

Let's Worship Together!

WELCOME

- 🎵 RB-997 O Come All Ye Faithful
- 🎵 WB-15 Shout Hallelujah

SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 1:3-10


- 🎵 WB-96 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
- 🎵 WB-49 The Glorious Impossible

COMMUNION

MESSAGE: God Bless This Rest

TRI-VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST
DECEMBER 13, 2020

FAMILY NEWS



**A CHILD
HAS BEEN
BORN FOR US,
A SON IS GIVEN
TO US;
AUTHORITY RESTS
UPON HIM
HE IS NAMED
JESUS**

All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ. Even before He made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in His eyes. God decided in advance to adopt us into His own family by bringing us to Himself through Jesus Christ. This is what He wanted to do, and it gave Him great pleasure. So we praise God for the glorious grace He has poured out on us who belong to His dear Son. He is so rich in kindness and grace that He purchased our freedom with the blood of His Son and forgave our sins. He has showered His kindness on us, along with all wisdom and understanding.

God has now revealed to us His mysterious will regarding Christ—which is to fulfill His own good plan. And this is the plan: At the right time He will bring everything together under the authority of Christ—everything in heaven and on earth.

Ephesians 1:3-10

LET'S KEEP PRAYING DAILY FOR EACH OTHER, ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN ILL OR HAVE SUFFERED LOSS. SO MANY PEOPLE HAVE LOST LOVED ONES OVER THE COURSE OF THIS YEAR. PRAY FOR PEACE, COMFORT, COURAGE, STRENGTH, AND DEEPER TRUST IN OUR LOVING LORD JESUS.



Wishing a happy birthday to Kristin F. (12/15) and Mikayla G. (12/19).
GOD BLESS YOU!



JOY TO THE WORLD!

On the third Sunday of Advent, we are invited to reflect on the JOY that fills us because of our faith in Jesus. One of the defining characteristics of Christ-followers is our joyful demeanor.

Philippians 4:4-5 says, "Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again - rejoice! Let everyone see that you are considerate in all you do. Remember, the Lord is coming soon!" Advent is an opportunity for us to focus our thoughts on the gift God has given us in His Son Jesus, who stepped down from heaven and took on human form so that we might believe and be saved from our sins.

Over this Advent season, let's pray that the joy of the Lord will be evident in our hearts and homes. Even when we lament the many sorrows and losses that may have taken place in our lives during this past year, we can hold fast to the joy of Christ in us. Even when things may feel chaotic and we may miss some of the familiar traditions we are usually able to enjoy, we can find peace in Jesus and His eternal, unchanging love.

*Dear Father God, the good news of Jesus' arrival brings such joy to our world! Help us reach those who are lost and searching, so we can give them Your message of hope that we have through the Messiah. Allow Your message of peace to bring comfort to our troubled world. As we all go about the holiday season, let Your message of ardent joy pierce through all the noise and clamor to touch people's hearts with warmth and draw them to You.
In Jesus' name,
Amen*



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SIGN IN TO WORSHIP SUNDAYS @10:45AM

<https://trivalleychurch.online.church/>

Come for our pre-worship time together to enjoy a slide show and chat with church family and friends.



In this series we are examining a biblical view of rest, looking at why God wants us to rest safely in the knowledge that He is with us. These lessons will show how rest is linked to our faith and trust in God, and that the closer we draw to the Lord, the better chance we have of finding true rest. We will also consider the biblical concept of Sabbath rest and how that should support the rhythms of our lives today. (Did you do our homework from last week and get more sleep? Go take a nap!)



CONSIDER THIS...

Each week Jacob posts some discussion questions on our website to help us interact with the sermon text in our Discipleship Groups or our own household. Here are our discipleship questions for this week of 12/13...think about them and discuss with friends or family.

- **Optional icebreaker:** What is the most interesting thing you've read or seen this week?
- Read Ephesians 1:3-10 and write a Response Prayer.
- Rate the average amount of rest you get on a scale from 1 to 10.
- If you were to set aside one day of the week to observe Sabbath rest, which day would you choose?
- Name someone in your life who really needs to hear that they are loved by God, regardless of their past or present performance.



PRAYING FOR HAMIDOU

Please keep praying for Hamidou and please keep giving each month to help fund his schooling and basic needs in Burkina Faso. If you would like to write to Hamidou, please contact Justin for information.



TEEN DEVO NIGHT

Thursdays at 7:00pm

Each week our teens are meeting online from 7-8 pm to catch up with each other, share a Scripture-focused discussion, and pray together. Brittany signs on at 6:30pm for hangout time. Come join us on Zoom! If you need the login info, let Justin know.



THERE'S STILL TIME!



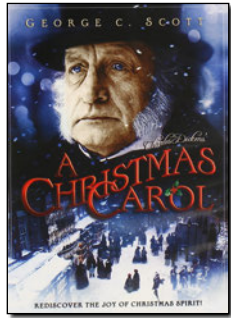
Please help support Agape Villages in meeting their fundraising goal of \$100K by December 31.

Your gift will help give safe homes to more kids who need a family! The first \$50K will be matched by several generous donors! We will Elf your friends and neighbors for only \$40 per yard! Email your Elfing orders to Justin before **December 15**. Who else do YOU want to Elf this year?

TEEN ZOOM MOVIE

Friday, December 18, 7:00 pm

Christmas is nearly here! Our Zoom movie for this week is the 1984 family classic, *A Christmas Carol* with George C. Scott as Ebenezer Scrooge. An old, bitter miser who rationalizes his uncaring nature and thinks Christmas is "humbug" learns real compassion when three spirits visit him on Christmas Eve. Bundle up in your fuzzy socks and cuddly blankets, bring your Christmas cocoa and cookies and enjoy this classic tale adapted from the Dickens novella of the same name. Parents, younger sibs, friends and relatives are all welcome to join us. Note that this is our final Friday Zoom movie in 2020 before we resume on January 8. Enjoy your holiday time with your families, and "God bless us, every one!"



At Home Bible Class for ages 4 through 5th grade

Volume 10: The Mission Begins
Unit 28: The Holy Spirit Empowers



This Week's Topic:

The Holy Spirit Came (Acts 2)

Story Point:

God kept His promise to send the Holy Spirit.

Big Picture Question & Answer:

How does the Holy Spirit help Christians? The Holy Spirit comforts us, shows us our sin, and guides us as we live for God's glory.

Key Passage for Kids

His divine power has given us everything required for life and godliness through the knowledge of Him who calls us by His own glory and goodness. 2 Peter 1:3

ONLINE WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS FROM SUNDAY, 12/06

If you missed any of last week's online service and want to watch (or watch again), click the link in the box below. Here are some highlights from that service:

- In our pre-worship slide show, there were several announcements of ongoing or upcoming events and needs, so if you missed this part of the service, be sure to go check it out! We enjoyed an old classic hymn, "Master, The Tempest Is Raging," as well as an Acappella song "Resting In Jesus," both of which foreshadowed the message to come. We were treated to a humorous video reminder of just how many daily gifts and blessings we have to be thankful for. **Justin G.** again promoted our Elfing program for this year! This is an important annual fundraiser that Tri-Valley teens put on to help Agape Villages meet their year end goal so more kids can be given loving homes (see details above in the Youth Group area).
- The Johnston Family** warmly welcomed us to worship!
- We sang along with Praise and Harmony while **Rachel M.** provided ASL translations to uplift our spirits while we worshipped together.
- Robin G.** read to us from God's Word (Psalm 142:1-5).
- Jacob P.** shared a 1...2...3 Connect update about how he enjoys connects with God on his own (#1) through silent outdoor contemplation, which sometimes includes prayer and time in God's word, and he encouraged us to take the opportunity to spend more time alone with God.
- Justin and Trish G.** shared some thoughts with us from 1 Peter 1:3-9 and invited us to celebrate communion together, sharing special time with Jesus as we remembered and honored Him.
- Jacob P.** Introduced our series on Rest with the message, "The Gift of Rest," encouraging us to ask ourselves, "Will the path I'm on now get me to where I want to be?" We can ask Jesus to show us our limits and lead us to rest. We know we can trust Him to meet our needs, and when we rest and let go of control we are demonstrating that we trust Him to be in charge of our lives. (And our homework for the week was to SLEEP more! When you read this, go take a nap!)
- Phil W.** shared our annual financial report - thank you, Phil, for your positive attitude and your attention to detail in providing us with this important information.

If you need more information on how you can continue giving as we worship online, contact the office at office@trivalleychurch.org. We are very grateful for every contribution, and you are helping to support the Lord's work both here in our community and afar. Even when we aren't meeting for worship in person, our ministry staff are still hard at work. We have ongoing maintenance expenses for the building and property. We still support our missionaries, the Johnsons and the Adys. Also, there are times that individuals in the community may approach TriValley to see if we can help them with meeting basic needs. Thank you for your faithful generosity which makes it possible for us to continue God's work in many areas.

We appreciate everyone who helps with our worship services in any way, and we're thankful for everyone who signs in to worship with us each week. We have people from all over who participate, from local residents, to out-of-state friends and family, and even brethren from other countries! We love to see each of your names and comments in the chat. It's very encouraging to know we are all connected this way, and are devoted to worshipping and serving our Lord together! Remember, you can always view (or review) our previous week's worship by going to the link below. Have a wonderful week!

Click the link to view LAST Sunday's online worship (12/06) <https://youtu.be/6Ldi2DJ6l2c#t=0>

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Attendance last Sunday @10:45am:

60 individual sign-ins online