

Why did Jesus need to come?

Isaiah 53 and Luke 2:8-11

Welcome To Fifth Street Presbyterian Church

Our purpose for meeting together today is to meet with our Lord as a body of believers. We meet that we might hear Him speak in the reading and preaching of His Word. And, we meet to respond to His voice in our songs, prayers, and affirmations. In the ordinary worship of God we find extraordinary grace, encouragement and reason to hope. This corporate worship of God is the most important thing that happens upon the earth and we are delighted to have you with us as we approach the Father in Christ's name by the power of the Holy Spirit.

This week at a glance:

Today	9:30 A.M.	Sunday School
	11:00 A.M.	Worship Service
	12:30 P.M.	Choir Practice
	5:00 P.M.	Evening Service
	6:00 P.M.	Fellowship Meal
Wednesday	7:00 A.M.	Reading Calvin
Thursday	7:00 P.M.	Deacon Meeting
	7:15 P.M.	Ladies Bible Study

***Visitors:** We would appreciate a record of your visit, which you can provide by filling out one of the visitor's cards that you will find in the pew. Please place the card in the offering plate. Thank you!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Evening Fellowship Meals for December.

We are shifting our Sunday evening fellowship meals, this month only, to the First (12/6) and the Third (12/20) Sundays. Join us for worship at 5 p.m. every Sunday and this Month for a meal to follow on the first and third Sundays. We sing hymns, pray, and hear God's Word--presently we are in Romans 14. We meet in the Fellowship Hall so please come in the back doors.

Thank you for your generosity. Because of your generosity, our church donated thirty-eight Operation Christmas Child Boxes last month! Thank you for participating in this ministry!

The Thursday evening ladies Bible study will meet at the Covey home at 7:15 p.m. Thursday, December 10, this will be their last meeting until the New Year.

Ladies! Don't Forget: The Women's Ministry of Fifth Street invites you and your guest to a Christmas Musical Brunch at the home of Oleta Brinton on Saturday, December 12th, from 10:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Carol Blair will be presenting a program on the hymnology of various Christmas carols. The halls will be alive with music!

The date for the Spring Bible Conference has been set for March 18-20. This year Rev. Todd Pruitt will be our speaker. If you are interested in becoming familiar with Rev. Pruitt or even introducing others to him you can listen to the Mortification of Spin podcasts (<http://www.alliancenet.org/mos>) or connect to his church's web site (<https://www.cov-pres.org/>) and listen to some of his sermons. Rev. Pruitt is a native of Houston and is currently pastoring Covenant P.C.A. in Harrisonburg VA. More information will be made available as the time draws near.

We have a congregational meeting called for next Sunday following the morning worship service. The meeting is called for the nomination and election of Trustees.

The Pulpit for December—"Questions About Christmas"

The Christmas series this year will pursue a series of questions as we look at:

1. Why? why did mankind need Jesus to come and why was Calvary necessary? (12/6)
2. How? how can this be that God became man? (12/13)
3. Who? who is this Christ? (12/20)
4. What? what is the end result of His advent? (12/24)

Please join us for an afternoon of Christmas caroling on Sunday, December 20th. This is a wonderful way to connect with some of our members who are unable to attend church regularly because of health reasons. We'll meet in the front parking lot at 2:30. See you then! Matt LaRoy

The following is from our Book of Church Order. As you read through it I would encourage you to consider what are your expectations as you come to the table and also as you look at *öbö* make this part of your prayer of preparation! asking that our Lord would so work in our lives at this table.

On the day of the observance of the Lord's supper, when the sermon is ended, the minister shall show:

- a. That this is an ordinance of Christ; by reading the words of institution, either from one of the Evangelists, or from 1 Corinthians 11, which, as to him may appear expedient, he may explain and apply;
- b. That it is to be observed in remembrance of Christ, to show forth His death till He come; that it is of inestimable benefit, to strengthen His people against sin; to support them under troubles; to encourage and quicken them in duty;; to inspire them with love and zeal; to increase faith, and holy resolution; and to beget peace of conscience, and comfortable hopes of eternal life.