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

TRI-VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST
DECEMBER 20, 2020



FAMILY NEWS

Let's Worship Together!

WELCOME

🎵 RB-1018 Joy To The World

SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 1:3-10

🎵 WB-74 My Soul Magnifies The Lord

SCRIPTURE VIDEO: Psalm 62

🎵 RB-1028 O Holy Night

🎵 RB-996 O Little Town of Bethlehem

COMMUNION

MESSAGE: God Comes To Us

🎵 RB-1001 Hark The Herald Angels Sing

🎵 RB-1003 Silent Night



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HIS PRECIOUS GIFT OF LOVE!

What are some of the most memorable gifts you've received? How can you tell when much love and thought have gone into a gift? On the fourth Sunday of Advent, we are invited to reflect on the LOVE of our God. **God IS love, and the gift of His Son Jesus, our Savior, is the ultimate expression of the boundless love He has for His people.**

John 3:16 says, "For God so loved the world that He sent His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him will not perish, but have eternal life."

Can you imagine voluntarily choosing to sacrifice the life of your own beloved child, for any reason? And furthermore, would you willingly give up your child for a group of people who were undeserving, who were filled with sin and selfishness, and many of whom would not even acknowledge the sacrifice or accept the cherished and irreplaceable gift you were offering? It seems inconceivable!

However, this indescribable sacrifice is exactly what our Father chose to give for each one of us, because **He loves us that much.** He couldn't bear to let us remain lost to the enemy and caught up in the darkness of sin. WE are that precious to Him!

Over this Advent season, let's pray that the love of Jesus Messiah will spring up anew in our hearts and flow freely in our homes. Let us revel in the beautiful, unconditional love we have received, and surround ourselves, our loved ones, and everyone we encounter with the Christlike warmth of that pure and perfect love.

Even as we lament the many sorrows and losses that have touched our lives during this past year, we can hold fast to the love of Emmanuel. Even when we must remain far removed from so many of our loved ones, **we can rest in the unfathomable joy, hope, peace and love given to us by our dear Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ.**

Dear Father God, thank you for Your unconditional love! Thank you, Jesus, for giving Yourself up for us and bearing our sins so we could be set free! Help us reach those who are searching for a place to belong, so we can share with them the endless love and hope that You have given us. Please bring comfort and healing to our troubled world. As we celebrate this holiday season, help us to feel keenly aware of Your wonderful presence as we bask in the glory of Your love.

In Jesus' name,
Amen



In this series we have been examining a biblical view of rest, looking at why God wants us to rest safely in the knowledge that He is with us. We have been learning 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. Last week Jacob invited us to consider the biblical concept of Sabbath rest and how that should support the rhythms of our lives today. It's challenging to learn and practice this level of rest and refreshment in today's busy world, and that is why it's more needful than ever! This week we are looking forward to celebrating Jesus, the God who comes to us!

Let's reflect...



Each week Jacob posts some discussion questions on our website to help us interact with the sermon text. Here are our discipleship questions for this week of 12/20...think about them and discuss them with friends or family.

- **Optional icebreaker: Share the story of your worst travel experience using exactly 8 words.**
- **Read Psalm 62:1-8 and write a Response Prayer.**
- **Psalm 62 describes God as our rock, our fortress, and our refuge. What other images of God make you feel more at peace?**
- **What areas of your life is Jesus waiting to be invited into?**
- **What are you going to do this week to receive the rest that God offers?**



Wishing a happy birthday to Lisa H. (12/21) and Brittany W. (12/26).
GOD BLESS YOU!



Hello Church Family!

This Sunday, immediately following our online worship service, you're invited to join us in the Virtual Lobby (aka Zoom video chat). The purpose is simply to give you a chance to see each other's faces, say "Hello!" and "Merry Christmas!" We hope you can join us to visit and catch up, even if it's just for a few minutes.

All you have to do is click on this link after Sunday's worship service:
<https://zoom.us/j/9254474333>.

If you need technical assistance in preparation for this online gathering, please let us know! See you there!



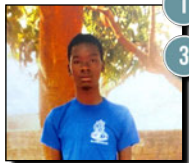


TEEN DEVO NIGHT 2

Our Teen Devo will not meet the next two Thursday evenings - enjoy the time with your families on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, and we will resume meeting on Thursday, January 7, 2021. See you next year!

PRAY 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.



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THANK YOU SO MUCH! 3



Thank you to all who chose to participate in Elfing this year. Your gifts will help give safe homes to more kids who need a family.

Thank you also to everyone who helped put together the kits and set up the Elfing displays in the yards. Despite the restrictions in place this year, we were still able to carry on with this important annual fundraiser, thanks to all of you!

LET'S KEEP PRAYING DAILY FOR EACH OTHER, ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR HAVE SUFFERED LOSSES OVER THE COURSE OF THIS YEAR. PRAY FOR DEEP PEACE, DIVINE COMFORT, COURAGE, STRENGTH, AND GREATER TRUST IN OUR LOVING LORD JESUS. PRAY FOR RENEWED CONNECTION AND JOY DURING THIS SEASON WHILE WE CELEBRATE THE WONDER OF HIS BIRTH!



TEEN ZOOM MOVIE NIGHTS 2

Thank you to all the individuals and families who have supported the teen Zoom movie nights over this past year! Movie nights are one way we can enjoy a time of connection, chat, and laughter to brighten our spirits during this often challenging season of life, and we really appreciate your participation. Our teen Zoom movie nights will resume on **Friday, January 8, 2021 at 7pm.** Enjoy the extra time with your families as we all celebrate this joyful season! Merry Christmas!

Thank you so much



At Home Bible Class for ages 4 through 5th grade



Hey Kids, Moms and Dads!

We wish you the happiest of Christmases celebrating the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

Remember, Jesus loves you, and we love you too!

Your Children's Ministry Team

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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

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ONLINE WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS FROM SUNDAY, 12/13 3

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, **Jacob P.** again shared his 1...2...3 Connect update about how he enjoys connecting with God on his own (#1) through silent outdoor contemplation, which sometimes includes prayer and time in God's word. He encouraged us to take the opportunity to spend more time alone with God. We enjoyed seeing a lot of fun Christmas memories from the TVCC Vault! **Justin G.** promoted our Elfing program for the final time this year! Thank you to **Mike** and **Doug** and everyone else who supported Elfing in any way and helped make it happen!
- Jacob P.** warmly welcomed us to worship, and we sang along with Praise and Harmony while **Rachel M.** provided ASL translations to uplift our spirits while we worshipped together.
- Bill A.** fed our spirits with a passage from God's Word (Ephesians 1:3-10).
- Kent R.** shared some encouraging communion thoughts with us. He acknowledged the burdens of this past year, while reminding us that Jesus has overcome the world, so our present circumstances don't even compare with the glory awaiting us in heaven. Jesus also offered us the gift of rest, so we may be refreshed whenever we feel overcome and weary. He took on the burden of our sin so we could be reconciled to God.
- Jacob P.** continued our series on Rest with the message, "Bless This Rest," in which he taught us about the blessings inherent in the practice of taking a Sabbath rest, pointing out that God designed us to need that rhythm of work and rest (**Ann B.** helped illustrate that part!). He also related some of the Parnell family's personal experiences in learning to successfully practice this in their own life together. Perhaps most importantly, he reminded us that God chose us and He loves us, just because we are His children, not because of anything we do. He offers us Sabbath rest in Jesus Christ. Jacob concluded the lesson by sharing a tender song inviting a beloved child to enter into rest.

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 ask 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 also 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 believers 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 and a blessed Christmas celebrating the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Click the link to view LAST Sunday's online worship (12/13) <https://youtu.be/KeEqmAgayL8#t=0>

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Jacob Parnell
Preaching Minister



Justin Garza
Youth Minister



Bill Aimonetti



Darren McGrandle



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