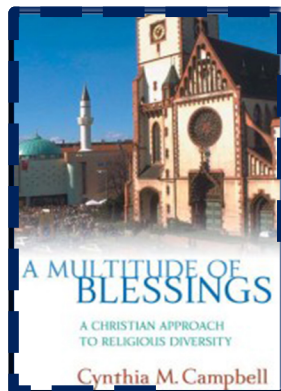




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### **LUKE 2:1-14 (15-20)**

#### REFLECTION

For weeks television advertisements have told us how we ought to feel this night. We ought to feel warm and loving, especially if we have spent a small fortune on gifts for our family and friends. We hope that most in our congregations this night do feel great peace and joy, but let us take care not to presume. Some may come to church this night dealing with the death of a loved one, worrying about mounting financial debts, or struggling with tensions in their relationships. The good news from the Scriptures this night is more powerful than the pain that some may bring.

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#### RESPONSE

A child has been born for you. A Son has been given. How will you respond?

#### PRAYER

God of grace, I thank you on this Christmas Eve that there is always reason for praise. Your "world is fully established." Amen.