

UPCOMING EVENTS

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- **Christmas Eve Services** - Tuesday, December 24th @ 4 pm & 6 pm
Children's Ministry available at both services.
- **Christmas Decor Cleanup** - Sunday, January 5th @ 12:30 pm
- **Extol: Prayer & Praise** - Thursday, January 9th @ 7 pm
- **Morning of Solitude** - Saturday, January 11th @ 9 am

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SONGS & SERMONS

"Born is the King" - Matt Crocker,
Scott Ligertwood

"Angels We Have Heard On High" - Edward
Shippen Barnes, James Chadwick

"From Unto Us/Open the Eyes of My Heart"

"O Come All Ye Faithful" - Chris Tomlin

"What Child Is This" - Chris Tomlin, William
Chatterton Dix

"He Shall Reign Forevermore" - Chris Tomlin,
Matt Maher

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Operating Budget Need.....\$34,434.00
Y-T-D General Fund Need.....\$1,721,700.00

Giving Last Week.....\$40,261.00
Y-T-D Giving.....\$1,717,517.00

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With Us
CHRISTMAS 2019

12/22/19 | MUSIC: DAN GILLETTE | MESSAGE: GARY DARNELL

MESSAGE NOTES

When the Word became flesh, God became reachable!
John 1:14-18

Grasping the flow of John's prologue:

Jesus is the full expression of God by nature (1-2), as Creator (3) & as Life-Giver (4-5).

Jesus entered the realm of humanity to offer eternal life (6-13).

As the full expression of God, Jesus displayed God's character, especially in meeting humanity's greatest needs (14-18).

1. The full expression of God became the full expression of humanity (14a).

John 1:14 *And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

- a. The primary means: Jesus' miracles & His passion to His ascension.
See John 2:11, 12:23-24 & 7:39.
- b. The express purpose: to become our functioning priest.

Heb. 2:16 *For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. 17 Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. 18 For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.*



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2. Because He became human, His people “taste” grace & truth (14b-17).

a. Jesus' glory stands out as absolutely unique (14b).

John 1:14 *And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

b. Jesus' glory revealed all the grace & truth imaginable (14c-15).

John 1:14 *And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. 15 (John bore witness about him, and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’”)*

c. All this grace & truth Jesus has given to His people (16-17).

John 1:16 *And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. 17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.*

For example, . . .

i. An eternal, satisfying life.

John 4:10 *Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” . . . 13 Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, 14 but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”*

ii. Security in time & for eternity.

John 10:28 *I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand.*

iii. Loved with an indiminishable love.

John 13:1 *Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.*

iv. Intimacy with the living God.

John 14:20 *In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. 21 Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”*

“We wish you a merry Christmas . . . “

No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known.

John 1:18