tender mercy of our God,
whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high
79 to give light to those who sit in darkness and in
the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the
way of peace."

Luke 1:68-69, 78-79

THE LORD'S DAY

December 14, 2014

WORSHIP SERVICE

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

Prelude

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Strings Ensemble
"What Child Is This" Piano Solo, Aviya Baluch
"Silent Night" Strings Duet, Abbie and Annie Herbster

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lighting of the Advent Candle
Luke 1:68-69, 78-79

ADORATION

† *Angels from the Realm of Glory* Hymn **193**
REGENT SQUARE

† CONGREGATIONAL READING 2 Corinthians 8:9
The congregation will in unison.

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though
he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by
his poverty might become rich.

† *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.

"Once in Royal David's City" Choir
"On Christmas Night" Choir

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Hymn **199**
MENDELSSOHN

†Prayer of Intercession

Offering

"Of the Father's Love Begotten" Choir
"Emmanuel Shall Come" Choir
"Jesus, Name of Wondrous Love" Choir

That Beautiful Name

Hymn **170**
BEAUTIFUL NAME

"God and Father, We Adore Thee" Choir
"The Gift of His Love" Vocal Solo, arr. by Josh Sparkman
Sung by Kaitlynn Tompkins

"Cradled 'Mid the Oxen" Choir
"Angel's Song" Choir

SERMON

"An Unimaginable Exchange"
2 Corinthians 8:9
Pastor Greg Stiekes

"O Come Rejoicing" Choir

† *Joy to the World*

Hymn **194**
ANTIOCH

† PRAYER & BENEDICTION

† “Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne/
Once in Royal David’s City”

Choir

Congregation is invited to sing with the choir on the final stanza.

*And our eyes at last shall see Him,
Through His own redeeming love,
For that Child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in Heav’n above,
And He leads His children on
To the place where He is gone.*

Postlude

“God and Father, We Adore Thee” Josh Sparkman, Piano

† *Congregation will stand (if able)*

The choir selections, directed by Greg St. Jacques, are from the Christmas Cantata, *Lord of Glory*, written and arranged by Dan Forrest, and published by Lorenz Corporation.

Scripture Readers, Trent and Brittany Johnson



The Congregation will meet at the Kanuga Conference Center for our Annual Christmas Gathering at 5:00 this afternoon.

See back of bulletin for more information.

No Evening Service



AN UNIMAGINABLE EXCHANGE—2 CORINTHIANS 8:9

Pastor Greg Stiekes

The gospel makes a stunning claim. The transcendent Creator of the universe made himself low in order to exalt those who place their faith in him to heights of glory. As Paul expresses it in 2 Cor 8:9, Jesus Christ impoverished himself in order that we might be made rich. This verse focuses our attention on at least three remarkable aspects of this unimaginable exchange:

1. This exchange was made by the Lord of glory.
Though he was rich . . . he became poor . . .

2. This exchange was motivated by the Lord’s compassion.
Yet for your sake . . .

3. This exchange is an extension of the Lord’s knowable grace.
For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. . . .



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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, Adult Bible Study, Teen Bible Study
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

Directions to Kanuga Conference Center: Off Kanuga Rd. turn right on Kanuga Lake Rd. Go approx. 1.25 miles turn right on Kanuga Chapel Dr. Continue past the tennis courts to the first paved parking lot on left.

WEDNESDAY --AWANA @ 6:45; Adult Bible Study @ 7:00; Teen Discipleship Study at the St. Jacques home @ 7:00 pm

Next Sunday: Regular morning and evening services

Wednesday, Dec 24 Christmas Eve Service at 6:00 pm

Wednesday, Dec 31 New Years Eve Service at 6:00 pm

	Dec 7	Budget	YTD	YTD Budget
General Fund	\$4,056	\$3,577	\$179,533	\$175,269
Missions	\$40		\$3,954	
Deacons Fund	\$431		\$6,026	
Building Fund	\$342		\$9,383	\$42,042

KIDS4TRUTH Q&A AND MEMORY VERSE FOR NEXT WEEK

Q. How did the first human being get here?

A . The LORD God created the first man, Adam, out of dust and breathed life into him. **Genesis 2:7** - Then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. (601)

