

WELCOME!

We're glad you're joining us today! We hope you experience the love of God come down in Christ this Christmas Eve.

SUNDAY LITURGY

12.24.23

GOSPEL WELCOME & GREETING

WORSHIP IN SONG

"Joy To The World"

ADVENT WREATH & READING

"Love"

SUMMIT KIDS CHOIR (5PM)

WORSHIP IN SONG

"It Came Upon A Midnight Clear"

"O Come All Ye Faithful"

SERMON

"Preparing Room for Love"

Ben Sansburn

Isaiah 54:4-10

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Who Would Have Dreamed"

CANDLE LIGHTING

"Silent Night"

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!

CALENDAR

- 12.31 | Biography Sunday
10am - One Service
- 01.06 | Summit Young Adults
- 01.07 | Summit Youth Group
- 01.20 | Summit Young Adults
- 01.21 | Summit Youth Group
- 01.28 | Ford Services Begin
10am - One Service
- 02.03 | Men's Breakfast

NEWS & NOTES

Biography Sunday | Dec 31

For several years now our tradition the Sunday after Christmas is to look at the life of someone in history who followed Jesus faithfully. We call it Biography Sunday! This year we will look at the transforming impact of William Wilberforce, the British politician who dedicated much of his life to the abolition of slavery. Join us for one service at 10:00am. Summit Kids will be available only for Pre-K and under.

Ford Services Begin | Jan 28

January 28th is right around the corner! We are counting down our transition to gathering 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 join our Sunday Service tech team! No previous experience is needed! If this sounds like a good fit for you please contact Pastor Ryan at rknight@summit-christian.org!

Church Office Closed | Dec 24-31

Just a reminder that the church offices will be closed for the week of December 24-31. If you need to reach us you can email us at info@summit-christian.org!

Ford Update

As we look forward to our move to Ford, we are prayerfully trusting God for \$30,000 to help offset the cost of equipment needed and ministry opportunities at the school. Thank you for praying and partnering over-and-beyond your regular giving to help make this a reality. To date, we have raised: **\$7,372.51**

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: \$37,128.32

Giving last month (November): \$27,571.05

