



# Plymouth First Baptist Church

## Christmas in July Service

9:45 AM Sunday School  
11:00 AM Worship

Organ Prelude B. J. Lyle

Welcome and Prayer Pastor Paul

Christmas Carol Medley Congregation  
Joy to the World, The First Noel,  
What Child Is This? O Come, All Ye Faithful

Scripture Reading Luke 2:1-7 Loyd Jones  
Prayer

Ministry in Music Breath of Heaven Beth Price

Announcements

Offertory Hymn#284 Birthday of a King Congregation  
Verses 1,2

Offertory Scripture and Prayer  
Galatians 4:4 "...when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law,<sup>5</sup> to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. "

Offering Ushers  
Doxology Congregation

Congregational Fellowship & Children leave for Junior Church

Sermon: By Faith, Simeon and Anna

Scriptures: Luke 2:22-38; Isaiah 40:1-5; Isaiah 66:12-13; Psalm 25:14;

Introduction: We continue our series on faith. Since this is Christmas in July Sunday, we will look closely at two people in the birth narrative of Jesus. Although they are not listed in the key text of Hebrews 11, they are wonderful examples of individuals who lived by faith in the Lord God of Israel. The scene for this mornings message takes place in the temple complex in Jerusalem at the time of Jesus. Referred to as the 2nd Temple period, it was built by Jewish governor Zerubbabel around 521 BCE. It was later enhanced and expanded by Herod the Great in the 1st century BC, resulting in the structure being known as Herod's Temple.



Simeon:  
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*"Faith is to believe in what you do not see; the reward of faith is to see what you believe."*  
Saint Augustine Bishop of Hippo, North Africa (4th and 5th century):

Anna:  
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*"Fasting constitutes a form of protest, an assertion that all is not well...in this eschatological charged narrative environment, Anna's abstinence is an expression of her hope, a form of prayer entreating God to set things right."*  
Joel B Green, International Bible Commentary

*The faith of Anna and Simeon displayed:*

*Piety (Luke 2:25,37) Expectancy (Luke 2:25-26,38) Praise (Luke 2:28,36)*

Closing Hymn#285 O Holy Night Congregation  
Verse 1  
*(please note: our invitation is not live streamed on Facebook)*

Prayer Requests I became aware of today:

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People I met for the first time in church today:

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What is God asking of me in response to all I have experienced and heard today?

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Space for Additional notes:

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### Nursery Schedule

Today: Ann Cody, India Jones

Sunday, August 4: Lora Craddock, Genda Smith

Rev. Paul T. Harrington, Senior Pastor  
Loyd Jones, Associate Pastor  
Scott Bradshaw, Worship Director  
B.J. Lyle, Organist  
Danita Davis, Church Office Administrator  
Nevis Leary, Deacon of the Month

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**“Hope Is Found Here”**