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**The Ascension
of the Son**
ACTS 1:1-11

December 24, 2023

We often consider the death of Christ when thinking about our salvation, but the Bible tells us there is more to the story. Luke tells us how it is not only the death, but the resurrection of Jesus which is essential for us! The question for us today is how do we respond to this good news?



**WAYPOINT
CHURCH**

Know Where You're Going.

Order Of Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Advent Candle Lighting and Reading

Micah 5:2

Henry and Melanie Miller

Call to Worship

From Luke 1:78-79

Reader: *By the tender mercy of our God,*

All: *the dawn from on high will break upon us,*

Reader: *to give light to those who sit in darkness and
in the shadow of death,*

All: *and to guide our feet into the way of peace.*

Songs of Praise

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

O Come All Ye Faithful

Offering

Confession of Sin

*Merciful Father, you know the depths of our hearts --
the sins that we conceal and the secrets that we hide
in shame. You call us into the light of your truth, and
into the riches of your mercy. We confess that we have*

preferred the darkness of sin to the light of your love. Forgive us and restore us Father. Send your Spirit to heal us and to seal us, that we may dwell securely in communion with your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Excerpted from Revelation 5

Song of Declaration

Is He Worthy?

Confession of Faith

The Nicene Creed

*We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father.
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate
by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;*

*he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again
according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again with glory,
to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.*

*And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life.
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
together is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in
one holy catholic and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism
for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

**that is, the true Christian church of all times and all places*

Pastoral Prayer

Children's Message

Sermon

The Ascension of the Son

Acts 1:1-11

Pastor James Brignac

Song of Response

Go Tell It On The Mountain

Benediction

Sermon Notes

Jesus Reigns

What did Jesus do after the resurrection?

*The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. – **The Apostles' Creed***

Where is Christ now and what is He doing?

Hebrews 1:3

John 1:1-3

What other role does Christ have (Hebrews 7:25)?

Jesus Is Present

What question do many ask about the ascension?

John 16:7

What is the role of the Spirit in this passage?

Titus 3:4-7

God effects a change which is radical and all pervasive, a change which cannot be explained in terms of any combination, permutation, or accumulation of human resources, a change which is

*nothing less than a new creation by him who calls the things that be not as though they were, who spoke and it was done, who commanded and it stood fast. – **John Murray***

How can we see the work of the trinity in salvation?

Jesus Is At Work

What should we be doing until Christ returns?

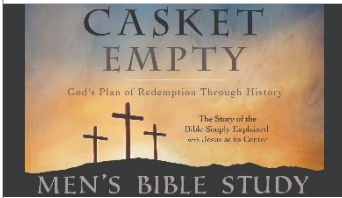
What do we learn in 1 Corinthians 12:4-7?

What is our mission?

Announcements



Join us this evening as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ with a service of Lessons and Carols.



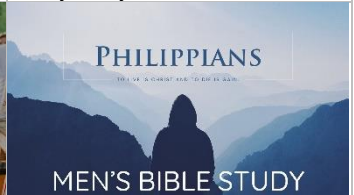
Every other Tuesday at 7:00 PM
Led by Matt Kodatt



Every other Wed. at 6 PM
Led by Kasey Bushman



Sundays at 6:30 PM
At Waypoint Church



Every Wednesday at 10 AM
Led by Steve Jacques