



# WELCOME!

WE'RE SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

Our mission is to help people **Come** to know Jesus as Savior, **Grow** in a relationship with Him, and **Live** their lives for Him. God loves you and we pray that during the worship service you will be able to connect with Him through song, scripture, and the message.

**Sunday, December 24, 2023**

**Sermon Series: The Gift**

**Sermon #1: Frankincense – Jesus as High Priest**

**Matthew 1:18-25 / Matthew 2:10-11**

**Sermon #2: Myrrh – Jesus as Suffering Servant**

**Luke 2:1-7 / Matthew 2:10-11**

## **ARE YOU NEW TO SGCC?**

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Welcome Center  
located by the front  
doors for a free gift!

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guest card by visiting  
[sgcommunitychurch.org](http://sgcommunitychurch.org)

## **SUNDAY MORNING CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES**

### **NURSERY**

AGES: newborn-2 years

Please sign-in your child at the  
nursery door and pick-up a pager.

### **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

AGES: 3 years-2nd grade

Please drop off your child at  
Room 114 and sign them in.

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Sermon Notes  
December 24, 2023

**Frankincense – Jesus as High Priest**

Big Idea

Jesus meets me where I am.

Matthew 1:18-25, Matthew 2:10-11

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Frankincense

Physically – very expensive, practical gift – helps  
treat sickness and wounds

Spiritually – priests burned as a fragrant offering to  
God (symbolizing prayers as smoke rises)

- Priests represented the people to God
- Priests made sacrifices for the forgiveness of sins
- Priests prayed on behalf of the people of God

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Christ's action was not his alone in isolation; he fulfilled God's redemptive plan in setting us apart by his sacrificial death.

Citing again the endless repetition of Old Testament sacrifices to the same effect, they "can never take away sins."

By his decisive offering, Christ accomplished all that human sin required.

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## **Myrrh – Jesus as Suffering Servant**

### Big Idea

I am willing to go the distance for Jesus.

Luke 2:1-7, Matthew 2:10-11

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### Myrrh

- Valuable gum like substance
  - Mentioned 17 times in the Bible
  - Occasionally used as an anesthetic – Jesus cross – wine mixed with myrrh
  - Most commonly known ingredient used to embalm the dead
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### Isaiah 53:6-7

All of us, like sheep, have strayed away.  
We have left God's paths to follow our own.  
Yet the LORD laid on him the sins of us all.  
He was oppressed and treated harshly,  
yet he never said a word.  
He was led like a lamb to the slaughter.  
And as a sheep is silent before the shearers,  
he did not open his mouth.

Jesus cannot fulfill prophecy if He isn't born.  
Jesus cannot be tested like us if He isn't born.  
Jesus cannot relate if He isn't one of us.

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