

## Those for Whom We Pray

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### **Announcements:**

- Messiah's annual congregational dinner is Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Old Time Hymn Sing Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 at St. Peter's. Everyone is welcome.
- Happy Birthday to Lindy McDonald, Linda Humphrey, Daniel Knisely, Dennis Baldinger and Jeanne Bence.
- Happy Anniversary to Carl & Sue Weyant.



## St. Clairsville Lutheran Parish

Messiah & St. Peter's Joint Service at  
Messiah, Bedford – 10:00 a.m.

**WELCOME VISITORS!**

We're glad to have you worship with us today.

January 1, 2012

### **FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**

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## **Prelude**

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+**Gospel:** insert

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**Sermon**

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## **Postlude**

+Please stand as you are able

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

A Let us give thanks for the faithful departed and all who have been privileged to see the redemption of Israel and the light to the Gentiles in the infant Jesus. May they inspire in us the same faithfulness and devotion until we, too, face the end of our lives in peace. God of our salvation,

C **have mercy and hear us.**

P Confident that you establish righteousness and justice in the world, we commend to you all for whom we pray; through your Son and our redeemer, Jesus Christ.

C **Amen**

P Almighty God, you have made yourself known in your Son, Jesus, redeemer of the world. We pray that his birth as a human child will set us free from the old slavery of our sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. C **Amen**

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 61:10--62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,

my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

<sup>11</sup>For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

<sup>62:1</sup>For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.

<sup>2</sup>The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

<sup>3</sup>You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,

and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

PSALM: Psalm 148

**Hallelujah! Praise the LORD | from the heavens;\***

**praise him | in the heights.**

<sup>2</sup>Praise him, all you an- | gels of his;\*

**praise him, | all his host.**

<sup>3</sup>Praise him, | sun and moon;\*

**praise him, all you | shining stars.**

<sup>4</sup>Praise him, heav- | en of heavens;\*

**and you waters a- | bove the heavens.**

<sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name | of the LORD;\*

**for he commanded, and they | were created.**

<sup>6</sup>He made them stand fast forev- | er and ever;\*

**he gave them a law which shall not | pass away.**

<sup>7</sup>Praise the LORD | from the earth;\*

**you sea-monsters | and all deeps;**

<sup>8</sup>fire and hail, | snow and fog;\*

**tempestuous wind, do- | ing his will;**

<sup>9</sup>mountains | and all hills;\*

**fruit trees | and all cedars;**

<sup>10</sup>wild beasts | and all cattle;\*

**creeping things and | winged birds;**

<sup>11</sup>kings of the earth | and all peoples;\*

**princes and all rulers | of the world;**

<sup>12</sup>young | men and maidens;\*

**old and | young together.**

<sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name | of the LORD;\*

**for his name only is exalted, his splendor is  
over | earth and heaven.**

<sup>14</sup>He has raised up strength for his people and praise  
for all his | loyal servants;\*

**the children of Israel, a people who are near him.  
| Hallelujah!**

## THE PRAYERS

A Pondering the mystery of the Word made flesh,  
let us bring before the throne of God our prayers on  
behalf of the church, the world, and all people in  
need.

A Let us pray for the church, that it would  
proclaim God's redemption through Jesus Christ to  
all those crushed and broken by the power of  
authorities. God of our salvation,

C **have mercy and hear us.**

A Let us pray for the right use of God's creation,  
that all the earth's peoples would work to end the  
exploitation of natural resources and help to preserve  
life for all who sing God's praises. God of our  
salvation,

C **have mercy and hear us.**

A Let us pray for the needs of people who have  
lost loved ones by violence; people living with  
chronic illness; and for the sick and hospitalized  
among us (especially). May we be moved to action,  
so that we might be sources of comfort, hope, and  
healing for them. God of our salvation,

C **have mercy and hear us.**

A Let us pray for our congregation, that in all  
decisions and actions of the new year we might be  
mindful of our adoption as God's children through  
baptism, and might live as those who have received  
the Spirit of Christ in our hearts. God of our  
salvation,

C **have mercy and hear us.**

**SECOND READING: Galatians 4:4-7**

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. <sup>6</sup>And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

**GOSPEL: Luke 2:22-40**

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Joseph and Mary brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), <sup>24</sup>and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

<sup>25</sup>Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. <sup>26</sup>It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. <sup>27</sup>Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, <sup>28</sup>Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

<sup>29</sup> "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,

according to your word;

<sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation,

<sup>31</sup>which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

<sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles

and for glory to your people Israel."

<sup>33</sup>And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. <sup>34</sup>Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed <sup>35</sup>so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed -and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

<sup>36</sup>There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, <sup>37</sup>then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup>At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

<sup>39</sup>When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup>The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.