



**Opening Prayer**

**Grady Harris**

**First Scripture**

**Luke 3:1-9**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene—during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John, son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet: “A voice of one calling in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth. And all people will see God’s salvation.’” John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”

**Apostles’ Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.  
\*(universal)

**Gloria Patri**

**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.**

**Children’s Sermon**

*Children are encouraged to join us at the front.*

**Special Music**

**Caitlyn Martin**

*“Light of the World” by Lauren Daigle*

**Second Scripture**

**Luke 3:10-16**

“What should we do then?” the crowd asked. John answered, “Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same.” Even tax collectors came to be baptized. “Teacher,” they asked, “what should we do?” “Don’t collect any more than you are required to,” he told them. Then some soldiers asked him, “And what should we do?” He replied, “Don’t extort money and don’t accuse people falsely—be content with your pay.” The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. John answered them all, “I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”

**The Message**

**Pastor Polly Standing**

**Sermon Notes:**

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**Time of Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power  
And the glory for ever. Amen.**

**Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

**Invitational Hymn**

*“Love Came Down at Christmas”*

Love came down at Christmas,  
Love all lovely, love all divine;  
Love was born at Christmas;  
Star and angels gave the sign.

Worship we the God-head,  
Love incarnate, Love divine;  
Worship we our Jesus,  
But where-with for sacred sign?

Love shall be our token;  
Love be yours and love be mine;  
Love to God and all men,  
Love for plea and gift and sign.

**Closing Response**

*“May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You”*

May the good Lord bless and keep you  
Whether near or far away  
May you find that long awaited golden day today  
May your troubles all be small ones  
And your fortunes ten times ten  
May the good Lord bless and keep you till we  
meet again.

