

# SERMON NOTES



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Sunday, December 1, 2024

First Sunday of Advent • Worship Service @ 10:00 a.m.

**Prelude**

*Angels We Have Heard On High*

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

*O Come All Ye Faithful (His Name Shall Be)  
Come Thou Long Expected Jesus  
O Come O Come Emmanuel*

**Offering**

*Behold*

**Prayer & Message**

*“Upside Down World”  
Matthew 1:1-17 (p.807)  
Rev. Tim Meendering*

**Response**

*Hark The Herald Angels Sing (Glory In The Highest)*

**Closing Blessing**

*Note: There is no KidLife Worship today.  
Nursery is available for kids K and under.*

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**We have a number of free advent resources** available in the Fellowship Lobby: a Family Holiday Planner, Advent Family Devotional, and Everyday Gospel Christmas Devotional. Digital versions are also available (see this morning’s email).

**Annual Congregational Meeting:** Sunday, December 8.

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service:** Sunday, December 24, 4:00pm

**Church Christmas Party & Program:** Wednesday, December 18, 6pm. Everyone is invited to our church-wide Christmas Party and Christmas Program! Even if you don't usually come for KidLife Club/Focal Point, we hope you'll consider joining us for a Christmas ham dinner, cookie decorating, Christmas bingo, singing some favorite Christmas carols, and a no-rehearsal "play" with audience participation.

**ADULTS**

**Sermon Discussion Class (not meeting today)**  
**Sundays following the service until noon, Fellowship Hall (downstairs)**

**Prayer Partners Online**  
**Mondays, 7pm via zoom (link emailed on Mondays)**

**Focal Point**  
**Wednesdays, 6:15-7:15pm**

- *Instruments in the Redeemer’s Hands*; Pastor Tim Meendering, Fireside Rm
- *Bible study: 2 Peter*; Mike Fisk & Nick Verburg, Room 250

**MEN**

**Men’s Prayer Breakfast**  
**Tuesdays, 7-8am, Fireside Room**

**REAL Men**  
**Fridays, 7-8am, Fellowship Lobby**  
*Fighting Shadows: Overcoming 7 lies that keep men from becoming fully alive*

**WOMEN**

**Women’s Tuesday Bible Study**  
**Tuesdays, 9:30-11:15am, Fireside Room**  
*12 Women of the Bible*

**New study starting January 7:** Becoming a Woman of Prayer. In this 11-session small group study, Cynthia Heald will encourage you to respond to God’s invitation to deeper intimacy with Him. Study Book Written by Cynthia

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12/1	12/2	12/3	12/4	12/5	12/6	12/7
Worship Service	7p - Prayer Partners	7a - Men’s Prayer Breakfast 9:30a - Women’s Bible Study	6p - KidLife Club 6:15p - Focal Point 6:15p - Women’s Bible Study		7a - REAL Men	1p - Single Ladies Lunch
12/8	12/9	12/10	12/11	12/12	12/13	12/14
Worship Service Congregational Mtg. 6p - Youth Group  NKC items due	7p - Prayer Partners	7a - Men’s Prayer Breakfast 7p - YA Bible Study	6p - KidLife Club 6:15p - Focal Point 6:15p - Women’s Bible Study		7a - REAL Men	
12/15	12/16	12/17	12/18	12/19	12/20	12/21
Worship Service Sunday School 3p - Youth & YA Caroling	7p - Prayer Partners	7a - Men’s Prayer Breakfast	6p - Christmas Party and Program (everyone is invited!)	6:30p - Ladies Book Club		

Heald. Discussion Groups Led by Joan Moore & Pam Jacobs. Worship/Hymns led by Margaret Buffum. Sign-up and books will be available in the Fellowship Lobby before and after service on December 8.

**Women’s Wednesday Bible Study (during Focal Point)**  
**Wednesdays, 6:15-7:15pm, Room 247**  
*Advent*

**Single Ladies Lunch**  
November and December will be combined into one outing on December 7. Lunch at Cheers on Plainfield at 1, then back to the Fireside Room around 2:30 for games and dessert. RSVP with Wilma Nelson.

**YOUNG ADULTS**

**Bi-monthly Bible Study**  
**Tuesdays, 7pm, See Tim VanderZwaag for location**

**YOUTH**

**Sunday School (not meeting today)**  
**Sundays following the service until noon**

- Middle School - may join either the Family Sermon Discussion or the Catechism Class
- High School - Catechism Class, Room 246

**Youth Group (not meeting today)**  
**Sundays, 6-7:30pm, Youth Room**

**CHILDREN**

**During Service**

- Nursery - 6 weeks to 3 years, Room 241
- KidLife Worship - 3 years to 2nd grade, Fireside Room (not meeting today)

**Sunday School (not meeting today)**  
**Sundays following the service until noon**

- Preschool to 1st grade meet in the Fireside Room
- 2nd to 5th grade meet in Room 250 for a Family Sermon Discussion

**KidLife Club**  
**Wednesdays, 6-7:15pm, Room 101**  
For kids preschool through 5th grade. Our focus this fall is the Fruit of the Spirit.

- December 18 - Christmas Program