

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 Goodness Group.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Refreshments next Sunday: Faithfulness Group. Contact Barbara Cornett 898-7661.

FAF News: Distribution Friday, Dec. 21 at 8 a.m. For more information, please visit www.feedingaveryfamilies.org

ADPC Boomer Lunch Bunch: Did you know Holston Camp offers a hot lunch in the community building for just \$7.00 per person? It's open M-F from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (except for holidays). A small group of us from Arbor Dale have met there a few times on Tuesday mornings at 11:30 and we'd like to continue after the first of the year! We you'll join us for good food and good conversation starting January 8.

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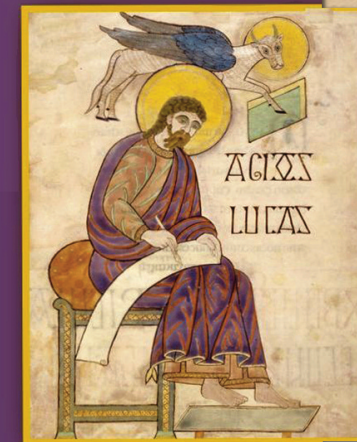
THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

LUKE

JESUS: THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD

WEEK 2

*Surprised
By Joy*



December 16, 2018



* Congregation Stands

GREETING

Leader: The Lord be with you
All: And also with you.

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always
All: We will say it again: Rejoice!
Leader: Let your gentleness be evident to all.
All: Because the Lord is near!
Leader: Today we rejoice because Christ has come near.
All: We rejoice because Christ will come again. We rejoice that God comes to save. So let us worship with joy.

* **OPENING HYMN** #244 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

* **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Mary heard the word of God, she was a good listener. Mary wondered about the word of God, she was honest. Mary questioned the word of God, she was bold. Mary submitted to the word of God, she was humble.
Remembering Mary, we remember that God is always speaking so that we can listen, so that we will be filled with wonder, so that our minds are set on fire and our lives offered up for God's purposes.
Remembering God's faithfulness and our failures, let us make our confession to God.

* **CONFESSION**

Lord God, our lives are filled with sin. We forget our neighbors and their needs. We do not love you above all things. We need a savior.
So as we confess our sins, make our hearts ready for the one who came and will come again.

* **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** #243 Emmanuel (sing twice)

* **SCRIPTURE AND SERMON** Luke 1: 26-38 Surprised by Joy

* **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** #258 Go Tell It On the Mountain

* **BENEDICTION**

Thank you for worshipping with us today.
We hope you'll join us downstairs refreshments and fellowship, followed by adult Sunday school.