

Traditional Service

11:00 a.m.

Prelude **Whence Is That Goodly Fragrance?**
(Composer: Harrison Oxley)

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Advent Candle of Peace

Hymn #70 **On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry**

Responsive Reading **Psalms 130**

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD. Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

My soul waits for the Lord; more than those who watch for the morning; more than those who watch for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.

All: It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Lord, we have not kept watch for you. We have occupied ourselves with our own concerns. We have not waited to find your will for us. We have yet to notice the needs of the people around us. We have not acknowledged the love that has been shown to us. Forgive us for our lack of watchfulness. Help us to wait to know your will. Help us to look out for the needs of others. Help us to work and watch for your coming.

(People silently offer their personal confessions to God.)

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Pastor: Friends, believe the Good News:

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Hymn #961 **Glory be to the Father**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be

World without end. Amen, Amen.

Passing the Peace

Hymn #63 **My Soul in Stillness Waits**

Scripture Reading **Luke 2:36-38**

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Sermon **Anna – The One Who Was Steadfast**
The Women of the Christmas Story

Musical Reflection **Gentle Mary**
(Composer: Sandresky)

Hymn #965 **Doxology**
Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him, above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Hymn #61 **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**
(verses 1, 6, 7)

Benediction

Postlude **Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**
(Composer: Archer / Bristol)

Worship Participants

Welcome & Sermon	Spencer Lundgaard
Worship Leader	Luke Stoner
Announcements and Liturgy	Greg Buell
Kids Time	Ed Burton
Praise Music	Village Church Worship Band
Advent Candle Lighters	Stahl Family
Scripture Reader	Elaine Holmquist (9:30) Sandy Mauk (11:00)
Prayer Leaders	Roger Smith (9:30) Daryl Erickson (11:00)
Hymn Leader	Elaine Holmquist (11:00)
Director of Music	Jonathan Kim (11:00)
Organist	Sharon Peterson (11:00)
Choral Music	Village Church Choir (11:00)

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Contemporary Service

9:30 a.m.

Questions for Discussion

Welcome and Call to Worship

Lighting the Advent Candle of Peace

Praise and Prayer

You Are My Peace

Prayer of Confession

Away in a Manger (Forever Amen)

Kids Time

Away in a Manger (Forever Amen)

Passing of the Peace

Announcements

(Offerings are received weekly via mail and online giving at <https://villagechurchnorthbrook.org/give/> . Those attending live worship can leave their donations in the offering plates at the back of the sanctuary.)

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:36-38

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

Anna – The One Who Was Steadfast
The Women of the Christmas Story

Response

King of My Heart

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Song

The Blessing

Blessing

Read: Luke 2:36-38

Opening Discussion:

1. What was something you waited for a long time in your life to happen?

Digging Deeper:

2. What three things do we learn about Anna referred to in verse 36?
3. What happened to her husband? How old was Anna? If Anna was married around age 18, how long was she widowed? (v.37)
4. For all those years, what did Anna do? How often did she do it? Do you think the comment about her in temple was literal or figurative? (v.37)
5. What did Anna do when she saw the holy family in the temple? What did she believe about Jesus and what was her response? (v.38)

Application for Life

6. God's promise is that when Jesus returns, he will set all things right. What do you long for to be set right in this world? In your personal life ?
7. When thinking about parts of your life and the world around you that still need to be redeemed, how does the steadfast waiting and perseverance of Anna guide you and give you hope?
8. What spiritual practices of Anna could you incorporate in your own life in order to heighten your dependence upon the Lord? (v.37)

Prayer Concerns & Closing Prayer

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