

SERMON NOTES...

“The Hope That Holds My Heart”
Philippians 2:19-30; 3:8-11



Gospel Chapel

Sunday, December 1, 2024



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NEW TO GOSPEL CHAPEL...

Please fill out a **Welcome Card**, located at the info desk, and drop it into the offering box! To update your contact information, please fill out a **Contact Information Update Form**, also located at the info desk. We look forward to hearing from you!

GENERAL NOTICE...

Our building is a fragrance-free facility to honour those with health conditions and allergies. This includes all perfumes, scented products, and essential oils. Thank you for your understanding. Please note that those seated nearest the stage may be captured on our live-stream, which is available for public viewing.



GOSPEL CHAPEL

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NOVEMBER-DECEMBER CALENDAR...

- **Dec 1st** ... Carol Sing / 3pm / GC Sanctuary
- **Dec 8th** ... GCYG Large Group Youth Event / 4-7pm / GC Youth Room
- **Dec 11th** ... Community Christmas Hamper Pickup / GC Sanctuary / 12pm-7pm
- **Dec 12th** ... Community Christmas Hamper Delivery / 9am-12pm
- **Dec 14th** ... Grand Forks Adult Community Concert Band presents: A Holiday Concert / 2pm / GC Sanctuary
- **Dec 25th** ... Community Christmas Dinner / GC gym / Doors open at noon
- **Dec 29th** ... Himalayan Children's Troupe Event / 9:30am / GC Sanctuary

WEEKLY MINISTRY...

- **SUNDAY** ... **Pre-Service Prayer Time** / 8:30-9:20am / Fireside Room
- **SUNDAY** ... **Lodge Ministry** / Boundary Lodge 1pm / Silver Kettle 2pm / 2nd Sunday of the month / No masking required
- **MONDAY** ... **Weekly Ladies DBS** / 9:30-11:30am / Childcare room behind balcony / Contact Lindsay Hiebert-Edwards at edwardsmain@protonmail.com
- **MONDAY** ... **Men's Basketball** / 7-9pm
- **WEDNESDAY** ... **Weekly Prayer Meeting (via Zoom)** / 7am / Contact Evelyn Brown at evbaca@juno.com for link
- **WEDNESDAY** ... **55+** / 10am-12pm / Fireside Room / **Last day for the season: Dec 4th**
- **THURSDAY** ... **Sensible Shoes Study** / 1-3pm / Fireside Room
- **THURSDAY** ... **L.I.F.T.** / 6:30-8:00pm / **Last day for the season: Dec 12th**
- **FRIDAY** ... **Men's Group** / 6am / MW Electric (222 72nd Ave)

GC FAMILY MINISTRY UPDATES...

- **L.I.F.T.** – Pool Party at the Aquatic Center Dec 12th / 4-7pm / Dropoff and pickup at the Aquatic Center. This will be the last day for L.I.F.T. prior to the holidays.
- **GCYG** presents "The McFormal" with hosts Ben and Shayna. A fancy dinner from McDonalds, hot chocolate bar, and gift exchange (please bring a \$5 wrapped gift). December 8th from 4-7pm in the Youth Room.

COMMUNITY HELP REQUESTS...

Do you have a few free hours in the week that you'd like to offer our church community or community at large? Please connect with Lindsay in our office to find out what help requests or fellowship needs exist. As this is far too large a job for one person and as needs or schedules shift, it's helpful for our administrator to be able to connect a person in need with individuals who can fill that need! If you know of a need in your neighbourhood and are not sure how to best fill it, please reach out to our office. We want to mobilize ourselves as best we can to provide for the people God has placed us amongst!

GIVING...

Please use the [offering box](#) located at the info desk for your donations during Sunday service times! To give to the ministry of Gospel Chapel: e-transfer to gcfincanetteam@gmail.com, drop-off envelopes at the church office Tuesday through Thursday, or deposit them into the offering box during Sunday services.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Lorraine Barg / Oksana Betancurt / Steve Birdsall (Kristy Benson's brother) / Tony Bosch & Ann Flynn (Coby Postma's brother-in-law & sister) / Luke Postma (Steve Postma's brother) / Jim Goertzen / Laurie Hawley / Jack Hooge / Norm Marian / Ruth Martens / Maxim & Anya Olinerovski – Multiply Pastors (Zaporozhye, Ukraine) / Darlene Preston (Tammy Battersby's mother) / Paula Savin

Christmas is celebrating Jesus, God's greatest gift.

DAY 1

Read Isaiah 9:6

Look up today's verse and answer the questions by unscrambling the words below:

Who did Isaiah promise would be born?

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D C I L A H

He would be called...

Wonderful
D V I A R S E

Mighty
D G O

Father who lives
R F O V E R E

Prince who brings
E P A E C

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Jesus is our wonderful adviser, which means He will give us wisdom when we ask. Jesus is the mighty God who is able to protect us. As our Father who lives forever, Jesus is our provider who will always love us. And finally, Jesus will bring us peace, which means He will be with us.

God always had a plan to send us Jesus, the greatest gift ever!

Answers: A Child, Adviser, God, Forever, Peace

## DAY 2

### Read Micah 5:2

It's ALMOST Christmas! Grab a piece of paper and set a timer for one minute. Write down EVERYTHING you think about when you think about Christmas. Ready, set, WRITE! Now hold onto that page; you'll need it in just a minute.

What did you write down? Snow? Presents? Twinkling lights? Decorations? Candy canes? There are so many wonderful things about Christmas. But we can't forget the most IMPORTANT thing. Christmas is about celebrating Jesus, God's greatest gift!

God made a promise to send a Savior. Long before Jesus was born, God told Micah to share this special message with the people: out of the small town of Bethlehem, a Savior would be born! God always had a plan to send us Jesus.

### Christmas Is All About Jesus

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Grab a marker and write JESUS in big block letters across your page. Spend some time thanking God for all the wonderful things you love about Christmas. Then ask God to help you focus your attention this year on Jesus, the greatest gift EVER.

Read John 1:1

“In the beginning” . . . Have you read those words somewhere else in the Bible? Flip back all the way to Genesis 1:1. What are the first three words of that verse?

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 This shows us God has no beginning. That means that God was already there when everything else began, because God made it all!

Now look back at today’s verse. Do you know who the “Word” is that John wrote about? It’s Jesus! Read the verse aloud but replace “Word” with “Jesus.”

In the beginning, before anything was created, Jesus was already there. He was WITH God and He WAS/IS God! At Christmas, we celebrate the truth that Jesus left heaven to come to earth. He was born as a baby who would grow up to be the Savior, the One God sent to rescue all people. God had a plan from the beginning to send us Jesus and that’s why celebrating Christmas is so important!

Read Psalm 33:11

From the beginning, God had a plan. Before creating the world, God knew people would turn away—that our sins would get in the way of having a relationship with God. God sent Jesus to take the punishment for our sins by dying on the cross. Jesus rose again to make a way so that everyone who believes in Him can have a relationship with God forever.

God’s plans are good. They are FOREVER. God demonstrated great love for you on that first Christmas when God sent Jesus. And that’s definitely something to celebrate!

What’s Missing

All of the consonants from today’s verse are missing! Can you fill them in?

“.....u..... e..... a.....
 o..... e..... o.....
a..... i.....
o.....e.....e..... a.....
e.....a..... o..... o.....
i..... a..... o.....
 a..... i.....e.”a..... 33:11, NIV



God always had a plan to send Jesus.