

Celebration of Worship

Welcome!

We are honored that you have chosen to worship with us today. We pray that God blesses you with His presence as you have blessed us with yours. Please sign the registration notebook when it is passed along your row. If you are interested in church membership, a tan "How You Can Belong" sheet on the inside of each registration notebook should be of assistance. Please contact the pastor with any questions as we want to be helpful to you.



Jesus Presented in the Temple

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Rev. John R. Rech – Pastor
Bob Van Allen – Lay Reader
9:00 a.m. Worship Service
December 27, 2009

Prelude

***Greeting**

Rev. John R. Rech

**Indicates congregation standing as able*

***Hymn**

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

Hymnal No. 251

***Responsive Reading**

Leader: Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him.

People: It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

Leader: Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required,

All: Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:
"Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,
you now dismiss your servant in peace.
For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the sight of all people,
light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel."

What Child is This (Verse 1)

What Child is this who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing
Haste, haste, to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary

Registration and Announcements

Bob Van Allen

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Rech

Leader: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Leader: Let us pray (Leader offers a prayer followed by The Lord's Prayer)

All: 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Offertory

*Doxology

Hymnal No. 95

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

Duet

In the Bleak Midwinter

Dora & Alexandra Scheer

Scripture

Matthew 6:25-27, 31-34

Message

First Things First

Rev. Rech

Closing Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

Hymnal No. 451

*Benediction



Announcements

New Wednesday Night Class beginning January 13. Pastor John Rech will be leading a four week course called **Faith and Jesus**. This course is based on Lee Strobel's *Faith Under Fires* series which asks questions such as "Does the Christian faith stand up to tough scrutiny?" "Did Jesus really work miracles?" "Aren't all religions basically the same when you dig below the surface?" Based on Lee Strobel's provocative TV program of the same name, *Faith Under Fire*™ features fascinating debates and riveting interviews with Christians, atheists, Muslims, and proponents of other faiths as they tackle today's hottest spiritual topics. This will be a one-hour class from 7-8 p. m. on Wednesday nights that will combine brief video clips and discussion. There is no cost but we do need you to pre-register by calling 281-5117 or emailing us at johnrech@mountainsidemethodist.org

Men's Morning Study - The Men's Morning Study will start again on Tuesday January 12 at 6:30 -7:30 a.m.. This group meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month and is for all men who are interested in being challenged to grow deeper in their faith. We will be discussing readings from the book **You Were Born For This** by Bruce Wilkinson. The only cost is your copy of the book. If you plan to participate please pre-register by calling 281-5117 or emailing us at johnrech@mountainsidemethodist.org

The Larkins' are having their annual open house, on Saturday, January 2, from 12:00 - 5:00 p.m. Bring your family and come out to 31 Sandia Mountain Ranch Drive, Tijeras for food and socializing! Any questions, give Diane a call at 505-228-4032!

THIS WEEK at Mountainside

Today, Sunday, December 27

9:00 a.m. Classic Worship
10:15 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Contemporary
Worship

Wednesday, December 30

12:00 p.m. AA
6:00 p.m. AA

Friday, January 1

Happy New Year
10:00 a.m. AI-Anon
12:00 p.m. AA

Thursday, December 31

New Year's Eve
7:00 p.m. AA

Monday, December 28

12:00 p.m. AA

Tuesday, December 29

10:00 a.m. EM Food Pantry
7:00 p.m. AA

Saturday, January 2

NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday, January 3

9:00 a.m. Classic Worship
10:15 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Contemporary
Worship