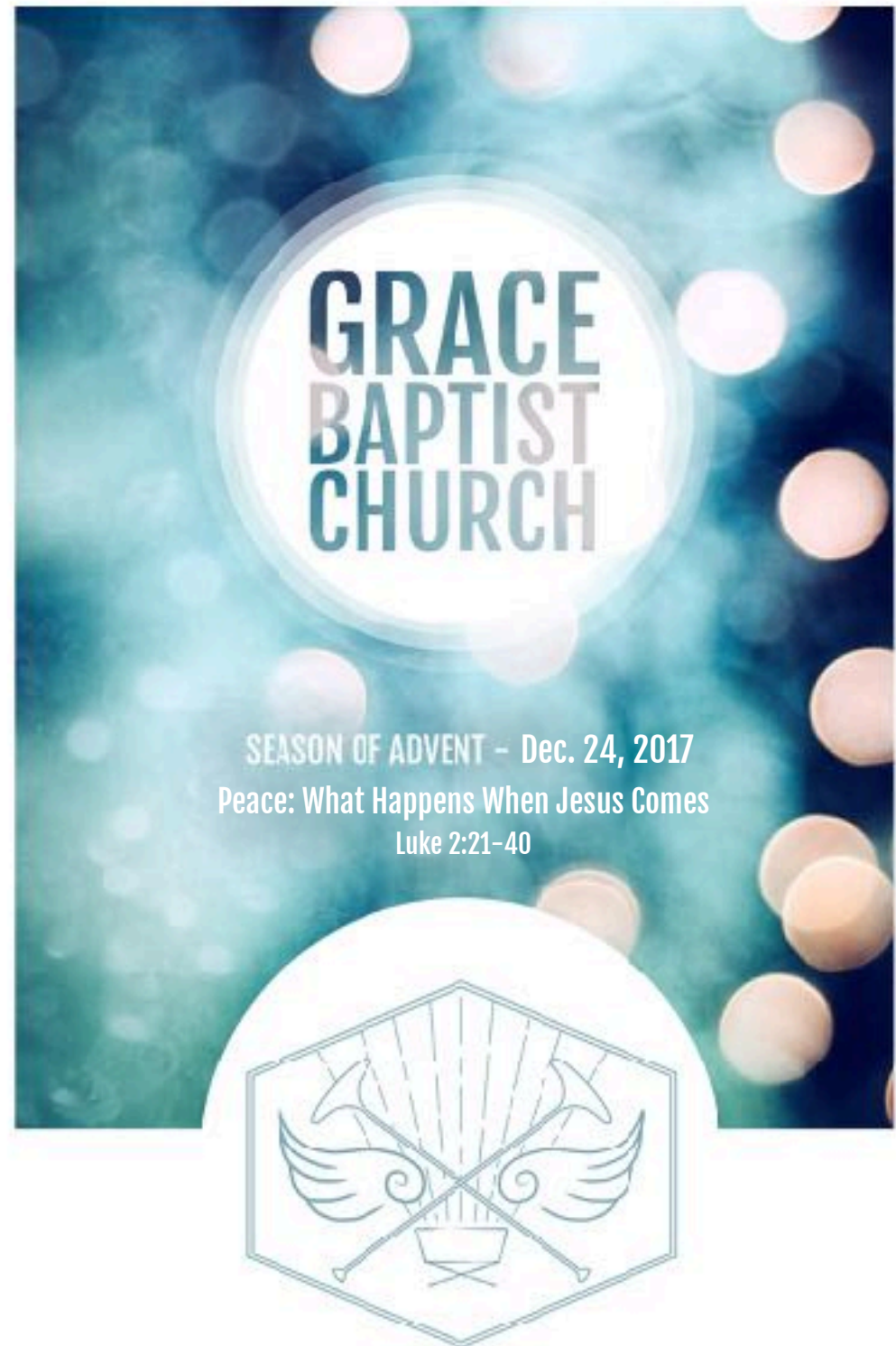


Peace: What Happens When Jesus Comes Luke 2:21-40 Pastor Jeff Kuhn

- I. _____ Simeon _____... (v. 10)
- A. The _____ of _____. (v.26-37)
 - B. _____ to the _____.
(v. 32; Is. 49:6)
 - C. _____ for _____.
(v. 32; Mic. 5:2-5)
- II. _____ "what Simeon saw" _____.
(v. 34-35)
- A. The _____ and _____ of many. (v.34; Mt. 21:42-44; Luke 1:52)
 - B. _____ and _____ exposed.
(v. 34-35; Heb. 4:12)
 - C. The _____ that leads to _____.
(v. 35; Rom. 8:22-23)
- III. When Jesus _____ to our _____ today... (Ps. 95:6-8)
- A. Peace _____ our "_____".
(v. 32, 34-35; Mt. 10:34-39)
 - B. _____ often lies on the other side of _____.
(v. 35; I Cor. 15:42-44,50,53)
 - C. _____ the _____ be what it is.
(v. 30,34-35; Rom. 9:33; I Cor. 1:22-24)

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. When have you "seen" something that was the fulfillment of a promise of God? What was that like for you?
2. Read Matt. 21:42-44. What do you think this means? Especially the part about falling on the stone or the stone falling on someone?
3. When have your own thoughts been revealed to you in a surprising way? Do you think we usually overestimate or underestimate our ability to know why we do what we do?
4. When has death/suffering/pain led to life for you? What was that experience like?
5. In what ways is God challenging your "normal"? How do you react when your "normal" is challenged?
6. What is your first response toward pain? Avoid it? Go through it? Something else? Why is that, and is it a good response for you?
7. How can you better share this good news of great joy with all people? What are a few specific steps that you can take?



WELCOME TO GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH

Our desire is to help you take one step closer to Jesus. We believe the best way to facilitate this journey is by committing yourself to four different commitments, and we strive to offer opportunities for you to do that with us here. The first is what you are experiencing today, Worship. Worship is looking deeply at who God is and surrendering our lives to Him. The response to that is a move into Mission, finding what God has called and gifted you to do, and then devoting yourself to that. Along the way you will realize a need for Learning, learning a new way of thinking and living in light of the truth. And you will need Relationships, people who walk with you, support you, challenge you, and encourage you on your way.



LEARNING



MISSION



RELATIONSHIPS



WORSHIP



Opportunity for Baptism

We are planning a baptismal service in the new year on January 14th, 2018. If you have never been baptized please contact Jake or Jeff for more information about how you can take this important step in your journey with Jesus.



Christmas Eve Service

There will be a candlelight service here at the church tonight, beginning at 7 pm.



Adult Sunday School in the new year:

January - Track A: "Gathering up the Fragments", Susan DeLong
January - Track B: The Gospel of Mark, Dustin Siemens



Limited Office hours:

The office manager will be on vacation until January 9th.

Please Pray!

Kathaleen Corbett (Jim's wife) passed away suddenly last Sunday. It's been a shock to the family and the community. The funeral will take place January 6th at GBC, with Will Corbett leading the service. The time of day will be confirmed later as details settle. Please keep them all in your prayers.



Sunday School

Sunday School for all ages is canceled for December 24th and December 31st. Classes resume January 7, 2018



Sunday School in the new year:

Sunday Clubs for kids in January: The Year of the Lord's Favour, Luke
Note: we still need a workshop leader for February, as we look at the lost parables in Luke



Girls'/Boys' Club, OneStep, Youth and Stories

Girls'/Boys' Club resumes January 10th.
OneStep and Youth resume January 12th.
Youth Stories resume January 14th.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
11:00 Worship Service 7:00 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service			9-11 Ladies Bible Study: Resumes in the new year 6:30-8 Boys/Girls Club : Resumes January 10th		6-7:15 OneStep: Resumes January 12th 8-10 Youth: Resumes January 12th		9:15 Breakfast - resumes January 7th 9:45 All Sunday School resumes January 7th 11 Worship Service 5:30 Resumes January 7th
LECTIONARY READING for the coming week: Luke 2, Psalm 16							