

SUNDAY MORNING

01-15-2023

Pre-service Psalter 234:1, 3**

Silent Congregational Prayer

Votum and Salutation

Psalter 71:1-3**

Reading of the Law: Deuteronomy 5:1-24

Psalter 334:1, 4**

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:21-35

Congregational Prayer

Offerings for the Lord's service (2 collections)

Psalter: *Song of Simeon*: All**

Text: Luke 2:27-32

Theme: Simeon's Encounter with the Child Jesus

1. Simeon longed for Jesus

2. Simeon embraced Jesus

3. Simeon testified of Jesus

Prayer

Psalter 163: All**

Doxology: "Praise God..." **

Benediction

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2. What is the unmistakable evidence of the ministry of the Holy Spirit?
3. How does Simeon's experience confirm that "faith is...the evidence of things not seen" (Heb. 11:1)?
- 4*. Why did Simeon take Jesus into his arms?
5. Why is Simeon's embrace of Jesus an extraordinary illustration of the name "Immanuel" (= God with us)?
6. Why is it significant that, with Jesus in his arms, Simeon blesses God? What is meant by the expression "blessing God"?
7. Why does Simeon lose all interest in life here on earth?
- 8*. What is the connection between the Name "Jesus" and Simeon speaking of "thy salvation"?

Question for Self-Reflection

Is Jesus the supreme object of all your desires?

1. Why is it significant that Simeon came into the temple *by the Spirit*?

SUNDAY EVENING

01-15-2023

Pre-service Psalter 235:1, 2**

Silent Congregational Prayer

Votum and Salutation

Psalter 203: All**

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 1

Westminster Larger Catechism, q & a 88 - 90

Congregational Prayer

Offerings for the Lord's service (2 collections)

Psalter 283:1-3, 5**

Text: Matthew 6:9 (Heid. Cat., LD 46)

Theme: The Address of the Lord's Prayer

1. *It is grounded in the finished work of Christ*

2. *It is the language of a child*

3. *It expresses reverence for God*

Prayer

Psalter 431:1, 4, 6**

Doxology: Psalter 413**

Benediction

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2. How does the use of God's Father Name remind us of the finished work of Christ on the cross?

3*. Why does Jesus teach us to address God as *our* Father, rather than *my* Father?

4. In what way do all of God's children resemble each other? In other words, how do the members of God's family resemble each other?

5. How can we be certain that all of God's children—new believers and mature believers—may address God as their Father?

6. Why is it so comforting to know that the Father loves His children with the same love with which He loves His beloved Son?

7*. Why did Jesus add the words "...which art in heaven?"

8. Why may God's children expect much from their heavenly Father?

Question for Self-reflection

Is God our Father in Christ?

1. Why is it significant that Christ *commands* us to address God as "Father?"