

Stop by the Guest Connection Desk today after our worship assembly. We'd love to meet you!



WELCOME!

Merry Christmas! Joy for the world...

The New Testament letter of 1 John opens with a declaration. John didn't just hear about Jesus, he walked with Him. "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life."

He goes on, "We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ," and finally, "We write this to make our joy complete."

... to make our joy complete!

What a testimony. This man ate with Jesus. He sat at His feet to hear the Master teach. John witnessed and participated in miracles. He saw storms calmed and dead people raised to life. He saw Jesus die on the cross, and He saw Jesus' resurrected body.

At one point, Jesus breathed the Holy Spirit into John and his friends. He had many reasons for joy. And yet, that joy was not complete. There was something missing. With that kind of joy, in order to feel really good about it, it needs to be shared.

We have peace with God through Jesus Christ.

We have hope because of Jesus.

We have the perfect love of God displayed through the life of Jesus.

As much joy as we can find in these amazing gifts, it will always be a joy that lacks.

Make your joy complete... share it with others.

Grace and peace,

Rob

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The First Noel

Welcome

This Little Light of Mine

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 7:14

Jesus, Name Above All Names
O Lord, Our Lord

Communion

Silent Night! Holy Night!

Offering

Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)

Video

The Joy of the Lord

Message: Joy for the World
Joy for the World: Part 4 of 4

Joy to the World

Next Steps

Shepherd's Prayer

Ben Patterson

Carter Jones

Carter Jones

Rob Shaver

Ben Patterson

Vance Kessler

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6)

Father, we thank You for the prophecies that foretold the coming of our Savior, Jesus. We thank You that He is a Wonderful Counselor, that He is the mighty King of Judah, the Everlasting Father and the Prince of Peace. God, we thank You that Your Kingdom is held up by justice and righteousness and that it reigns forever. In Jesus' name, amen.

HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

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CHRISTMAS TRAIN: Christmas is such a special time of year! Preschoolers will experience a lot of excitement and wonder. We all do! But as they get older—and as we take time to stop and remember—we hope that

the good news that God gave us Jesus will become the most wonderful part of Christmas. So get ready because we are hopping aboard the CHRISTMAS TRAIN, and it's carrying the true story of Christmas!

REMEMBER THIS: "God loved the world so much that He gave His only son." (John 3:16, GNT)



DECK THE HALLS: COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS: With the busyness of the Christmas season, it's easy to lose sight of why we celebrate in the first place. That's what makes a countdown like an advent calendar

so powerful. It allows us daily moments to stop and reflect on God, who loved us so much and sent Jesus to be our Savior. This December, we're "decking the halls" and taking the whole the month to focus on nothing but Christmas. As we count down Christmas Day, let's take time to remember the reason we celebrate in the first place: Jesus, the greatest gift the world has ever known.

REMEMBER THIS: "A child will be born to us. A son will be given to us." (Isaiah 9:6, NIV)



YOUTH NIGHT

Sundays, 5-8 p.m., GC Youth Room

For anyone in 6th-12th grades to explore how to follow Jesus and to connect with others in a safe, fun environment.

There will be no Youth Night this week or next. We hope you and your family are enjoying this time together while celebrating the amazing news about Jesus! We'll kick off a new series on Sunday, January 7.



UPCOMING YOUTH NIGHT SCHEDULE

TONIGHT: No Youth Night (Christmas Eve)

12/31: No Youth Night (New Year's Eve)

1/7: Youth Night, 5-8 p.m.

For more details on upcoming events, see the GC Youth calendar online or in the GC app.



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6755 Majors Road
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SERVICES

Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

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LAST WEEK (12/17/23)

Attendance 422

YTD Contributions \$1,204,680



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