

## BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CENTER

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### THE LORD'S DAY

December 18, 2016 8:30 AM & 10:15AM

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Organ Prelude      Carol Dammann  
Piano      Wendy Baldwin  
Announcements      Ron Mock

### MEDITATION

“Overview of Chapter 2 of Jonah” - Jonah 2 opposite page

Doxology  
Prayer and Scripture Reading      Psalm 146  
Lighting of 4<sup>th</sup> candle to signify the angelic proclamation      Luke 2:9-11  
Hymn 271      “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You”  
Pastoral Prayer  
Choir Anthem      “How Great Our Joy”  
Carol Favorites  
Message      Luke 2:8-20      Pastor Cal VanderMey  
Hymn 273      “Good Christian Men, Rejoice” vs. 2, 3  
Benediction

### THE MINISTRY OF MISSION

For the glory of God, Bible Fellowship Center is committed to spreading the Good News of salvation, equipping the believers, that they might become more Christ-like, worship God and enjoy Him forever.

### THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Youth Group Monday at 6:30pm  
Monday night prayer meeting at 7pm  
Tuesday Bible study: The book of Jude at 7pm - Pastor Cal teaching  
Wednesday Men's Bible study at 9:00am – Jim O'Rourke teaching  
Ladies fellowship and prayer time Thursday at 10am-Elsa Peters  
Adult Bible study Friday at 7pm - John Woodell teaching  
\*The offering box is located in the back of the sanctuary\*

Worship Service and Carol Sing Dec 18<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm E1M with Disabilities  
Choir practice Wednesday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm  
**Christmas Eve Candlelight and Carol service at 6pm.**  
**Christmas Morning Sunday Service 10:15am Only**  
**New Year's Day Sunday One Service Only at 10:15am followed**  
**immediately by a Bring a Dish to Pass Luncheon**  
Sunday messages are available online, CD or e-mail. See Bill Schultz

Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the fish's belly. <sup>2</sup> And he said:

“I cried out to the LORD because of my affliction,  
And He answered me. “Out of the belly of Sheol I cried,  
*And* You heard my voice. <sup>3</sup> For You cast me into the deep,  
Into the heart of the seas, And the floods surrounded me;

All Your billows and Your waves passed over me.

<sup>4</sup> Then I said, ‘I have been cast out of Your sight;

Yet I will look again toward Your holy temple.’

<sup>5</sup> The waters surrounded me, *even* to my soul;

The deep closed around me; Weeds were wrapped around my head.

<sup>6</sup> I went down to the moorings of the mountains;

The earth with its bars *closed* behind me forever;

Yet You have brought up my life from the pit, O LORD, my God.

<sup>7</sup> “When my soul fainted within me, I remembered the LORD;

And my prayer went *up* to You, Into Your holy temple.

<sup>8</sup> “Those who regard worthless idols forsake their own Mercy.

<sup>9</sup> But I will sacrifice to You with the voice of thanksgiving;

I will pay what I have vowed. Salvation *is* of the LORD.”

<sup>10</sup> So the LORD spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry *land*.

God has recorded in His Scriptures this touching prayer of repentance as an example of the contrite heart which He honors and blesses. I would see this as a model prayer of repentance that God desires. Jonah is sorry for his actions against the will of God, not just sorry for being caught.