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Christmas 1, Year B, December 27th
Presenter: Rev Daryl McCullough
Focus Reading: Luke 2:22-40

Message: 8 minutes 45 seconds "My Greatest Desire?"

Discussion Starters

1. What stood out most between the distracted crowd and Simeon and Anna's focus?
2. Where are you challenged to pause your plans for God's bigger purpose?
3. How can our church cultivate focus to see God at work in everyday moments?
4. Who in our area needs hope, and how can we point them to Jesus this week?

Readings for this day

Isaiah 61:10–62:3 Using vivid imagery, the prophet both affirms the Lord God's salvation and vindication of Jerusalem and anticipates its full realisation. On this Sunday, the church celebrates God's act in Jesus and looks to the fulfilment of a second advent.

Psalm 148 The psalmist beseeches all creation and all humanity to praise the Lord, for the Lord's creativity and glory?

Galatians 4:4-7 In a complex argument, Paul affirms that by sending the son into the world God has established new relationships between the church and God and the church and law. Paul calls the church to mature faith with a new relationship with God.

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Intergenerational Talk: Rev Daryl McCullough

Length 3 minutes 53 seconds "Family First"

Sometimes an event will invite a visitor to something – you get a name tag that just says "VISITOR" …it could evoke a feeling that you don't really belong, an outsider. Jesus came and took off the visitor badges and made everyone God's child and part of God's family so when we talk to God we can say 'Abba'…Daddy, or Poppa or Heavenly Father.

Uniting in Worship (Blue Book). Psalm 148 – not listed.

Rev Daryl McCullough Living in Orange where he is a Uniting Chaplain to a special group of people in Aged Care. Was originally an Anglican Priest, and came to the Uniting Church in 2023. Married to Di and they have 3 children of their own and a foster daughter.