

**Series:** The Spirit of Christmas, Intentionally Christian at Christmas

**Sermon:** Deciding to Receive the Gifts Christ Offers

**Primary Text:** John 13:14-15; Ephesians 2:8-10; Luke 11:1-2

**Discussion guide:**

- What are some of your favorite Christmas gifts you received as a child?
  - What are some of your favorite gifts you've given?
- What are some gifts that Christ offers us?
- What are some gifts Christ offers that you may have neglected?
- Regarding the gift of salvation:
  - Read Ephesians 2:8-10
    - Why does this text make a point to say this is a "gift from God"
      - What does that mean to you?
  - What does it mean to be saved by Jesus Christ?
- Regarding the gift of prayer:
  - Read Luke 11:1-2
  - How does the Lord's prayer change the way you pray?
  - How you going to follow Jesus's example of prayer and solitude this upcoming year?
- Regarding the gift of an example:
  - Read John 13:14-15
  - How is Jesus' example a "gift"?
  - What is a rule you are guilty of giving to others, but you don't follow yourself?
  - Which of the examples that Jesus lived by do you find most difficult to follow yourself?
  - What is something you do in your own life that you would be proud to say "see what I do, now go and do the same?"
- Regarding the gift of peace:
  - Read John 14:27
  - What sort of peace does Jesus offer?
    - Why is peace of heart and mind more valuable than the absence of conflict or difficulty?
    - How do you open or receive this gift?