

December 1, 2024
Pastor Bill Donahue

Great Things
Jesus, All for Jesus

Welcome: Please fill out your communication card.

Reader: Steve Fulk

Advent Reading: Luke, 2:25-39 **lighting the first candle HOPE**

There was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon. He was righteous and devout and was eagerly waiting for the Messiah to come and rescue Israel. The Holy Spirit was upon him and had revealed to him that he would not die until he had seen the Lord's Messiah. That day the Spirit led him to the Temple. So, when Mary and Joseph came to present the baby Jesus to the Lord as the law required, Simeon was there. He took the child in his arms and praised God, saying, "Sovereign Lord, now let your servant die in peace, as you have promised. I have seen your salvation, which you have prepared for all people. He is a light to reveal God to the nations, and he is the glory of your people Israel!" Jesus' parents were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them, and he said to Mary, the baby's mother, "This child is destined to cause many in Israel to fall, and many others to rise. He has been sent as a sign from God, but many will oppose him. As a result, the deepest thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your very soul." Anna, a prophet, was also there in the Temple. She was the daughter of Phanuel from the tribe of Asher, and she was very old. Her husband died when they had been married only seven years. Then she lived as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the Temple but stayed there day and night, worshiping God with fasting and prayer. She came along just as Simeon was talking with Mary and Joseph, and she began praising God. She talked about the child to everyone who had been waiting expectantly for God to rescue Jerusalem. When Jesus' parents had fulfilled all the requirements of the law of the Lord, they returned home to Nazareth in Galilee. There the child grew up healthy and strong. He was filled with wisdom, and God's favor was on him.

Music:
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Greet one another and speak a word of blessing.

(Before you sit)

May The LORD bless you and protect you.

May The LORD smile on you and be gracious to you.

May The LORD show you His favor and give you, His peace.

Sermon series: *Cultivating an Attitude of Gratitude*

Today's Title: Hope has a name

Text: Luke 2:25 - 39

Point: God rewards those who diligently seek him

Next steps. Areas I need to explore deeper.

1. Live with great expectation
2. Embrace what God has prepared for you
3. Prophesied the good news

Scripture for the day: Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. Hebrews 11:6

Communion

Offering & Prayer Requests

Doxology #815

Music: The Old Rugged Cross

Leader: "I Heard the Voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?'"

People: "Here am I! Send me."

Leader: Go in peace. Be a blessing to someone today.

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Announcements:

Join us after church today in the fellowship hall for **Potluck coffee and refreshments.**

Secret Santa: Pick an envelope off the tree and give a gift to Bless someone this holiday season.

Men's breakfast at the parsonage Saturday, 12/7 @ 9:30

Welcoming New Members Dec 8th

“Christmas and more” in house **moving sale** at Joni and George Cacavas house at 4 Eastern Ave, Concord Heights from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on December 7th.

Updated Directory November 2024 in the back

Daily Bible reading challenge: Day 336 From Vision to Action

Bible in one year. <https://bible.alpha.org/en/>

Our daily bread devotional booklets are in the back.

Bible study Sunday mornings at 8:30 am

6:03 Pray for ONE (2 Peter 3:9)

Please fill out a communication card if you are a first-time visitor.

Write a prayer request on a communication card.

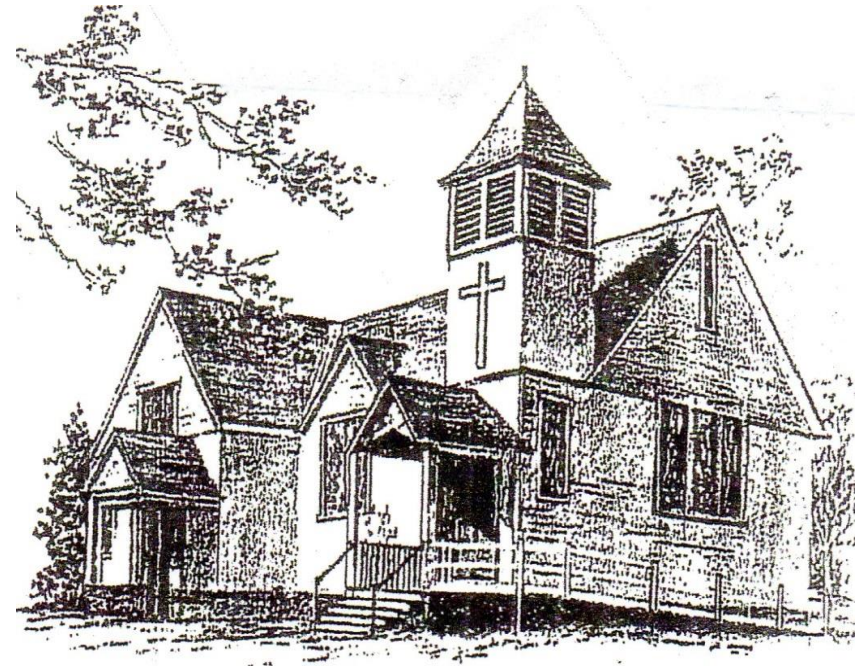
Upcoming events:

Night of Gratitude December 22, 2024 @ 5p.m.

Christmas Eve Celebration December 24, 2024 @ 5p.m.

Immanuel Community Church

To Know God and to make Him known through fellowship, prayer and service.



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