



This Weekend In Worship

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Merry Christmas!

On this first Sunday of Christmastide, Jill McNiff and I team up to share the story of Jesus being presented at the temple ([Luke 2:22-40](#)).

As we celebrate the birth of baby Jesus, I'm reminded that one of the fun parts of being around a baby is imagining what their future might hold. You know how it is – "Look how much she likes to kick her legs! I'll bet she's going to be a star soccer player!" or "He's so happy and easy-going. He's going to have a lot of friends!"

When Joseph and Mary went to the Temple, there were two faithful servants who held Jesus and knew who Jesus was and the importance of his life. They recognized Jesus was the Messiah God promised they would see. Simeon sings a beautiful song and Anna shares this news with others in the Temple.

In our service this week, we celebrate the baptism of Nellie Berlin, daughter of Erin and Keith Berlin. We will also hear "Now That I've Held Him in My Arms" sung by Dennis Gotkowski.

This is a different kind of Christmas in a different kind of year. We may be grieving the losses that have come with living in a pandemic. And, yet, Christmas still comes. The Christ-child arrives in our hearts. May our grief be tempered with hope, knowing that we, like Simeon, have seen God's salvation!

Christmas blessings!

Pastor Kim

First United Methodist Church

Virtual worship service
December 26, 5 pm
December 27, 9:30 am

Welcome &
Announcements

Prelude

"Offertory for
Christmas Season"

Barrett

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

"Go, Tell It on the
Mountain"

#251

Opening Prayer

Baptism

Nellie Berlin

Chorus

"Where Children
Belong"

#2233

Children's Moment

Scripture

Luke 2:22-40

The Word Through
Music

"Now That I've Held
Him in My Arms"

Card

Sermon

Pastoral Prayer &
Lord's Prayer

Offertory

Hymn of Commitment

"Benediction Hymn"

#3182

Blessing & Sending

Forth

Postlude

"Silent Night"

arr. Forrest