

WELCOME!!!

We are excited that you have chosen to join us for worship as we celebrate our Lord Jesus and God's loving plan for us.

Our prayer is that God will encourage you and give you hope, that He will bless you through His Word, and that you will know you are welcome here. Please let us know if you have any questions concerning our beliefs or practices.

For your convenience, restrooms are located in the hallway immediately to the right of the front entrance. While the children are in class, only the handicap accessible bathroom will be available.

The children will be dismissed to their class prior to the sermon.

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY, 9:30am	WORSHIP CELEBRATION
10:40	CHRISTMAS COOKIE SWAP, COFFEE SHOP FELLOWSHIP, & LITTLE ANGELS CHILDREN'S STATION
12pm	CHRISTMAS CHOIR REHEARSAL
MONDAY, 6:30pm	MEN'S GROUP
TUESDAY, 10am	LADIES FELLOWSHIP
6:30pm	COFFEE & A TASTE OF HONEY
THURSDAY, 7pm	TETELESTAI BIBLE STUDY
FRIDAY, 6pm	YOUTH GROUP

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²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the descendants of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. Luke 1:26–27



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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

December 17, 2023

Call to Worship Chip Winnard

"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Jim

Biblical Truth Skit Pastor Jim & Ali

Prayer Pastor Jim

"Noel"

"He Shall Reign Forevermore"

Prayer Chip Winnard

Dismissal of Children to Class

"THE PROMISED SON"

Luke 1:26-35

Opportunity for Decision Fiona Vuolo

Offertory Prayer Pastor Jim

Worship in Tithes and Offerings Fiona Vuolo

Benediction Pastor Jim

CHRISTMAS COOKIE SWAP, COFFEE SHOP FELLOWSHIP, & LITTLE ANGELS CHILDREN'S STATION

Today Following Worship

While the children enjoy hot chocolate with marshmallows and chocolate spoons, decorate their own gingerbread men, and make ornaments for a special Christmas tree, the adults will enjoy coffee, tea, hot chocolate, cookies, and other treats as we fellowship.

We will also "shop" for cookie swap items--Each family was asked to bring two dozen homemade cookies, candies, or confections, arranged on trays. One dozen will be enjoyed during the fellowship and the other dozen will be available for "swap." In other words, you will be able to select a dozen of the treats brought by others to take home and enjoy.

KEEPING YOU INFORMED!

Attendance Last Sunday--80

Offering Last Sunday--\$7,940 Budgeted--\$3,556

Offering This Fiscal Year--\$153,019 Budgeted--\$145,796

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

Given To Date \$640

Please prayerfully consider including a sacrificial gift in your plans to celebrate our Lord this Christmas.

This emphasis concludes Christmas Eve.

Christmas Party

Ladies of Open Door Church

Emma and Renzo Lopez

Missionaries to Guatemala



Please join us on Tuesday, December 19 at 10 am at the home of Christine Davis, 8 Cynthia Lane, Pittsfield, MA. Emma will present an encouraging message about the work she and her husband Renzo are doing with impoverished Mayan women. 200 women gather at their home every week to grow in their relationship with God and to learn to be the hands and feet of Jesus to their families and community.

We will make and eat homemade tortillas and have a delicious meal!

“THE PROMISED SON”

Luke 1:26-35

INTRODUCTION: ¹ Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile an account of the things accomplished among us, ² just as they were handed down to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, ³ it seemed fitting for me as well, having investigated everything carefully from the beginning, to write *it* out for you in consecutive order, most excellent Theophilus; ⁴ so that you may know the exact truth about the things you have been taught.

²⁶ Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the descendants of David; and the virgin’s name was Mary. ²⁸ And coming in, he said to her, “Greetings, favored one! The Lord *is* with you.” ²⁹ But she was very perplexed at *this* statement, and kept pondering what kind of salutation this was. ³⁰ The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God.

I. THE SON OF THE MOST HIGH

³¹ “And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus. ^{32a} “He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High;

II. THE SON OF DAVID

^{32b} and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; ³³ and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end.”

III. THE SON OF THE VIRGIN MARY

³⁴ Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?” ³⁵ The angel answered and said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God.

CONCLUSION: