



SILENT NIGHT

CHRISTMAS WITH CREEKSIDE



LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE



Welcome to Creekside Church and Week Two of Advent, a celebration of Peace.

There is something about Christmas that seems to settle the heart a little. Even in the middle of busy stores, packed calendars, and long

To-Do lists, there are moments, small and sacred moments, when the world feels still again. We are so thankful you are here today to share one of those moments as we continue our Advent journey.

Advent is the intentional slowing of our souls as we prepare for the coming of Jesus. For centuries, the Church has used this season to pause, breathe, and remember that Christ enters our world not when everything is calm, but to bring calm into everything.

This week's focus is **Peace**, and I do not know about you, but I need it. There are days when the noise of life feels loud and unrelenting. Yet I have learned that peace does not come when everything gets quiet. Peace comes when I make room for Jesus in the middle of the noise. Bethlehem was chaotic, but Christ brought peace right into it.

A verse to anchor you as you seek His peace this week:

"You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in You, all whose thoughts are fixed on You." - Isaiah 26:3

This week's Advent practice:

Choose one noisy thing to turn down or turn off, social media, breaking news, or constant background noise, and replace that moment with this simple prayer, *"Jesus, You are my peace."*

Thank you for worshiping with us today. May the Prince of Peace meet you in the middle of whatever you are carrying and fill your heart with His rest.

Praying His peace over you,

Pastor George & Kristen

Upcoming Happenings

BAPTISM ORIENTATION | TODAY & DECEMBER 10 | [REGISTER HERE](#)

Ready to take the next step in your faith? Baptism is a powerful way to share what Jesus has done in your life, and we love celebrating that at Creekside! **Our next baptisms will take place on Sunday, January 4.** If you're ready, join us for one of our **Baptism Orientations today after each service, or December 10 at 7:00 p.m.** We'll walk you through what baptism means and what to expect. Let us know you're ready, we'd be honored to walk with you!

PRIME-TIMERS | DECEMBER 12 | [SIGN UP HERE](#)

Are you 50+ and ready to party? Ready to kick off this Christmas season in a fun and festive way? Invite your friends and join us for this year's **Prime-Timers Christmas Dinner on Friday, December 12 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.!** Wear your favorite Christmas sweater or outfit and bring a wrapped "white elephant" gift to join in the fun. A white elephant gift can be something old, odd, ordinary, unwanted, or cherished and expensive that you're willing to part with - you can even purchase something. Whatever you choose, it's all for fun! **Cost to attend is \$25 per person.** Sign up on your Connection Card, or above: [SIGN UP HERE](#) or pay by check/cash (please note "Prime-Timers" on check). We can't wait to party with you! **RSVP by Sunday, December 7** to reserve your spot!

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.

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!

Upcoming Happenings

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.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY | MONDAY NIGHTS AT 7 PM | [LEARN MORE](#)

Here at Creekside, we believe that life isn't meant to be lived alone, and that the Christian life invites us into living in community as we not only celebrate our victories but also face our personal struggles. That's why we're excited to provide a beautiful community for courageous strugglers through the ministry Celebrate Recovery. This is an encouraging and safe place to open up about our struggles and begin the healing journey. **We meet on Mondays from 7:00-9:30 p.m.** here at Creekside. E-mail recovery@creekside.org if you have questions.

Children & Youth

KIDZ CLUB | WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

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 CHRISTMAS BANQUET | DECEMBER 13 | [SIGN UP HERE](#)

It is our pleasure to cordially invite ALL Jr. and Sr. high students to our annual CYC Christmas Banquet! We will share in a meal and dessert, festive games, and exchange gifts. And since this is a banquet, everyone must dress as fancy as they can. We always cap off the night with a White Elephant exchange, so be sure to bring a gift to participate (\$10 or less). Sign up, bring friends, and join us on Saturday, December 13, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. It cost \$12 per student attending.

CYC NEW YEAR'S ALL-NIGHTER | DECEMBER 31-JANUARY 1 | [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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CONNECTION CARD | [FILL OUT HERE](#)

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VISIT OUR WEBSITE | Creekside.org

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.