



December 22, 2013
9:30 AM

Welcome to Worship!

A Family Gathering—Welcome Home!

Carols of Christmas Worship Team

Blessing Jesus with Our Gifts

Songs of the Season Worship Team

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:46-55 Danette Walters

Message: *“Miracles and Mercy Kisses”*

Song of Response Worship Team

Introduction of Alpha Course

Announcements

Benediction

Mary’s Prophetic Song (Luke 1:46-55)

And Mary sang this song,
My soul is ecstatic, overflowing with praises to God! My spirit bursts with joy over my Life-Giving-God! For He set His tender gaze upon me, His lowly servant girl. And from here on, everyone will know that I have been favored and blessed! The Mighty One has worked a mighty miracle for me; Holy is His name! Mercy kisses all His godly lovers, from one generation to the next! Mighty power flows from Him to scatter all those who walk in pride! Powerful princes He tears from their thrones and He lifts up the lowly to take their place! Those who hunger for Him will always be filled, but the smug and self-satisfied, He will send away empty! Because He can never forget to show mercy, He has helped His chosen servant, Israel, keeping His promises to Abraham and to his descendants forever!”

Simmons, Brian (2012-09-10). Luke, to the Lovers of God (The Passion Translation)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We wanted to give you an opportunity to help SCMC out financially, if you choose. Currently, we have **a deficit for 2013 of approximately \$35,000**. About \$19,000 of this amount is due to the septic system at the Hersh Property, which we are in the process of getting resolved. Consider giving of your resources in these last days of December to help cover this deficit. We truly feel that we are ministering to our congregation and supporting the missions that God would have us to at this time and trust Him to provide what is needed to do so. Thank you!

You are Encouraged to submit prayer requests and praises via the communication card by placing it in the offering basket at the appropriate time.

We have **Hearing Assist Units** available for those who may have difficulty hearing the service. Please speak the person in the sound room to receive your unit for the morning.

We have **Sunday School** classes for all ages. Please check the back of your bulletin to see where the classes meet.

Our **Sunday Evening Bible Study** meets tonight at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel.

Meet for **Weekly Koffee and Konversation** at the Hellertown Diner on Tuesday mornings at 8:00 a.m. Come and enjoy a great time of fellowship together!

We are having a **Candlelight Christmas Eve Service** at 7 p.m. Tuesday evening. This is always a very special time of worship. We hope you will all plan to attend.

The **Annual Men’s Retreat at Spruce Lake** will be held on January 16-17, 2014. The speaker is Gordon MacDonald and he will speak from one of his many popular books, *“When Men Think Private Thoughts,”* daring to contemplate such questions as, *Who am I? Who do I really know? Where is my life going? Where is God in my life?* The price includes one night of lodging and meals from Thursday dinner to Friday lunch, and the first session begins Thursday at 8 p.m. You can register for the event either by going online to sprucelake.org or by calling them at 570-595-7505.

The **Youth are invited to a go Roller Skating at Skate-a-way** in Bethlehem on January 18 from 2 to 5 p.m. Meet at church at 1:30 p.m. or at Skate-a-way at 2:00 p.m. The cost is \$10 for admission plus skate rental.

The youth are going on a **Missions Trip to Guatemala** and are having **work days** to fundraise for their trip. Please sign up on the sheet provided and indicate type of work you need done and how many youth you need, and Tara will coordinate schedules.

The **Finance Commission is bringing an opportunity to the congregation to assist Pastor David and Ron Faust with the costs of going to India** early next year. We will be collecting a love gift to go toward their costs for this mission trip over the next several weeks. If you are interested, please place it in the offering and put 'India Mission Trip' on the envelope. Please see one of the members of the finance commission if you have any questions. The total cost of the trip is approximately \$5,436.

Just a Reminder... We have a **"Blessings Food Pantry"** which is located in the office area. The items are there for you to use as needed!!

Out of courtesy to others, it is important that distractions during the Worship Service be minimal. We have a **Staffed Nursery** to care for your children through age three. In addition, there is a **Cry Room** at the rear of the sanctuary to attend to the needs of infants.

This Week’s Chronological Bible Reading Plan Schedule:
December 22, Hebrews 7-10; December 23, Hebrews 11-13;
December 24, 2 Timothy 1-4; December 25, 2 Peter 1-3, Jude 1;
December 26, 1 John 1-5; December 27, 2 John 1, 3 John 1;
December 28, Revelations 1-5.

Please use the **Communication Card** included in this worship folder to update personal information for the church office, as well as requesting further information about congregational life. **Visiting friends are encouraged to complete this card** so that we can get better acquainted. Please place your completed card in the offering basket this morning.

THIS WEEK AT SCMC

Sunday: Bible Study, 6:30 PM
Tuesday: Koffee & Konversation, 8:00 AM
Candlelight Christmas Eve Service, 7:00 PM
Wednesday: Merry Christmas!!
Thursday: Worship Team Practice, 7:30 PM
Sunday: Men's Fellowship, 8:45 AM
Bible Study, 6:30 PM

THIS WEEK:

Nursery: Wendy Rush-Spinosa
Mason Spinosa

Greeters: Dave & Debbie Faust

Worship Team: Dan Reed

Ushers: Chip Shimko
Bob Kemmerer
Rob Ibach

OFFERING ON DECEMBER 15: \$0.00

ATTENDANCE ON DECEMBER 15: 0

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Shirley Liedig – December 24
Harold Lehman – December 26
Dan Reed – December 28

NEXT WEEK: (Dec. 29)

Lisa Walters
Alicia Smith
Ron & Sandy Faust
Robert Bergey
Lee Walters
John Cressman
Randy Willard

SUNDAY SCHOOL INFORMATION

2-YEAR OLDS

Led by Mary Jane
Upstairs Nursery

KINDERGARTEN

Led by Rachel Feenstra
Helper, Sheryl Richards
Room LL1

GRADES 3 & 4

Led by Larry Korpics
Helper, Scott Richards
Room LL3

SENIOR YOUTH

Led by Ron & Sandy Faust
Youth Room

ADULT CLASS

"What on Earth Am I Here For?" by Rick Warren
Led by Pastor David
Sanctuary

3- AND 4-YEAR OLDS

Led by Becky Hutchinson
Helper, Lucy Litke
Room B6

GRADES 1 & 2

Led by Lydia Mohler
Room LL2

GRADES 5-8

Led by Chip Shimko
Room LL4

ADULT CLASS

David Cook Uniform Lesson
Led by Sue Reed
Chapel

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