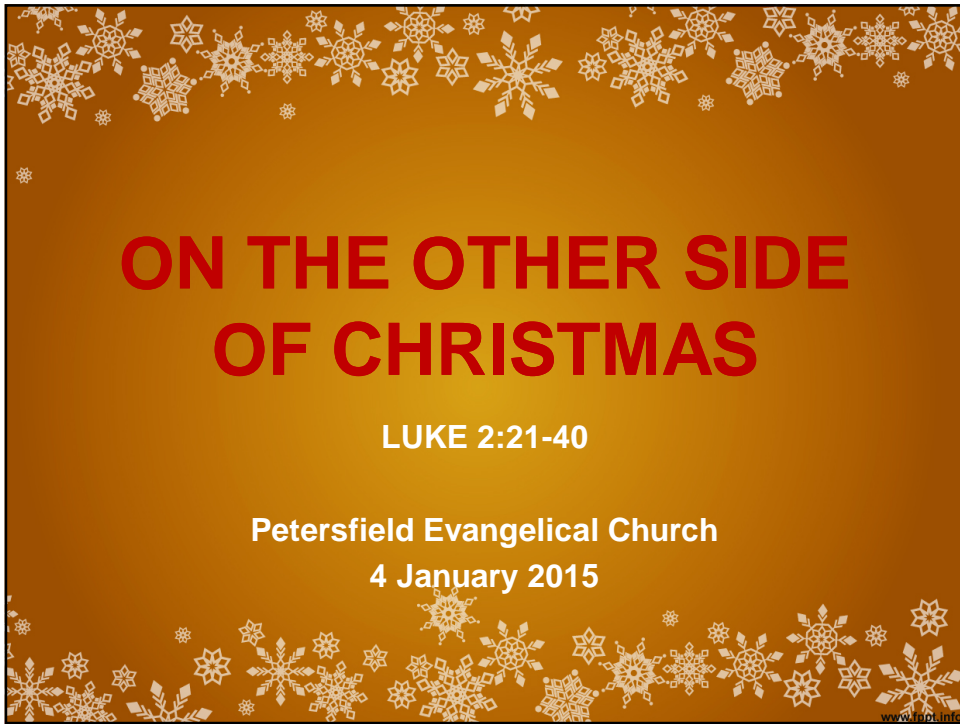


**ON THE OTHER SIDE
OF CHRISTMAS**

LUKE 2:21-40

Petersfield Evangelical Church
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A decorative slide with a brown background and white snowflake patterns at the top and bottom. The text is centered in red and white.

Christmas is over, now what...?

Three images illustrating the aftermath of Christmas. The top left shows a living room with a Christmas tree and a messy floor. The top right shows a large pile of brush and debris. The bottom center shows a dog wearing a reindeer antler headband, surrounded by Christmas ornaments.


Luke chapters 1-2

- A bridge from Old to New
- The hinge of history



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Meeting Simeon & Anna

SIMILAR

- Both waiting in the temple
 - Simeon: looking for (expecting) the consolation of Israel
 - Anna: looking for (expecting) the redemption of Jerusalem
- Not sure when or how, but ready

DIFFERENT



- Reaction when they saw what they'd waited for



Simeon's reaction to Jesus

- My eyes have seen your salvation
- A light to the Gentiles (Isaiah 9:2-7)
- Glory to your people Israel (Isaiah 60:1-3)

Lord, now let me depart in peace as you promised



Anna's reaction to Jesus

- Gave thanks to God
- **Spoke about Jesus** to everyone who would listen



What about us?

- On the other side of Christmas...
... ***Christ has come!***
- Like Simeon, we can:
 - Be filled with peace and contentment
 - Be released from worry and anxiety
- Like Anna, we can:
 - Be thankful that Jesus has come
 - Tell others about him