

SERMON NOTES...

“Sing Like Everyone Is Listening”

Isaiah 12



Gospel Chapel

Sunday, December 15, 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.



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DECEMBER-JANUARY CALENDAR...



- Dec 15th ... Christmas Caroling / 5:45pm start / Meet at GC
- Dec 24th ... Christmas Eve Service / 6:30pm
- Dec 24th – Jan 1st ... GC Office closed
- Dec 25th ... Community Christmas Dinner / GC gym / Doors open at noon
- Dec 29th ... Special Service: Himalayan Children's Troupe Guest Speaker and Potluck / 9:30am / GC Sanctuary
- Jan 5th ... Special Service: Testimonials and Prayer for 2025 / 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 / Resumes Jan 13th
- 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 / Resumes Jan 8th
- THURSDAY ... L.I.F.T. / 6:30-8:00pm / Resumes Jan 9th
- FRIDAY ... Men's Group / 6am / MW Electric (222 72nd Ave)

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER...



Don't have plans for the holidays? Interested in finding out how you can serve our community with the Community Christmas Dinner Program? Find out more by contacting Natalie Patterson, Director for the CCDP, at (250) 442-0876.

HIMALAYAN CHILDREN'S TROUPE UPDATE...



Regrettably, members of the Himalayan Children's Troupe were unable to obtain visas for performing in Canada. In their place, a member of the Fazl Foundation will be our guest speaker for December 29th. They will be sharing more on the mission of the persecuted church in North India. We will still be holding a Christmas Leftovers Potluck this day, so please bring a dish to share with everyone!

NEW TO THE GOSPEL?...



Are you new? Do you have questions about the message of the Gospel? We'd like to bless you with a gift today! Please take one from the basket in the main foyer!

OFFICE CLOSURE...



The office will be closed beginning December 24th and will be reopening Thursday, January 2nd.

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 gcfinceteam@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 / Nicole and Jake Goode (Josh Edward's aunt & uncle) / Laurie Hawley / Jack Hooge / Norm Marian / Ruth Martens / Maxim & Anya Olfierovski – Multiply Pastors (Zaporozhye, Ukraine) / Darlene Preston (Tammy Battersby's mother) / Paula Savin

Christmas is celebrating Jesus, God's greatest gift.

DAY 1

Read Galatians 4:4

Have you ever read the book *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*? Goldilocks breaks into the bears' house and tries their porridge, their chairs, and even their beds until she finds one that is "just right."

Remember earlier this month when we talked about how God had a big plan to rescue us? How God knew from the very beginning that creating humankind would mean one day sending Jesus to be our Savior? When the time was "just right," God sent Jesus as a baby, the greatest gift ever. God sent Jesus at the chosen time out of great love for us.

Write this week's bottom line on an index card (*Celebrate because God sent a Savior*) and place it next to your favorite Christmas decoration. Thank God for loving you so much to send Jesus at just the right time.

DAY 2

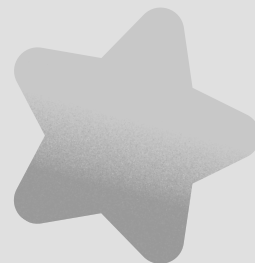
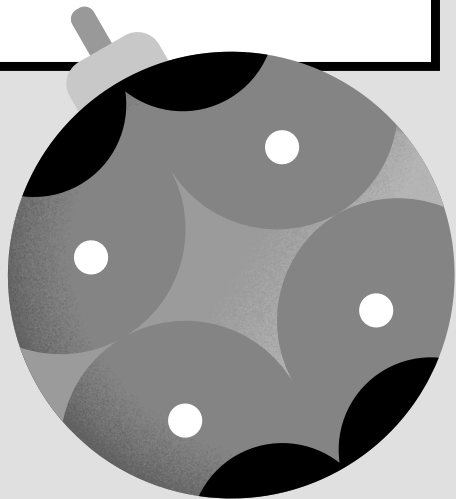
Read Luke 2:6-7

Grab a piece of paper and pretend for a second that you are the king of a very large kingdom. What would your throne room, or royal playroom, look like? Draw it on the page.

Do you have a nativity set at home? If so, hold up the picture you drew next to your nativity. Spot any differences?

When Mary and Joseph traveled to Bethlehem, they couldn't find a place stay, so they ended up rooming with animals. And it was there that Jesus, our Savior, was born. The surroundings were so humble that the King of all Kings wasn't placed in a beautifully carved crib. Instead, this precious gift to the whole world was placed into a feeding box.

Jesus didn't come as a king to rule over us. Jesus came as one of us so that He could save us. Set the baby Jesus from your nativity on top of your drawing. Then spend a few minutes thanking God for loving you enough to send Jesus to save you.



Read John 3:16

In one verse, we see God's big plan for creation. Out of God's great love for the world, God gave us Jesus. Jesus came to teach us how to follow God and to give His life for us. Because of sin, we cannot save ourselves. Instead of turning away from us, God chose to send Jesus to take the punishment for sin so that we can be forgiven.

God loved who?

God's salvation is available to who?

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God made a way for ALL so that ALL could be saved. That's a BIG reason to have joy. We celebrate Christmas because God sent Jesus to be our Savior.

Hopscotch 3:16

Write out the words of the verse on separate pieces of paper. Lay them out in a hopscotch pattern. Jump from one to the other as you repeat the words of the verse. Then flip two pages over to the blank side. Repeat, hopping along as you say the verse. Continue flipping pages over each round until you can recite the verse from memory.

Read 1 John 5:11

When God sent Jesus, He made a way for us to know Him. Before Jesus came, people had to make sacrifices at the Temple to be forgiven of their sins or the wrong things they did. But out of love for us, God put a plan in place, forgiving all of the wrong things we've already done and will do. In fact, that was God's plan from the beginning.

Imagine making a list of every wrong thing you've ever done. Now imagine everyone all over the world making the same list. Now imagine every single person that has ever lived before you and every single person that isn't even alive yet one day making a list. When Jesus died and rose again, He took care of every single thing on ALL of those lists. Forever.

That's GOOD news. And that's why we should celebrate big, because God sent Jesus to be our Savior.

Party Time

Ask your family to think of one NEW way to celebrate Jesus' upcoming birthday! You could bake a cake and sing "Happy Birthday." Or blow a party horn and yell "Happy Birthday, Jesus!"

**Celebrate because
God sent a Savior.**