

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:1-7

Pew Bible pg. 58

“In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver the child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.”

Leader: Joy to the world!

People: This is the culmination of our years of waiting.

Leader: We have lit the candles of hope, of peace, and of love. In the glow of their light we feel the warmth of deep and quiet joy.

People: Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!

Leader: Let us our songs employ.

People: Let us sing to the glory of God!

Leader: Let us sing in the name of Christ who offers us hope in the prison of despair,

People: Peace in the chaos of life,

Leader: God’s love--graciously, silently, and vulnerably offered.

People: And heaven, and heaven and nature sing!

LIGHTING THE CANDLES OF HOPE, PEACE, LOVE, AND JOY

HYMN #40 (Hymnal)

“Joy to the World!”

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Rev. Anderson

Drew Christopher Vitulli
son of Jarrett C. Vitulli and Michelle Kane Vitulli
brother to Chase and Noah Vitulli
born on July 18, 2011

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

QUESTION TO THE CONGREGATION:*

Elder Dorothy Klotzbeacher

Our Lord Jesus Christ ordered us to teach those who are baptized. Do we, the people of this church, in the name of the whole Body of Christ, promise to tell Drew the good news of the gospel, to help him to know all that Christ commands, and by our fellowship, to strengthen his family ties with the household of God? If so, please say, “We do.”

Congregation: We do.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

THE BAPTISM & WELCOME INTO THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE Luke 2: 8-14 Warren Santoro
Pew Bible pg. 58

ANTHEM “Come, Christ of God” Stan Pethel
The Chorale

SCRIPTURE Philippians 2: 5-11 Pew Bible pg. 197

SERMON “Glory to God in the Lowest” Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #37 (Hymnal)* “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH Dr. Mitchell

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory “A rose breaks into bloom” Johannes Brahms
Organ

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)* “Doxology”
Prayer of Dedication* Rev. Anderson

HYMN #29 (Hymnal)* “Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

BENEDICTION*

RESPONSE* Fourfold Amen in G Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

POSTLUDE* Toccata Johann Pachelbel
Organ

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**