

Prayer of Preparation

*Our Father, by your power
through your Spirit may Christ
dwell in our hearts today.*

*Root us and ground us in your
love so that with all the saints
we may grasp the breadth,
length, height and depth of the
love of Christ.*

Fill us with all your fulness.

Surpass our expectations.

Surprise us with wonder.

*Set us free to give you glory now
and forever.*



Welcome!

We are grateful that you joined us today and would love to keep in touch. We have a nursery for infants and toddlers. After Passing of the Peace, Pre-K through 2nd grade continue to worship upstairs. After the service, please join us downstairs for refreshments provided by Arbor Dale's Faithfulness Group.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday is our Fifth Sunday Breakfast! Bring a dish to pass and enjoy fabulous food and fellowship!

FAF News: The pantry will now be open the first four Fridays each month in the morning and afternoon. If you're interested in volunteering, please sign up link for available times/jobs at <http://signup.com/go/XYnXpKE>

ADPC Boomer Lunch Bunch: Holston Camp offers a hot lunch in the community building for just \$7.00 M-F from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (except for holidays). Some of us from Arbor Dale have met there on Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. and we'd love to have you join us after the new year, starting January 8.

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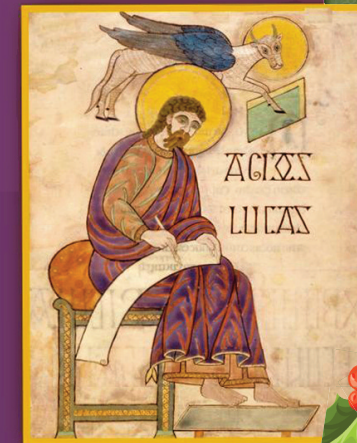
THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

LUKE

JESUS: THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD

WEEK 3

*Zachariah's
Song...*



December 23, 2018



* Congregation Stands

GREETING

Leader: *The Lord be with you*

All: *And also with you.*

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: *We gather in preparation*

All: *for good news is about to be proclaimed.*

Leader: *We gather in expectation*

All: *for joy is about to explode in our midst.*

Leader: *We gather in celebration*

All: *for we are those people who have said
Yes to the manger
Yes to love becoming flesh
Yes to God with us
Yes to salvation and life for others.
With preparation and expectation,
let us celebrate!*

* OPENING HYMN #249 O Come, All Ye Faithful

* CONFESSION

O promised Christ:

We are a world at war.

Our peace depends on your coming.

We are a sinful people.

Our pardon depends on your coming.

*We are full of good intentions but bad at
keeping promises.*

Our obedience depends on your coming.

*Lord Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, our world
waits for your peace, our hearts wait for your
pardon, our lives wait for your power.*

*Forgive us and make us new we ask in your name.
Amen.*

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON Isaiah 40:1-2

*Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Your
sins are pardoned. The penalty is paid. Thanks be
to God.*

* THE GLORIA PATRI and PASSING THE PEACE

*Glory be to the father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and
ever shall be, world without end, amen, amen.*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

* HYMN OF PREPARATION #250 O Little Town of Bethlehem

* SCRIPTURE AND SERMON Luke 1: 57-80 Zachariah's Song and the Guts of God

* CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Leader: *The Lord be with you.*

All: *And also with you.*

Leader: *Lift up your hearts.*

All: *We lift them up to the Lord.*

Leader: *Let us give thanks to the Lord
our God.*

All: *It is right to give our thanks
and praise.*

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

* THE DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Our only Hope is Jesus Christ.

*After we refused to live in the image of God,
he was born of the virgin Mary, sharing our
genes, our instincts, our pain and our hopes,
entering our culture, speaking our language,
fulfilling the law of the Lord.*

*Being united to Christ, being connected to
him, being his beloved we know ourselves,
our Father and the world he so loves.*

*Come Lord Jesus. We are open to your Spirit.
We await your presence. Our world finds its
rest in you alone.*

* HYMN OF DEDICATION #251 It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

* BENEDICTION



*Thank you for worshipping with us today.
Please join us downstairs for refreshments
and and fellowship. followed by
adult Sunday School.
And we hope you'll join us for our
Christmas Eve Service tomorrow at 6:30 p.m.*