



# 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 3, 2023**

**Sermon Series: The Gift**

**Sermon Title: Following God's Lead**

**Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12**

**Speaker: Pastor Kendall Harger**

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Sermon Notes  
December 3, 2023

**Following God's Lead**

Big Idea

God has a plan for me this Christmas season.

Matthew 2:1-12

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My goal for this series:

During this Christmas series "The Gift," our attention will be drawn back to the true meaning of the Christmas season. By highlighting the significance of the gifts the wise men brought to Jesus (gold, frankincense, and myrrh), we will be able to connect the symbolism within the story of Christ's birth to our relationship with Jesus. This series will provide us with new insight on the birth of Jesus to gain a deeper understanding of who He is.

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## The Gift: What is the gift of God?

Ephesians 2:8-9

God saved you by this grace when you believed.

And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

John 4:10

Jesus replied, "If you only knew the gift God has for you and who you are speaking to, you would ask me, and I would give you living water."

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Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the **free gift of God** is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

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## Sermon Discussion

### Ice Breaker

What's your favorite Christmas decoration to put up each year?

### Questions

1. Which part of the message was most impactful for you and why?
2. The teachers of religious law quoted the prophecy of Micah to King Herod (Micah 5:2 and Matthew 2:6). How does the fact God brought to pass that which had been prophesied centuries earlier influence your understanding about Him? How does this affect you in relating to Him?
3. What do the wise men teach us about worshiping Jesus?
4. When have you recognized God's presence in your life in unexpected places or through unexpected people?
5. Our Big Idea was...*God has a plan for me this Christmas season*. When has Jesus been your star, leading you through doubt, confusion, sorrow, or anxiety into His perfect plan for you?
6. Pastor Kendall pointed out several *gifts* God gives us through Jesus. Read each set of verses together. - Ephesians 2:8-9; John 4:10; Romans 5:15 -17; Romans 6:23. Which one stood out to you and why?
7. The wise men showed up to worship the new King, and they came bearing gifts. What gifts do you bring to God in worship?