## MERRY Christmas

**Sermon Notes:** *What are you Waiting For?* **Date**: Dec. 29th, 2024

## Luke 2:22-40:

And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord...<sup>25</sup> Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. <sup>26</sup> And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. <sup>27</sup> And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, <sup>28</sup> he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

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<sup>29</sup> "Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; <sup>30</sup> for my eyes have seen your salvation <sup>31</sup> that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, <sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel...

<sup>36</sup> And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, <sup>37</sup> and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup> And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

• What Are you waiting for today? Who or What is keeping you up at night?

• Share how you feel like you are "waiting" for whatever is on your mind? (Circle all that apply)

Bated breath (excitedly) The other shoe to drop (fearfully) For paint to dry (waiting for next step) On pins and needles (anxiously) In the Wings (patient anticipation) I'm killing time (bored/apathy) With open arms (welcoming the opportunity) For the storm to pass (waiting for current suffering to end) For the dust to settle (waiting for clarity or guidance)

• How did Simeon and Anna, "wait"? And what were they waiting for?

• What does that say about how we can wait in the midst of the storms of our lives?

• What do you feel God has called you to do in 2025? What is stopping or keeping you from doing it? What do you need to change in order to grow to serve him and others? What are YOU waiting for to accomplish this?