

WELCOME!

We're glad you're joining us this morning! We hope you experience the welcome of the risen Christ as we gather together.

SUNDAY LITURGY

12.10.23

WORSHIP IN SONG

GOSPEL WELCOME & GREETING

"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

ADVENT WREATH & READING

"Peace"

WORSHIP IN SONG

"Steadfast"

"O Come, All You Unfaithful"

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 9:6-7

SERMON

"Preparing Room for Peace"

Isaac McPhee

SONG OF RESPONSE

"We Will Feast In the House of Zion"

COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Advent

For most of us, the weeks leading up to Christmas are full of pressure to do everything, be everywhere, and make sure we post it all to Instagram. Our tendency post- Thanksgiving isn't to slow down, but to speed up. We've got lists to shop for, baking to get done, parties to go to... and by the time we arrive at Christmas Day we're out of breath.

Advent is meant to be a time when we intentionally slow down. In many ways, Advent is a rebellion against the consumerism and commercialism that drive Christmas in our culture.

Advent has a long history in the church. Go all the way back to the 4th and 5th century, and you'll find Christians keeping this month of waiting; this intentional season focused on the coming of Jesus. Advent means "arrival." Through meditating on the Scriptures, lighting candles, and singing carols, we remind each other what Jesus' arrival in this world means. Through Advent we not only remember Jesus' coming in the past, we also anticipate the Advent of his future return, as well as his very real "arrival" in our lives in the present.

NEW HERE?

We're glad you came and would love the privilege of getting to know you. Stop by our Connect table on the way out for a free gift! If you'd like to get connected at Summit, simply fill out a Connect Card and pass it on to a member of our host team.

ABOUT US

Summit is a gospel-centered church with a vision to **know and make known the real Jesus in our church, our city, and around the world.** To do that we partner nationally with the Crossway Network (crosswaynetwork.org) and locally with other like-minded churches and ministries. Find more about our vision, values, and beliefs online at www.summit-christian.org

SERVE

The church is a family and as a family we share in the responsibility of serving together. If you are interested in serving, please fill out a Connect card and drop it off with a member of our host team or fill out the serve form on our website!

CHURCH CLEANING

This Week: Brackett Community Group
Next Week: Sansburn Community Group

CALENDAR

12.12 | GIFTS Girl's Club

12.17 | Members Christmas Meeting

12.24 | Christmas Eve Services
10am & 5pm

12.31 | Biography Sunday
10am - One Service

01.28 | Ford Services Begin
10am - One Service

Angel Tree Christmas Gifts | Due Today

This year we partnered with Angel Tree Ministries again and will be helping provide Christmas gifts for local children and families who have an incarcerated parent. If you forgot to bring your gifts in, please let Roy or Mazie Steffens know at the Angel Tree table in the Fellowship Hall to help facilitate a plan to collect them.

GIFTS Girl's Group | Dec 12

Girls in 4th-8th grade - join us here at the church this Tuesday, December 12th, from 4:00-6:00pm for a time of crafting, fellowship, and a devotional! RSVP to Laurie Akehurst at morahlaurie@gmail.com.

Christmas Eve | Dec 24

Can you believe Christmas is two weeks away? For Christmas Eve this year we will do the same service at 10a and 5p. These services last about an hour and are a great chance to invite your friends and family to join us. Mark your calendars, and come worship our God who came near in Jesus!

Biography Sunday | Dec 31

One New Year's Day here at Summit, we have the tradition of doing a Biography Sunday! This year we'll look at the life of William Wilberforce. Join us for one service at 10:00a as we combine our two usual services!

Ford Services Begin | Jan 28

January 28th is right around the corner! We are counting down the days and looking forward to being able to gather together weekly for one service at Ford Middle School! Join us at 10:00am and be sure to invite friends or family as we celebrate our first official Sunday at Ford!

Tech Team Volunteers Needed

If you are looking for a way to serve at Summit we are currently looking for people willing to serve on the tech team! No previous experience needed! If this sounds like a good fit for you please contact Pastor Ryan at rknight@summit-christian.org

Ford & Portable Church Fund Update

Thank you for your faithful giving! So far we have raised **\$4,578** of our **\$30,000** goal!

Financial Update

Thank you for your faithful giving! Here's a snapshot of how God is providing.

Average monthly giving needed (based on the 2023 budget): \$32,112.58

Average monthly giving in 2023: \$38,084.10

Giving last month (October): \$37,711.89



SERMON NOTES

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