









We are about a week after Jesus has been born

By now I am sure they have move from the stable

The Shepherds have come and went and the crowd for tax time is headed home

It is quite possible the Wisemen are still on the road somewhere

Policies and Procedures



There were some normal things that had to be done for Jesus

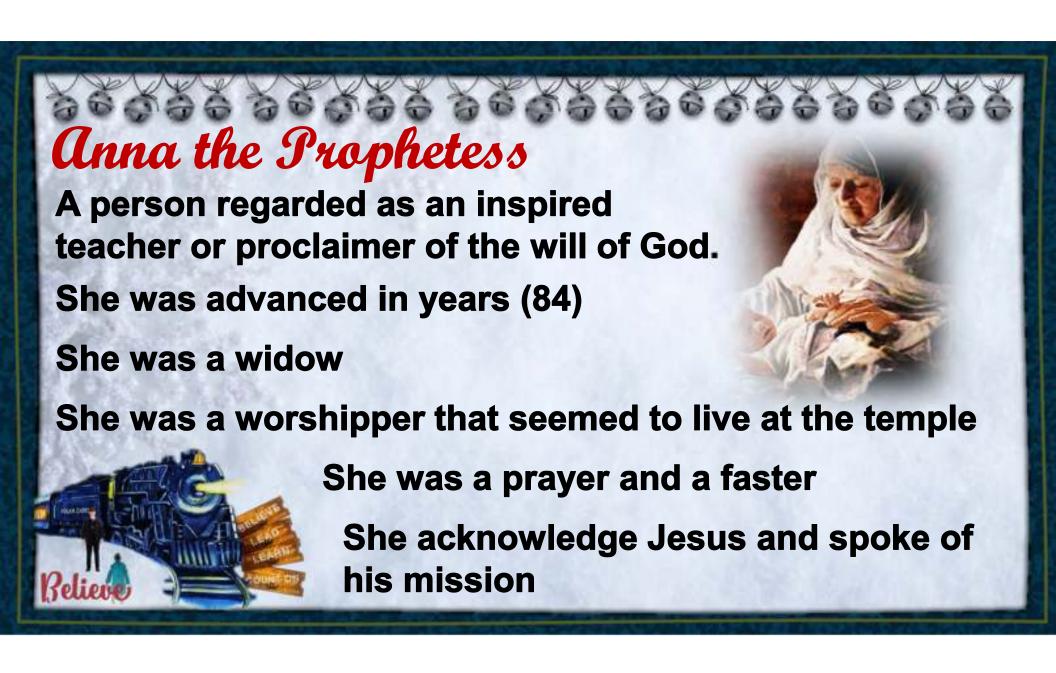
He had to receive his name officially

He also had to be circumcised

Being a first-born son he had to be presented (Exodus 13:11-13)

A sacrifice had to be offered for Mary (Leviticus 12:6-8)















As we look out across our congregation, we are what most call a "doughnut" church

We spent 12 weeks this year discussing disciple making and proper church growth. The thing is the calling never ends and growth can never stop



Today's message is for you because like characters of Simeon and Anna you sort of feel like an afterthought

The main story has been told

These are just two old people sitting in a temple waiting to die

However, nothing could be further from the truth



They are as much a part of the Christmas Story as the Shepherds, and Wisemen





Prophesy: Speak clear about who God is in your life

Worship God being persistent and consistent

Pray and fast not for the next generation but with the next generation



Live lives that are righteous and devout being the example and demonstration to those behind you



Hold tight to Jesus, and the promises God has given but at the same time allow God's spirit to still move you to action

Offer encouragement not just advice



But most importantly speak often of Jesus' mission to all you encounter

