GRACEWOOD FAMILY CHRISTMAS "God Is With Me!" December 25, 2022

Matthew 1:23 "Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means 'God is with us.'" (NLT)

Mark 10:15 Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God <u>like a little child</u> will never enter it. (NIV)

• MY GOD IS WITH ME.

Isaiah 41:10 So do not fear, for <u>I am with you</u>; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. (NIV)

Hebrews 13:5 ... Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you. (NIV)

HOW DO I EXPERIENCE GOD?

• TALK TO HIM.

Psalm 54:2 *Hear my prayer, O God; listen to the words of my mouth.* (NIV)

Philippians 4:6-7 Do not worry about anything; instead, <u>pray</u> <u>about everything</u>. <u>Tell God what you need</u>, and thank him for all he has done. 7 Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. (NLT)

• <u>LISTEN</u> TO HIM.

Deuteronomy 30:20 ... <u>Listen to [God's] voice</u>, and hold fast to him. For the Lord is your life... (NIV)

Isaiah 30:21 Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it." (NIV)

• <u>RECEIVE</u> FROM HIM.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the <u>God of all comfort</u>, 4 who <u>comforts us in all our troubles</u>, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. (NIV)

Isaiah 66:13 *As a mother comforts her child, so will <u>I comfort you</u>... (NIV)*

• ENJOY HIS PRESENCE.

Psalm 16:11 You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy <u>in your presence</u>, with eternal pleasures at your right hand. (NIV)

Proverbs 8:30 *I was filled with delight <u>day after day</u>, rejoicing always in his presence.* (NIV)