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Welcome to LifeWay! We are delighted that you are here as we add one final song to our Playlist to round out 2019. Whether you are new to the area and checking us out, visiting with family or friends, or are a regular, we are thrilled that you are here. Here at LifeWay, we are on a journey as God calls us to be a people who are living, sharing and growing in his life. Wherever you are at, we would love to walk with you in the next stage of your journey. Please fill in a visitor card at the door with your details and leave it with the ushers, on your seat or in the offering plate – we would love to keep in contact with you and acknowledge your time with us today.

What's been on your Playlist for 2019? What new tunes have you discovered? What old favourites have you fallen back in love with? What was the song that you replayed most? How does your playlist mirror the events, the emotions, the journey of the past year or anticipate the approaching new year? Our musical tastes and preferences are intensely personal and incredibly subjective. Today Simeon shares the song whose tune is timeless, and whose lyrics give meaning to every generation, regardless of culture, nationality, preference or personality. It's a song for eternity and we pray it may become a personal favourite for you too.

Wishing you all a blessed and Spirit-filled 2020, full of God's grace, life and wisdom. May it be the best year ever!

FINAL WEEK OF SERIES

CHRISTMAS PLAYLIST



Reading **Luke 2:22-38**

If you are visiting with us, we extend a special welcome to you and invite you to stay for morning tea with us after the service.

DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN KEEP SERMON NOTES IN THE LIFEWAY APP?

SIMPLY GO TO THE SERMON PAGE,
SELECT THE SERMON FOR THE WEEK
YOU ARE IN AND AT THE BOTTOM
RIGHT IS 'MY NOTES'.

Click on that and type away! You can also search
for your notes which will take you back to the
week/sermon you wrote the note on at a later date.



OPENHOUSE AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATION

at the Newcastle Manse,
Monday 27 January from 11am.

BYO Drinks. Please let Mat know if
you are coming. RSVP on the App or
website by Friday 24th January.

OFFICE HOURS

There will only be skeleton staff on over the next two
weeks. For any help or assistance, please contact
Pastor Mark and Mat, who are around all of December
and January. Many of the other staff will be taking
breaks over this New Year/January period.

New Time Out daily devotional available.

See Mark Simpendorfer or
Pastor Mat to order yours today
at the reduced price of \$20.
Four LifeWay writers have
contributed to this edition.



*For my house will be called a house of
prayer for all nations*

ISAIAH 56:7B

Come and join us as we gather
together in prayer for God's church
and the community of Newcastle
at **our monthly prayer meeting**

Thursday 23rd January
from 7pm at LifeWay Newcastle



**CAMBODIA
MISSION**
a HOPE & a FUTURE

CAMBODIA MT2020 IS A GO!!

'Please come again.' That's the request of Pastor
Vibol this last week via Messenger! If you are
interested in joining us on our 4th Mission Team to
Cambodia, please register your name on the App.
Departing Monday July 6th, we will return on Sunday
19th. There will be a house to build in Tang Krang, and
helping in running a children's and youth camp.

GET READY TO TAKE-OFF IN 2020

Details of an exciting new adventure for LifeWay coming soon.



GIVING ON THE APP & WEBSITE NOW LIVE



You can now give offerings or donations for Cambodia or even pay for mainly music online.

Simply go to the menu on the App and scroll down to **Give** or alternatively choose **Give** from the menu bar on the website. You can even set up a recurring debit through this portal. It's just another way to make it convenient for you to bless the mission and ministry here at LifeWay.



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PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord God, eternal Father, as Simeon recognised and embraced your promised salvation in the Christ-child, place a new song of love for the Saviour in our hearts also. Let his presence with us and among us, fill our lives with courage, contentment, hope and joy whatever 2020 holds for us. We ask this in the name of the Christ-child, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE PRAY...

- For the church, that the song of Christ may be on our lips and in our hearts throughout 2020
- For all who bear the name of Christ that Christ may be clearly seen in their lives
- For rest and refreshment during the holidays
- With thanks for the blessings of the past year, and for faith to walk boldly into the adventure of what God will lead us into as a Church in 2020, knowing that in Jesus we have all we need.
- For all whose holiday joy has become sorrow for any reason
- For the faithful who are aged - that God would sustain them in faith, and let their example encourage the whole church.
- For our land, that God would refresh and revitalize both the land and those living on it by sending the gift of rain.

How to download the LifeWay app

- 1 **Download/install the 'container' app**
'Church Central' (Android) from Google Play or 'Church Central Australia' (iOS) from the App Store.
- 2 **Open the app & click 'Find a Church'.**
Scroll down and select **LifeWay** and **'yes'** add as favourite.
- 3 **Enjoy all the great features...**
Stay up to date with news, daily Bible verse with thought to ponder, LifeGroup Guides, sermons and much more.

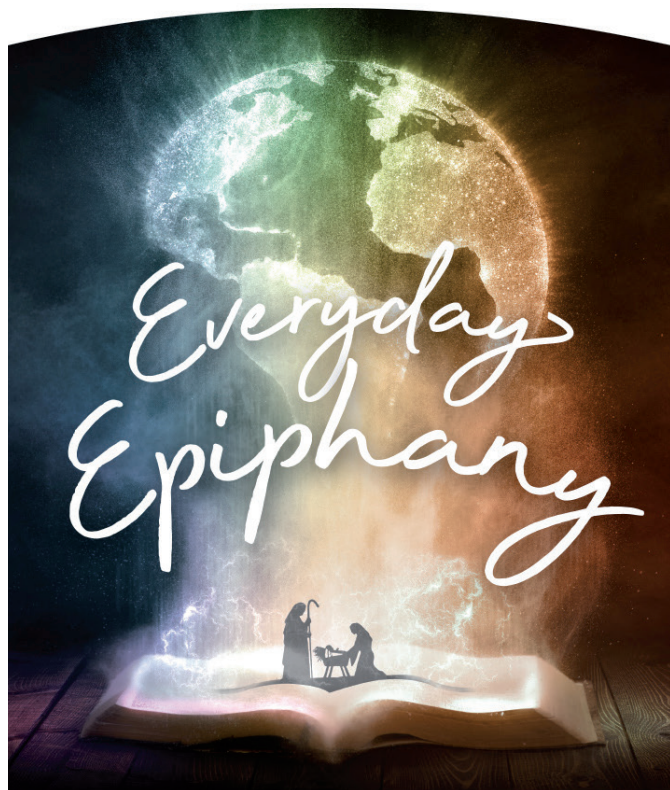


We've all had those 'Aha moments' -

those moments where the light turns on and everything becomes clear, those experiences that reorient and transform our lives in ways we never saw coming. But often those epiphanies are rare, that's why we remember them.

*What if you could experience an everyday epiphany?
What if you could live in 2020 with a clarity and insight that transformed every moment? It's possible.*

The coming of Jesus, the light of the world, intersects with our everyday lives illuminating a new way and revealing a clearer purpose. Let the light of Christ brighten your new year and turn every moment into an Everyday Epiphany of his grace in you and around you.



Light Shines 5 JANUARY *Light Strengthens* 12 JANUARY *Light Heals* 19 JANUARY *Light Reigns* 26 JANUARY

NEXT WEEK
SUNDAY 5 JANUARY

Launch into 2020 and join
us in experiencing an



Epping 9.30am

with holy communion
and Live Stream

Newcastle 9.30am

with holy communion

Readings:

Isaiah 60:1-6

Matthew 2:1-12

SERVING...

EPPING

Reading	Pastor
Prayers	Daina Lee
HC	E Atkinson, G Lane, M Shepherd
Ushers	Burdack Family
Morning Tea	Jim & Kathy Ironside, Michelle Shepherd
Flowers	Diane Bertelsmeier
Data	Helen Witt
Music	Band 1
Sound	Rod Witt

NEWCASTLE

Reading	Carolyn Keane
HC	Sabina Pichler
Usher	Maureen Macpherson
Morning Tea	Kim & Christine Johns
Flowers	Ruth MacConnachie
Data	Lutzia Scherrer