

“A Personal Story”
A Prophet
Luke 2:22-38

“Don’t take this personally...”

“I’ll be home for Christmas”

What makes Christmas personal for you?

Traditions, events, foods

Christmas was God getting personal

*“The first Christmas was a universally significant event
but...it was also personal”*

- One for all...all for one
- An unexpected guest (John 1:14)
- A personal touch
- A personal invitation

The People of Christmas

- A prophet
- A father
- A shepherd
- An innkeeper
- A mother
- A king

An Old Priest – Simeon

1. Faithful to the finish
 2. Fulfillment of a promise
 3. It was personal
- “Simeon took Him in his arms”*
4. Pronounces a blessing
 5. Proclaims the Truth

A Prophetess – Anna

1. A dedicated servant
2. A dedicated seeker
3. It was personal

“She gave thanks to God and spoke about the child”

Making Christmas Personal

1. Take Him into your arms
2. Proclaim His identity to all who will listen