

The Federated Church of Wauconda

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Director of Music/Organist..... Geri Meyer
Worship Assistant..... Pastor Crystal
Greeters..... John & Cathy Mate
Nursery Attendant..... Nancy Lucius
Ushers..... Raj & Rose Bhatt, Tom & Peggy Martin
Usher Chairperson..... Dave Fehlman
Acolytes..... Hero & Madison Lucius

**We Welcome you to
THE FEDERATED CHURCH OF WAUCONDA**

December 31, 2017

We are committed to God through Christ to enrich the world
through worship, mission, witness, and service.



My eyes have seen your salvation. You prepared this salvation in the presence of all peoples. It's a light for revelation to the Gentiles and a glory for your people Israel. Luke 2:30-32

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please sign the attendance sheets)

OPENING PRAISE Stephanie Boone & Jessica Petrillo

“Cornerstone”

“Great Are You Lord”

OPENING PRAYER

PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF CANDLES

WORDS OF AFFIRMATION (From James 5)

Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord.

See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 34)

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.

Fear the Lord, you his holy people, for those who fear him lack nothing.

The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from telling lies.

Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

OPENING HYMN *“Joy to the World”* No. 246

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Pastor Jason

*THE LORD’S PRAYER No. 895

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*PRAYER HYMN *“There’s a Song in the Air”* No. 249

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 13:1-2

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:22-38

SERMON “The Christmas Story Isn’t Over” Pastor Jason

OFFERING

*OFFERING RESPONSE *“The Doxology”* No. 95

*CLOSING HYMN *“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”* No. 251

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Exodus 13:1-2

The Lord said to Moses: Dedicate to me all your oldest children. Each first offspring from any Israelite womb belongs to me, whether human or animal.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 2:22-38

When the time came for their ritual cleansing, in accordance with the Law from Moses, they brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. (It's written in the Law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male will be dedicated to the Lord.") They offered a sacrifice in keeping with what's stated in the Law of the Lord, A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.

A man named Simeon was in Jerusalem. He was righteous and devout. He eagerly anticipated the restoration of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. The Holy Spirit revealed to him that he wouldn't die before he had seen the Lord's Christ. Led by the Spirit, he went into the temple area. Meanwhile, Jesus' parents brought the child to the temple so that they could do what was customary under the Law. Simeon took Jesus in his arms and praised God. He said, "Now, master, let your servant go in peace according to your word, because my eyes have seen your salvation. You prepared this salvation in the presence of all peoples. It's a light for revelation to the Gentiles and a glory for your people Israel."

His father and mother were amazed by what was said about him. Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "This boy is assigned to be the cause of the falling and rising of many in Israel and to be a sign that generates opposition so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your innermost being too."

Anna's response to Jesus

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, who belonged to the tribe of Asher. She was very old. After she married, she lived with her husband for seven years. She was now an 84-year-old widow. She never left the temple area but worshipped God with fasting and prayer night and day. She approached at that very moment and

began to praise God and to speak about Jesus to everyone who was looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

OPPORTUNITIES TO WORSHIP

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Worship service – 9:30am; Sunday School (Sept. – May) – 9:45am; Fellowship – 10:30am

PRAYER MEETINGS

Our prayer meetings are a time to gather with other believers to lift our needs and our praises to God. We meet on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Thursdays of each month at 7:00pm.

OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN

BIBLE STUDY SERIES

Join us for one of our Bible Study series called Bible Story Cafe. We have two Bible Study classes on Monday mornings at 10:00am and Tuesday evenings at 6:00pm.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

ANNUAL MEETING – Jan. 28

The annual meeting will be held on January 28. Please plan to attend. This meeting is very important in the life of our church. It is an opportunity to celebrate the blessings and accomplishments of the past year and discuss plans for the upcoming year. We will vote on a slate of officers and committee members and approve the proposed budget. Come and celebrate with us and be a part of the very important decisions that affect the future of our church. The meeting will begin shortly after the regular Sunday church service. This year our meeting will be chaired by representatives of American Baptist Churches of Metro Chicago.

2018 COMMITMENT CARDS

If you haven't turned in your commitment card yet, please prayerfully consider what you can give your church in 2018. There are additional cards on the table by the window if you

need one. You can put it in the offering plate any Sunday, drop it off, or mail it to the church office.

2018 GIVING ENVELOPES

Please pick up your weekly or monthly giving envelopes from the table in the Narthex. Using the envelopes regularly insures that your donations are recorded appropriately. Thank you for your ongoing support of our church. You may also donate through the website. Just look for the donate button in the upper righthand corner of the home page.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS

Anyone who would like to have flowers on the Altar in memory or honor of a loved one, a friend, or a special occasion, contact Ann Petersen at 847-526-9005 or the church office at 847-526-8471. The cost of an arrangement is \$12.50.

ATTENTION NEW COMMITTEES MEMBERS

Please remember that, if you agreed to be on a Commission or Committee in 2018, February is the starting month. Please let the office know if we don't have your correct email address. We hope to see you at the meetings – your input is needed!

ANNUAL MEETING REPORTS

All the annual reports for 2018 are due in the church office by January 1 from each committee and organization chairperson. Contact Judy in the office if you have any questions. Your cooperation in submitting reports on time will greatly assist in printing and preparation for the Annual Meeting on January 28. Please remember to leave a 1" margin on each side of your typed reports.

CONTINUED PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

Pete Ambrosio, Basilia Bornasal, Florence Burton, Donna Gallmeyer-Dixon, Howard Ficht, Mickie Kisselburg, Marion

Knoff, Scott Matthews, Lisa Morrison, Laura Peroutka, Dolores Prusinski, Martha Stanger, Mike Striker, Arb Swanson, Dorothy Wheelock, Linda Wicker, Lisa Wineski, Brian Zinkel

PASTOR JASON ON VACATION

Pastor Jason will be out of the office beginning January 2 through January 7. He will be back in the office on January 8.

POINSETTIA PLANTS

If you have purchased a poinsettia plant and have not taken it home yet, please do so today. All plants left at the end of the day will be disposed of.

FREE WIRELESS INTERNET

Feel free to use our wireless internet: fcowguest



CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR – DEC. 31 – JAN. 7		
TODAY: Dec. 31		
MON: Jan. 1		HAPPY NEW YEAR
		Church Offices Closed
TUES: Jan. 2		No Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
WED: Jan. 3	6:00 pm	T.O.P.S.
	7:00 pm	Worship Meeting
THURS: Jan. 4	7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting
	8:00 pm	Alanon Meeting
FRI: Jan. 5		
SAT: Jan. 6		
SUN: Jan. 7		Pastor Crystal Preaching
		Communion in the Pews

LAY MINISTRIES: Next Sunday – January 7

Worship Assistant..... Pastor Crystal
 Ushers..... Jutta C., Laurel D., Dave F., Ted T.
 Acolytes..... Angela Batson & Gabriella Stephens
 Greeter for January..... Mary Taylor