

27 December 2020

FIRST SUNDAY
AFTER
CHRISTMAS

We praise God for
Christ's birth.

verse for the week
I have seen your
salvation which
you have prepared
for all people.
LUKE 2:30-31

Caring Conversations

Share your highs
and lows of the
day, or respond
to the following
questions:

1

Tell about when
you waited a
long time for
something.
What was it
like waiting and
what was it
like when the
waiting was
over?

2

What were
Simeon and
Anna waiting for
(Luke 2:25-38)?
How did they
react to seeing
baby Jesus?

3

Imagine yourself
in the place of
Simeon and
Anna. What
would you say?

Devotions

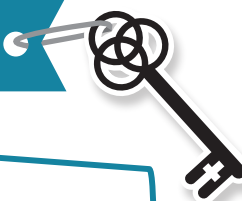


Daily Bible Readings

S	Luke 2:22-40	Jesus presented in the temple
M	Isaiah 61:10-62:3	Rejoice in the Lord
T	Galatians 4:4-7	Adoption as God's children
W	Ecclesiastes 3:1-15	For everything a season
T	2 Corinthians 6:1-10	Now is the time of salvation
F	Isaiah 43:16-21	The Lord is doing a new thing
S	Psalms 148	All creation praises God
S	John 1:10-18	The word became human

Discuss the bible reading. What word or phrase
was important to you as you read these verses?

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Lord God, thank
you for Jesus,
through whom we
are adopted as
your children. Let
all you have made
praise you! Amen.

BLESSING

May the Lord
make you strong
and wise, and
bless you with
God's saving
grace.

Creative Response

Take time this New Year's Eve to reflect on
the past year with family and friends. As the
evening proceeds, share memories together.

Consider using the following questions:

- What were some good things that happened this past year?
- What were some challenges you faced?
- What are your hopes and concerns for the coming year?
- What have you learned from your experiences this past year and how does it connect with your faith in the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem?
- What commitments would you like to make for reading the Bible and to prayer in 2018?

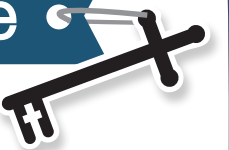
Finish this time of
conversation with prayer
for one another, asking
God to bless and care
for one another, the
church, and world in the
coming year. End with
the Lord's Prayer.



mealtime prayer

Praise the Lord all children, women and men, for
God gives us food for our bodies and Jesus as our
saviour. Amen.

Service



In the temple in
Jerusalem, Simeon and
Anna encouraged and
blessed two young,
first-time parents,
Mary and Joseph.

Contact parents with
young children in your
church or community
and offer to carry
out a household act of
service. (e.g. Help out
with cleaning, ironing
or childcare so they
can enjoy some time out
together.)

