



Dr. Kevin Cassidy

“The Great Light of the Messiah”

Selected Scriptures

### WELCOME

Welcome to each of you who are with us today to worship our God and King! We are rejoicing that we are able to meet together in person and on-line.

#### WHAT IS CHRISTMAS ALL ABOUT?

It is about understanding that the most important gift that was ever given came to earth on that first Christmas. **John 3:16** “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

The gift that God is offering to the world is His Son Jesus. At Christmas we see pictures of a little baby lying in a manger and we remember that Jesus was born in Bethlehem. But Jesus grew up and later went to a place called Calvary. There He died on a Cross to pay the penalty for our sins, all of the bad things that we have ever done. He did that so that the world could have a relationship with God.

“There is only one thing left for us to do; believe God or not believe God. Jesus said, He that believes on me has everlasting life.” **John 6:47** Why not let this Christmas be the one where you receive that greatest gift that has ever been given. Right now trust Him as your Savior from sin and you can know that you have eternal life.



#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FCC Weekly Worship:** Each week we have a worship set followed by a message from God’s Word. Also, Adam Coleman posts a virtual KidZone. [www.faithcommunity.net](http://www.faithcommunity.net)

**CHRISTMAS EVE NURSERY:** During the Christmas Eve services, we offer nursery care to those who attend. If you can help with this vital ministry, please contact Brenda Handel at: [cbhandel96@gmail.com](mailto:cbhandel96@gmail.com).

**BIG CHANGES THIS SUNDAY:** In light of rising cases of COVID-19 and our desire to be loving and selfless towards others, we have decided that it is best to go to two services. The first service is at 9:30 am and will be live-streamed. The second service is at 11:00 am. Also, we will be postponing the ABS classes until **January 17**, as we wait for updates from our county health department. There **WILL** be children’s ministry during both services.

The directive from the county means that it will be imperative to know which service people are attending. To do this, our current RSVP has changed to a **RESERVATION**. We are required to close the reservations when we reach 33% occupancy for each service. Please be sure to reserve your seat **each week**.

While gathering in person is vital for the Body, we want to do so wisely and safely. We continue to encourage at-risk or vulnerable individuals, including those with certain underlying medical conditions, seniors, etc., to stay home and worship with us online.

#### GLOBAL PARTNER OF THE WEEK



**Dylan and Millie Bateman** were in language school in Colombia when they were evacuated back to Maryland due to COVID in June. Now, they are planning to return to finish their training in Peru in March 2021. Their goal is to plant a church with tribal people in the Amazon basin between Colombia and Peru.

#### GIVING INFORMATION

Thank you for your faithful giving. Ministry needs continue during this crisis--and increase in some areas. There are several options for giving when we are not meeting in-person:

- **GIVE ONLINE** via [faithcommunity.net](http://faithcommunity.net) (Quick, easy & secure)
- **MAIL** your check to the church office. (See address top right)
- **BILL PAY SERVICES** via your bank. (Most banks: free of charge)

#### FINANCIAL UPDATES

Week 24	Budget	Giving	Sur./(Def.)
Weekly	\$19,867	\$22,820	\$2,953
Fiscal	\$476,808	\$444,540	(\$32,268)