Second Sunday of Advent
December 7, 2008

Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship – Come Let Us Adore Him

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle
"The Promise of Healing and Forgiveness"

Praise & Worship

Scripture Reading – Luke 2:21-40 NIV

21 On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise him, he was named Jesus,
the name the angel had given him before he had been conceived.

22 When the time of their purification according to the Law of Moses had been
completed, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord 23
(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male is to be consecrated
to the Lord"), 24 and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law
of the Lord: "a pair of doves or two young pigeons."

25 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. 26 It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not
die before he had seen the Lord's Christ. 27 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, 28 Simeon took him in his arms and
praised God, saying:
29 "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,
you now dismiss your servant in peace.
30 For my eyes have seen your salvation,
31 which you have prepared in the sight of all people,
32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel."

33 The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him. 34 Then
Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to
cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be
spoken against, 35 so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a
sword will pierce your own soul too."

36 There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of
Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her
marriage, 37 and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the
temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. 38 Coming up to them
at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all
who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

39 When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord,
they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. 40 And the child grew and
became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him.

Sermon

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

GOOD NEWS & BAD NEWS & GOOD NEWS: SIMEON & ANNA

Dave Wiebe

Offering

Sending Song

Closing

Sermon Notes