

UPCOMING EVENTS

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• Christmas Eve Service - Tuesday, December 24th @ 5 pm

• Altamont Church Potluck - Sunday, December 29th - after the service

• Extol: Prayer & Praise - Thursday, January 9th @ 7 pm

• Morning of Solitude - Saturday, January 11th @ 9 am

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SONGS & SERMONS

"Angels from the Realms of Glory" - James
Montgomery

"The Lion and the Lamb" - Brenton Brown,
Brian Johnson, Leeland Mooring

"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" - Brenton
Brown, Brian Johnson, Leeland Mooring

"Jesus We Love You" - Hannah McClure, Kalley
Heiligenthal, Paul McClure

"He Shall Reign Forevermore" - Chris Tomlin,
Matt Maher

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Operating Budget Need.....\$34,434.00
Y-T-D General Fund Need.....\$1,721,700.00

Giving Last Week.....\$40,261.00
Y-T-D Giving.....\$1,717,517.00

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CHRISTMAS 2019

12/22/19 | MUSIC: SHAWN HOELSCH | MESSAGE: CHARLIE MENG

MESSAGE NOTES

Grace & Truth
John 1:14-18

REVIEW

1. Jesus is the full expression of God by nature (1-2), as Creator (3) & as Life-Giver (4-5).
2. Jesus entered the realm of humanity to offer eternal life (6-13).

As the full expression of God, Jesus displayed God's character - especially in meeting humanity's greatest needs (14-18).

1. The full expression of God became the full expression of humanity (14a).

John 1:14 *And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

- a. The means: Jesus' miracles & His passion to His ascension.

John 2:11 *This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.*

John 7:39 *Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.*

John 12:23 *And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified."*



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2. Because He became human, His people “taste” grace & truth.

a. Jesus' glory stands out as absolutely unique.

John 1:14 *And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

b. Jesus' glory revealed all the grace & truth imaginable.

John 1:14 *And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. 15 (John bore witness about him, and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’”)*

c. Jesus gives his people all this grace & truth.

John 1:16 *And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. 17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.*

For example:

i. An eternal, satisfying life.

John 4:13 *Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, 14 but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”*

ii. Security for now & for eternity.

John 10:28 *I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.*

iii. Loved with consistent, unfading love.

John 13:1 *Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.*

iv. Intimacy with the living God.

John 14:20 *In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. 21 Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”*

The beauty of Christmas: God came to humanity in order to secure relationship with His people.

John 1:18 *No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.*