

WE EXIST TO... GROW IN CHRIST, LOVE LIKE CHRIST, LIVE FOR CHRIST

# **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023**

WELCOME / PRAYER OF INVOCATION

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL Hymns of Grace, 231

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

SERMON: "GOD'S GRACE THROUGH HIS COVENANT WITH ABRAHAM, PART 2" GENESIS 17:1–27

#### **COMMUNION**

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord;
Who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day He arose again.

He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, and He will come to judge the living and the dead.

> I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy and universal Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

#### WHAT CHILD IS THIS?

Verse 1
What Child is this, who laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing.
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

Verse 2
Why lies He in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear for sinners here,
The silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,
The cross be borne for me, for you.
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

Verse 3
So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh;
Come, peasant, king, to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings;

Let loving hearts enthrone Him. Raise, raise the song on high; The Virgin sings her lullaby. Joy, joy for Christ is born, The Babe, the Son of Mary.

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### BENEDICTION

Dec 24: Christmas themed Fellowship breakfast from 9–945 AM - please bring your favorite Christmas morning dish to share

Christmas Eve / Candlelight Service @ 6 PM

Dec 31: Fellowship breakfast from 9–945 AM - please bring a dish to share

Jan 7: Members' Meeting following the morning worship service

Jan 12: Thrive, for students in 5th–12th grade, meets at the home of Richard & Chrissy Burns in Nobleboro from 630–8 PM

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**Read Ahead:** Genesis 21:1–7

### **General Info:**

TVC Kids: We strive for family-friendly worship & want to encourage parents to keep their children in the sanctuary or East Hall for worship. To help families, backpacks filled with a note sheet, a coloring page, and snacks are available for children Pre-K – 5th grade. Note sheets are available for children in 5th – 8th grade. The backpacks will be handed out prior to the sermon.

We also offer Rooted which is a time of teaching & learning for children in grades K-4 that meets downstairs in the Fellowship Hall classroom. The children who participate in Rooted will be dismissed by Pastor Phil prior to the sermon.

We also offer a volunteer staffed Nursery that meets in the Fellowship Hall during the sermon. We are thankful & appreciate the opportunity to serve you & your children.

We understand that children can get restless & squirmy, so if you have to leave the service with your child, please feel free to do so; but please know that you are welcome to rejoin the service at any time.

Gospel Growth Communities (GGCs): GGCs are just one way you can purposefully & intentionally invest in your church family as we seek to grow in Christ, love like Christ & live for Christ. If you are interested in joining a GGC, please contact one of your elders. The Reed GGC meets Sunday evenings in Nobleboro. Sorterup GGC meets Wednesday

meets Thursday evenings in Bristol. **Discussion Questions:** 1. Who is God (what does this passage tell me about God's character)? 2. What has God done (how do I see God's character in action)? 3. Who am I (how does God's character and action shape how I see myself)? 4. What do I do (if I believe 1–3 how would I respond and relate to others)? **Notes:** Elders: Breck Holladay, Phil Nicewonger, Jeff Norton & Grant Sorterup Twin Villages Church 40 Church St., PO Box 314, Damariscotta www.twinvillageschurch.org Phone: (207) 975-9632

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evenings in Damariscotta. The Holladay GGC