

## Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of December 31, 2017

### Praise

#### **Call to Worship** *(everyone together)*

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims His handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.

#### **“From the Squalor of a Borrowed Stable”** *(read or sing these words together)*

*Please see the hymn on page five.*

### Hearing and Learning God’s Word

#### **Scripture Reading:** Luke 2.22-35 *(one person read the Scripture aloud)*

#### **Questions for Discussion** *(may be answered in one worship time or spread over several times)*

1. For what is Simeon waiting? Why?
2. How does Simeon respond when he sees the baby Jesus?
3. What does Simeon say that would lead Mary and Joseph to marvel? to worry?
4. What does Jesus have to do with people “falling” or “rising”?
5. When we are not waiting for the Lord, where are we tempted to place our hope?
6. After meeting Jesus, Simeon basically says that he is ready to die. Are we?
7. How should Christians relate to suffering as they follow Jesus?

#### **Scripture Memory for December:** *(memorize this passage of Scripture this month)*

Luke 2.15-20

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.”<sup>16</sup> And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Baby lying in a manger.<sup>17</sup> And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this Child.<sup>18</sup> And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them.<sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.<sup>20</sup> And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

### Prayer

#### **Prayer** *(saying together)*

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.