

HOW TO HAVE THE

Perfect Christmas



November 29, 2015

In the midst of busyness, how can I have the perfect Christmas?

1. By having a clear _____.

At that time there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon. He was righteous and devout and was eagerly waiting for the Messiah to come and rescue Israel.

Luke 2:25 (NLT)

2. By practicing the discipline of _____.

The Holy Spirit was upon him and had revealed to him that he would not die until he had seen the Lord's Messiah. That day the Spirit led him to the Temple.

Luke 2:25b-27a (NLT)

3. By being fully _____.

So when Mary and Joseph came to present the baby Jesus to the Lord as the law required, Simeon was there. He took the child in his arms and praised God, saying,

"Sovereign Lord, now let your servant die in peace, as you have promised. I have seen your salvation, which you have prepared for all people. He is a light to reveal God to the nations, and he is the glory of your people Israel!"

Luke 2:27b-32 (NLT)

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PROCESSIONAL (All Stand)

*Pastor: May the Lord's Spirit be with you.
Congregation: And also with you.
(Please be seated)*

WELCOME VISITORS / NEWCOMERS

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAISE REPORTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (together)

PRAISE SONG – Joy to the World Hymn # 246

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY MOMENT

WORSHIP IN GIVING MISSION OUTREACH

PRAYER SONG – At the Cross - Handout

PRAYER

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – Hymn # 881
(Stand)*

VOICES OF TRINITY Here I am to Worship

WORSHIP IN GIVING – Tithes and Offerings

*SERMONIC HYMN – Oh How I Jesus – Hymn
#170*

SERMON

ALTAR CALL SONG

LET'S CONNECT

PLEASE TEAR OUT AND DROP IN BASKETS AS YOU EXIT

Date: / /

Service Attended: _____

- ☐ 1st time ☐ 2nd time ☐ 3rd time
☐ Regular Attendee ☐ Church Member
☐ Male ☐ Female

Name(s): _____

- ☐ Single ☐ 18-23 ☐ 50's
☐ Married ☐ 24-29 ☐ 60+
☐ Divorced ☐ 30's
☐ Widowed ☐ 40's
☐ Middle School ☐ High School ☐ College

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Ph: _____

Cell: _____

Email: _____

- ☐ Please update my contact information

MY DECISION TODAY

- ☐ I said **YES** for the first time,
and became a follower of Jesus.
☐ I decided to **RENEW** my relationship with Jesus.

We have resources to help you with your decision.

PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAY FOR: _____

☐ Public Prayer List ☐ For Pastors Only

I WOULD LIKE INFORMATION ABOUT:

GIVE BACK TO GOD ONLINE!

go to: egracechurch.com/give

An effective and time-saving way to give your tithes and offerings without carrying cash or writing checks.

1. Scan **QR CODE** with any Smart Phone.
2. Set up an **ONLINE** giving plan with Grace Church.



CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The days are shorter and darkness comes early to our lives.

P: Lord, hear our prayers through the darkness.

L: Come, seek the Lord. Place your hope in God's mercy and love.

P: Lord, we seek your presence among us.

L: Look closely! God is making us ready.

P: Brighten our Spirits this day, and help us to receive your Good News. AMEN.

INVOCATION

We can hardly believe it, Lord. The Advent season is upon us. We usually translate that into the buying season in preparation for THE BIG DAY. But when we place our hope in the tinsel, wrappings, tape and boxes, we forget the most glorious gift of all, the gift of God's absolute love. Open our eyes, our hearts, our spirits today to behold God's gracious love for us in the fulfillment of all God's promises. For we ask this in the name of Jesus. AMEN.

SCHEDULE

Worship Times:

Sunday @ 11:30am (Traditional)

Grace Kidz/Youth

Children's Ministry Sunday @ 11:30am
(during service)

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