

Sermon Notes

**ST. MATTHEW**

December 26 & 27, 2020



Greetings Friends,

Merry Christmas! I don't remember a Christmas in my 59 years that has caused as many struggles as this one. Christmas 2020 has been challenging to Christians and non-Christians alike. We are in a period of what seems to be endless waiting. We are in a time when doubt and despair easily become the paths of least resistance.

Today's Gospel, the story of Simeon and Anna waiting faithfully and joyfully for the Messiah is a great one for us.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Bill Hugo

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**WORSHIP NOTES:** Thank you to Marilyn Lueth for sharing her keyboard talents with us, and to all other worship assistants for their leadership in worship this weekend. Glory to the newborn King!

Prayers for the Week of December 27

We rejoice with Carl and Florence Molin at the birth of their first great-grandchild, Paul Douglas Wilkerson. We pray for Carol Blase and family at the death of her brother-in-law Jerry Fauss and for Pennie George (Judie Colaianni's daughter) at the sudden death of her husband, Rob George.

***GIVING TO THE LORD***

Weekly Worship Attendance: 0  
December Tithes & Offerings to date: \$25,963  
December Budgeted Offerings: \$30,783

Bill Hugo, Pastor † Carol Blase, Coordinator of Music  
Brenda Hugo, Coordinator of Children's Ministries † Faustina Allen, Director of Teen Ministries  
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## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Tuesday, December 29

7:30 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY ONLINE

SATURDAY, January 2

5:30 PM WORSHIP IN-PERSON

Sunday, January 3

8:30 AM ADULT BIBLE CLASS on ZOOM

9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 AM WORSHIP ONLINE & IN-PERSON

TAKE HOME DETAILS AVAILABLE IN NARTHEX

*Pick one up today!*

**CHOIRS:** Just a quick reminder that there are no rehearsals this week. Our next scheduled set of rehearsals will be Wednesday, January 6. Watch for e-mail updates.



And he shall be called  
**WONDERFUL**  
C O U N S E L O R  
**MIGHTY GOD**  
E V E R L A S T I N G  
**FATHER**  
**PRINCE OF PEACE**

ISAIAH 9:6

### Children's Ministries:

*(Planned schedule is subject to change due to COVID-19)*

- **Set 2** of **Wednesday** classes, activities, choirs will resume in-person on Jan. 6 (masks, social distancing). Bring your own meal if desired. We are not yet able to make/serve meals.
- **Sunday School** will resume in-person on Jan. 10 (masks, social distancing). Contact Brenda if you would like at-home accommodations. See the Children's Ministries calendar for schedule and subject matter. *(can access the schedule via the church website)*