

The Presentation of Our Lord
February 2, 2025
9:30am Worship & Communion

The Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

*** Confession & Forgiveness p. 94-96**

*P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.***

*P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.***

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*P: Most merciful God, **C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.***

*P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.***

*** Gathering Hymn #836**

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

*** Greeting p. 138** *P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.***

*** Kyrie p. 138** *P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.***

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

*P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.***

*P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.***

*P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C: Amen.***

*** This is the Feast p. 140**

*** The Prayer of the Day (all pray)** **Almighty and ever-living God, your only-begotten Son was presented this day in the temple. May we be presented to you with clean and pure hearts by the same Jesus Christ, our great high priest, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Lesson: Malachi 3:1-4

3 “Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. **2** But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. **3** He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. **4** Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading: Psalm 84

L: 84 How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

C: ² My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

L: ³ Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

C: ⁴ Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise!

L: ⁵ Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

C: ⁶ As they go through the Valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.

L: ⁷ They go from strength to strength; each one appears before God in Zion.

C: ⁸ O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!

L: ⁹ Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed!

C: ¹⁰ For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

L: ¹¹ For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.

ALL: ¹² O LORD of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you!

Second Lesson: Hebrews 2:14-18

¹⁴ Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. ¹⁶ For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. ¹⁷ Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

* **Gospel Acclamation** p. 142

* **Gospel Announcement**

* Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 2nd chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

*** The Gospel Lesson: Luke 2:22-40**

22 And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord **23** (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) **24** and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” **25** Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. **26** And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. **27** And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, **28** he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

29 “Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word;

30 for my eyes have seen your salvation

31 that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.”

33 And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. **34** And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed **35** (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

36 And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, **37** and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. **38** And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

39 And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. **40** And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

Children’s Sermon

Hymn #595 (vs. 1, 2)

“Jesus Loves Me!”

The Sermon

“Order or Chaos?”

(text: Luke 2:22-40)

Pastor Gene Vincent

*** Apostle’s Creed p. 105**

The Hymn of the Day #838

“Beautiful Savior”

Offering

*** Offering Response #186**

Prayers

*** Words of Institution**

*** The Lord's Prayer** p. 154 **C:** Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Communion

*In the Lord's Supper, we believe that Jesus is truly present in this meal to share His forgiveness and grace. All who believe Jesus Christ is our Lord & Savior are welcome at the table. Communing children should hold their hand out to receive the bread. Cross arms in front to receive a blessing. **(Kneeling)** Come down the center aisle and fill in the communion rail. You may stand if kneeling is difficult. You will be served the bread & wine or white grape juice. (Gluten free wafers are available.) Deposit your cup in the baskets at the end of the rail. Return to your seats using the side aisles. During Communion, please join in singing ELW hymns # 408, 423, 434, 439.*

*** Blessing**

*** Benediction**

*** Sending Hymn #547**

“Sent Forth By God’s Blessing”

*** Dismissal** *P:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Announcements:

Weekly Events:

Mon Feb. 3 – 10:00am – Endowment Meeting
11:00am – Worship Mtg.
Tues Feb. 4 – 7:00am – Jr. High Study
1:00pm – Library Committee
7:00pm – Committee Night
Wed Feb. 5 – 6:30am – Men’s Bible Study
7:00am – Jr. High Study
11:00am – Pastor’s Bible Study
1:00pm – Prayer Group
6:00pm – Confirmation
7:00pm – Choir Practice
Thurs Feb. 6 – 6:00pm – Pastor’s Bible Study
Sat Feb. 8 -- 7:00am – Gideon’s Prayer meeting
Sunday, Feb. 9 – 9:30 am Worship
SUPER BOWL SNACK SALE
10:45 am Coffee Fellowship
Sunday School

FEBRUARY FOOD CHALLENGE!

Feb. 2 - Hamburger Helper & Peanut Butter
Feb. 9 - Canned Fruit & Syrup
Feb. 16 - Canned Chicken & White/Brown Rice
Feb. 23 - Canned Ravioli & all kinds of snacks.

**Youth Sunday School Service
Project Today**

Walmart Shopping Trip
& Pizza Party
Meet in the double Sunday school room
following worship.
Youth must be accompanied by an adult.

LCW Ladies Valentine Party
11:30am - Tuesday, February
@ Café Grace in Princeton 11th
(cash or check only - no credit cards)
Open to all ladies - please sign up in back if you
plan to attend.

SUPER BOWL SNACK SALE!
Sunday, February 9th
Before & after church
Bring your favorite snacks or
appetizers & or
come and purchase yours for the day.
Proceeds will go to Club 56.