



# Westside Baptist Church Worship Service

**December 18, 2022**

- Speaker:  
Pastor Mark Wong
- Scripture:  
[Luke 2:22-38](#)

**STORIES: Stories of Joy**

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**Rejoice! Rejoice!**  
Emmanuel shall come to thee

"Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss[a] your servant in peace. Luke 2:29

## Sermon Outline

### 1. Introduction

- "This is the only race worth running. I've run hard right to the finish, believed all the way. All that's left now is the shouting—God's applause! Depend on it, he's an honest judge. He'll do right not only by me, but by everyone eager for his coming." – Peterson

### 2. Heat Matters ([Lk. 2:22-24](#), [Heb. 13:15](#), [Is. 29:13](#), [Lk. 2:25-27;36-37](#), [1 Sam 16:7](#); [Acts 13:2](#))

- "All these sacrifices indicate how seriously Judaism took approaching God in worship and how prepared a heart and soul one should have as they address God." – Brock

## My Reflection

- What did God tell me through the message today?



### 3. Hope Matters (Lk. 2:32;38)

- What is redemption? The liberation of sin and death by the ransom paid on the cross by our Lord Jesus Christ. It is the only way for humanity to be set free from the bondage of sin and live a life that is justified, can be sanctified, and will be glorified before God.

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- What did God tell me through the message today?

### 4. Living Matters (Ep. 3:16-19)

- Because God himself is infinite and eternal, his glory is inexhaustible, and provides the measure of his generosity when he bestows his gifts. Because his resources are inexhaustible, he cannot be impoverished by sharing them with his children.



### My Prayer Response

- Write down your responsive prayer for God's word today.

### My Action Response

- What changes will I make in response to God's word today?