

**This Week's Personal Reflection Time**  
**fccphx—Sunday, December 9, 2018**  
**Encounter Christmas**  
**Simeon Encounters the Christ**

**Connect-** How's it going? Did you share the story this past week?  
How is God's Story changing your life?  
How/Who did you serve this week?

**Worship-** Focus on the Lord. Sing, Praise, Give Thanks. Prepare to hear from God. Read: Isaiah 42:1-9; 49:5-7

**Word-** Read/Tell & Discuss: **Simeon Encounters the Christ**  
**Luke 2:22-35**

- What is God saying? (What did you discover in this story?)
  
- How does this teaching or story relate to you?
  
- What does God want you to do now?
  
- To whom can you pass on this teaching or story?

**BIG Idea:** When you come face to face with Jesus, he will give you an opportunity to rise with him or fall away from him, to be with him or against him. He will reveal the thoughts of your heart— your true colors. He is the Good News—or is he? His cross—your cross, is the cost of this Good News.

**Serve/Pray-** (1) Plan your next service project. How will you follow up on those you serve? (2) Divide, men with men & women with women, share a personal need, pray for each other by name.

**Next Week** (December 16): Anna Encounters the Christ, Luke 2:36-40

**Connecting with God—Growing Together—Serving Others**