



SILENT NIGHT

CHRISTMAS WITH CREEKSIDE



LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE



Welcome to Creekside Church and Week Four of Advent - LOVE

We're so glad you're here with us today. Whether this is your first time at Creekside or you've been part of our church family for years, thank you for choosing to worship with us during this special

season of Advent.

Advent is the Church's way of slowing down in the middle of a very busy season. It's a sacred pause that helps us remember not just that Jesus came, but why He came. Each week, we light a candle to remind us that God stepped into our world with purpose, promise, and love.

This week, we focus on **LOVE**.

If I'm honest, Christmas has a way of revealing how thin our love can feel sometimes. The schedules are full. Emotions are close to the surface. Family dynamics can be complicated. And the season that's supposed to feel warm and joyful can leave us feeling drained instead.

That's why Advent matters.

The good news of Christmas is not that we somehow find more love within ourselves - it's that God brought His love to us. Love didn't stay distant. Love didn't wait for us to be ready. Love came near in the person of Jesus.

The Bible reminds us of this truth in **1 John 4:9**, "*God **showed** how much He **loved** us by sending His one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through Him.*"

This Week's Advent Practice

Each day this week, ask God to show you one person to love intentionally. It might be through encouragement, forgiveness, generosity, patience, or simply showing up. As you do, remember, we love because He first loved us.

Thank you for being here today. My prayer is that as Christmas approaches, you would experience the nearness of God's love in a fresh and personal way. We're grateful to walk through Advent with you.

With gratitude and expectancy,

Pastor George

Upcoming Happenings

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES | DECEMBER 24

It's our favorite time of year! We'd love for you, your family, and friends to join us for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Services on December 24 at **3:00 p.m.** and **5:00 p.m.** We'll celebrate the birth of our Savior with Christmas music, a message of hope, and fun for the whole family; there might even be snow! Childcare for ages 4 and under is available during the **5:00 p.m.** service.

YOUR PRESENCE MATTERS, JOIN THE SERVE TEAM! Christmas Eve Services are at 3:00 and 5:00 p.m., and we're inviting everyone to be "in the room" as we welcome guests and worship together. If you'd like to help create a warm and welcoming environment, **click on Join the Serve Team above to sign up to serve! Questions? E-mail monique@creekside.org.**

SABBATICAL SUNDAY | DECEMBER 28

We are excited to celebrate the Christmas season with you and your family this year! On Sunday after Christmas, December 28, there will be no services. We are ending the year with a Creekside Sabbatical. **We encourage you to spend this time resting and reflecting on all that God has done and will do in the year to come.** We pray your holiday is filled with the love, light, and joy found in Jesus - and we will see you **Sunday, January 4 at 10:00 a.m.** for ONE special service with baptisms and biscuits to kick off the New Year!

YEAR END GIVING | DECEMBER 31, 2025

Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity in giving through Creekside this past year. Please make sure any year-end donations are delivered or postmarked on or before December 31, 2025 to claim a charitable contribution for 2025. To give online go to creekside.org/give. Contribution statements will be mailed in late January, or you can contact monique@creekside.org for instructions on how to access your statement online.

ONE TOGETHER SERVICE & BAPTISMS | JANUARY 4

We are excited to come TOGETHER as a church family for ONE special Sunday morning service on January 4, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. Come early at 9:30 a.m. for Biscuits & Gravy, then enjoy a time of worship, prayer, communion, and baptisms as we remember Jesus' grace and unmatched forgiveness. Please mark your calendars and make plans to join us as we kick off the new year.

Upcoming Happenings

SAM'S BREAKFAST CLUB 55+ | JANUARY 6 | [SIGN ME UP](#)

You're Invited! Come enjoy a relaxed morning of delicious food, friendly conversation, and meaningful connections with others 55 and better right here at Creekside on **Tuesday**, January 6. Breakfast is on us! Bring a friend and make it a morning to look forward to. We start at 9:00 a.m. and are finished by 10:30 a.m. Please **RSVP** by scanning the QR code, filling out a Connection Card, or visiting Guest Central. If you have any questions reach out to Pam Schmitz at pamschmitz@hotmail.com. Next breakfast will be February 3 so mark your calendar!

COMMUNITY CPR/AED & FIRST AID TRAINING | [SEE DATE OPTIONS](#) | [REGISTER HERE](#)

Join us for a hands-on CPR/AED and basic first aid class designed for ages 12 and up. This 4-hour training covers adult, child, and infant CPR, AED use, choking relief, bleeding control, and more. Participants receive a 2-year certification. Open to the entire community, our goal is to help create safer and prepared neighborhoods. Cost: \$50. For more details and to register for one of our upcoming classes, click above. **Upcoming class options: 1/11, 2/1, 3/1, 3/29, 4/19** from 1:00–5:00 p.m. or **3/14** from 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

SMALL GROUP FACILITATOR HUDDLE | JANUARY 18 & 25 | [REGISTER HERE](#)

Our thoughts are powerful; they shape our perspective, guide our decisions, and influence our habits. What happens when we feel stuck in patterns of negativity or unhealthy thinking? We're excited to announce that our upcoming all-church campaign will be **Winning the War in Your Mind** by Craig Groeschel. Together, we will discover what it means to take our thoughts captive and learn how to win the battle happening in our minds. We are currently gathering small group facilitators to host groups either in their homes or here at the church. Whether you're a seasoned leader or stepping into this role for the first time, we'll equip you with everything you need for a meaningful and successful group experience. This is a great opportunity to help others grow spiritually and build deeper connections within our church family! Sign up to attend ONE of our Group Leader Huddles on January 18 or January 25, after each service. Let's grow together! Groups launch February 22.

GROWTH TRACK | JANUARY 18, 25 & FEBRUARY 1 | [REGISTER HERE](#)

God has a plan and a purpose for your life and Growth Track is designed to help you discover it! This three-part class series is not only a pathway to membership but a great way for you to explore all the ways you can plant roots at Creekside to make it home. **Lunch and childcare will be provided for each class.** Scan the QR code to find out the details, and to sign up and begin your growth here at Creekside.

Step One- Join us on January 18 from Noon-1:30 p.m. where you'll explore what we're all about here at Creekside and how we can partner together to love God and love people.

Children & Youth

KIDZ CLUB | WEDNESDAY NIGHTS - ON BREAK UNTIL JANUARY 7

Kidz Club Season 4! Kidz Club is for kindergarten through 5th grade kids and brings all the fun, friends, and faith-based teaching that you get on a Sunday morning to a Wednesday night. With experiments, special guests, theme nights and so much more, this is a club you want to be in! This fun opportunity to connect with families midweek provides an additional avenue for students to form healthy Christian friendships to last a lifetime, learn how to apply biblical principles to everyday situations, memorize Scripture they have studied, and develop life skills in a safe and fun environment. Grab a couple of your friends and join us on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

CYC NEW YEAR'S ALL-NIGHTER | DECEMBER 31 | [REGISTER HERE](#)

2025 is ending, but the party is just getting started! What better way to kick off the new year than with an all-nighter? All our 6-12 grade students and their friends are invited to our annual New Year's All-Nighter. We have a whole night planned with fun activities ranging from low-key hangouts to campus-wide games. Food and drinks are provided, nap spots if needed, and a few surprises when they get here. It's \$20 per student, and we'll take care of them from 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Drop them off for a party they won't forget!

BE INFORMED OF UPCOMING CYC EVENTS | [CLICK HERE](#)

- CYC Youth Group - Wednesday nights @ 6 PM
- CYC Jr. High & Sr. High small groups - Various days/times

VISIT GUEST CENTRAL

We have Bible Reading Plan Bookmarks, Sermon Note Sheets and Creekside Merchandise. We look forward to assisting you and fielding any questions you may have.

BIBLE READING PLAN BOOKMARK

If you are looking for a schedule to read the Bible every day, we have a handy bookmark that will take you through the entire Bible in one year! Imagine reading the same passages each day along with your fellow Creeksiders! You can pick up a current month's bookmark at Guest Central any Sunday or [CLICK HERE to download one](#)

Giving

GIVING AT CREEKSIDE

Giving is part of our worship to God. Whether you're tithing out of obedience to Malachai 3:10 or giving sacrificially beyond your tithe, your gift will help us spread the good news of the Gospel to our community and beyond. Here at Creekside, no matter what you give, we encourage you to give with gratitude and love for Jesus. We've made giving to Creekside simple, even while you're on the go! Choose your favorite way to give confidentially.

- Text creeksidechurch to 77977
- Online at creekside.org/give
- Through the Creekside Church Martinez App
- Via cash or check...just drop it in giving stations near the rear exits on Sundays or mail

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Explore what is going on and how you can get connected.

MEET OUR STAFF | [CLICK HERE](#)

If you have questions for any of our staff, feel free to reach out and email them or call our church office to speak with them.