

SIMEON'S EYES

(sung to the tune of "Rock o' my soul")

Simeon's eyes saw the light of salvation.*
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Simeon's eyes saw the light of salvation.
Let him go in peace.

Simeon's arms held the baby of Bethlehem.
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Let him go in peace.

Simeon's voice praised the God of all nations.
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*pronounced sal-VAY-ay-shun

—Jerry Lee Miller, pastor
Spring Run Church of the Brethren
McVeytown, Pennsylvania

Text for Today

Luke 2:22-40 (32)

Simeon took [Jesus] in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, **a light for revelation** to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."



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A light for revelation



Sheldon Church of the Brethren
 Ministers - All Members
 December 28, 2008
 9:30 a.m. Worship



NOTE: The red hymnal will be used today, unless otherwise noted.

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING / ANNOUNCEMENTS / SPECIAL DAYS Simon - 31st

LIGHT CANDLES / DOXOLOGY #632

*CALL TO WORSHIP #763 (responsive reading)

* GATHERING HYMN #139 *Angels, From the Realm of Glory*

* INVOCATION

WELCOME Happy Birthday to Jesus (Sam, Simon, & Rachel Maggert)

PRAISE HYMN #138 *Angels We Have Heard On High*

CHILDREN'S TIME (Gathering Song: *Jesus Loves the Little Children*)
"The Angel Visits Zachariah & Mary and Jesus Is Born"

FILL THE ARK - Gathering of quarters

OFFERTORY STATEMENT #792 (Pete)

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY HYMN #343 *We Give Thee But Thine Own*
 (sing vs.1 & 4 while offering is taken)

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CHRISTMAS SCRIPTURE (Scott)

CHILDREN'S PAGEANT "A Christmas Window"

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN #131 *There's a Song In the Air*

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pray For: Panora, IA Church

Praying For Us: Minneapolis, MN Common Spirit Church

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 65:17-25 and Revelation 1:4-18

MESSAGE "Encouragement For Troubled Times"

PRAYER OF BLESSING ON THE WORD

*CLOSING HYMN #133 *I Heard the Bells On Christmas Day*

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING HYMN #145 *As With Gladness Men of Old*

* - Please Stand, if you are able

SERVING THE CONGREGATION SUNDAY, December 28:

Message	Pete Aberson
Children's Message	Sandi Cox
Music	Jan Martin
Ushers	Alan and Scott
Adult Sunday School	Scott Maggert
Children's Sunday School	Ann Maggert and Sandi Cox

SERVING THE CONGREGATION SUNDAY, January 4:

Message	Rev. David Loveall
Children's Message	Marcene Cox
Music	Donna Brin kman
Ushers	Alan and Scott
Adult Sunday School	Donna Brin kman
Children's Sunday School	Ann Maggert and Sandi Cox

PRAYER REMINDERS

Our Congregation & Children	Clarence & Rhelma Evans
Ann Evans	Don & Joyce Adkins
Linda Beal	Dyan Sterk (vertigo)
Living Peace Church, Sioux City	Pete Aberson (hip surgery)
United Christians International	with Jean-Jean & Kristie
Lost Brothers and Sisters	Those Serving in the Military
Reaching Out to Our Community	Mary Fike (18 weeks chemo)

OUTREACH MINISTRIES



November 3, 2008, marked the 120th year our congregation has worshipped at the current location.



Haitian Ministry directed by Rev. Jean-Jean & Kristie Mompremier.
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Moderator
Linda Adams

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Ann Maggert

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Rhelma Evans
Jo Rolston

Sunday School Superintendent
Jo Rolston

Church Facility Trustee
Scott Maggert

Treasurer
Sandi Cox

Church Sign
Alan Cox

Nominating Committee
Linda Adams
Ann Maggert

Ushers
Alan Cox
Scott Maggert

Clerk
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OUR CHURCH

Worship Service9:30am
Christian Education (Sept.-May) .10:50 am

Communion
1st Sunday of Each Month

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Anniversaries and Birthdays for December

04 - Liz Evans
07 - Sam Clemmens
18 - Liz Rolfsmeier
31 - Leah Bothmer
Simon Maggert

Many happy returns of the day of thy birth. May sunshine and gladness be given and may the Dear Father prepare thee on earth for a beautiful birthday in heaven.

Church Events

Welcome!

Welcome to Pete Aberson this morning.

Welcome to all visitors and guests. May you receive God's blessing from today's service. Enter to worship; depart to serve!

Adult Sunday School

In Adult Sunday School we are using the *Serindipity Bible For Groups* with a Bible study format. Our topic this week is "High Calling" from Luke 5:1-11. We welcome your attendance and participation!

Devotional

The January-February *Upper Room* devotionals are on the back table. Please take one for your daily devotions.

Guest Speakers

Jan. 4 - Rev. David Loveall (Communion)
Jan. 11 - Pete Aberson
Jan. 18 - Don Adkins
Jan. 25 - Rev. Lucinda Douglas
Feb. 1 - Rev. David Loveall (Communion)
Feb. 8 -
Feb. 15 - Don Adkins
Feb. 22 -
Mar. 1 - Rev. David Loveall (Communion)