

# Historic White Marsh Church

December 17, 2023

## Third Sunday of Advent

Prelude Marjorie Lampkin - Pianist

**Hymn ~ 277 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:22-35

Prayer

Special Music ~ Alabaster Grace

**Hymn ~ 265 The First Noel**

Advent Reading & Candle Lighting: Lindy & Jenny

**Hymn ~ 267 I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day**

Sermon

**Hymn ~ 249 O Come All Ye Faithful**

Benediction & Postlude

**Tithes & Offerings** Please use the wooden offering box or mail your offering to: PO Box 24, Lancaster, VA 22503. Thank you!

**Membership:** If you are interested in becoming a member of Historic White Marsh Church, please talk to Rev. Wes Hall.

*Historic White Marsh Church is an independent, Bible believing, teaching, and Christ-loving Bible Church. We are made up of Christians from diverse backgrounds, who are going to the same place (heaven) because of Jesus Christ our Savior.*

TODAY! **Christmas Fellowship** following worship  
December 24 **Christmas Eve Candlelight** Service 7:00 PM  
December 28 No Bible Study

January 14 **Tenth Anniversary** of Historic White Marsh Church

We are preparing **food baskets** to bless some people at Christmas time. Please make food donations by December 24.

## Historic White Marsh Church

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**Sunday Worship: 11:00 AM ~ Thursday Bible Study: 6:00 PM**

## HOW TO BE LIKE SIMEON

A Miraculous Recognition of the Messiah

Luke 2:25-35

**LIVE A HOLY LIFE. Simeon was “a just and devout man.” v. 25**

Simeon lived a life that was pleasing to God.

*What terms would you use to describe your walk with God?*

*What needs to be changed so that you can live a holier life?*

*What was Simeon waiting for?*

**TRUST IN THE LORD. Simeon was a man of faith.**

- Simeon had a relationship with God through faith.
- In faith, he looked for the coming of the Christ. v. 25
- He knew that Christ would provide salvation for all mankind.
- His faith brought him into a close walk with God.

*Are you a person with real faith? How would you describe your faith?*

*Have you seen and accepted the Savior by faith?*

**BE A SPIRIT LED BELIEVER. Simeon was directed by the Holy Spirit.**

- “The Holy Spirit was upon him.” v. 25
- The Spirit of God communicated to Simeon. v. 26
- Simeon was led by the Spirit into the temple. v. 27

*What is an example of the Holy Spirit’s leading in your life?*

**LIVE WITH PURPOSE. Simeon had a great destiny.**

- The Holy Spirit told Simeon that he would not see death before he saw the Messiah. v. 26 You can see Jesus Christ after death.
- First of all, Simeon saw Christ by faith through God’s Word, but then he also had the opportunity to see Christ with his eyes.

*How can you know that God has a special plan for your life?*

*What kind of plan do you think that God has for your life?*

**BE A PRAISER. Simeon praised God.**

- He praised God when he took the Savior in his arms. v. 28
- Simeon felt that his life was complete when he had seen the Christ and the fulfillment of the promise. v. 29

*Why was Simeon full of praise? How do you praise God?*

**PROCLAIM THE WORD. Simeon was a prophet. v. 30-35**

- Joseph and Mary marveled at what Simeon’s said about Jesus.
- Simeon was used by God to tell all of us about Jesus Christ.

*How have you responded to what the Bible says about salvation?*

*What did Simeon say about salvation? How do you proclaim the Word?*

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