

Merry Christmas!

Join us on Sundays at 8am, 9:30am & 11am.

From January 5th through Easter,
join us for dinner at 5pm with 6pm service.

Join us next week as we kick off the new year with a series titled:

FLAPS DOWN TAKING TIME TO REFUEL

When an airplane approaches its final descent, the pilots put the flaps down. Those flaps allow for the plane to land and help to slow down its speed. Once landed, it's time to refuel the jet for the next flight. Likewise, many of our lives are spent constantly flying through our days, our jobs, and our responsibilities. What we fail to realize is that we need a constant rhythm of rest and space in order to stay healthy and whole. We need to consistently put the "flaps down" so that we can refuel with the Lord as we get ready to fly again.

Join us for this very practical and relevant New Year's sermon series! Church is at 8am, 9:30am, 11am and 6pm. Vail Mountain Coffee™ & doughnuts from Northside Kitchen will be waiting for you.

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JOY *to your* WORLD

— Joy in God's Love for You —

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Love launched Christmas...

This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. (1 John 4:9-10)

"Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:10-11)

Good news and great joy – I've been saved from a serious problem...

"She will give birth to a son, and you are to give Him the name Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins." (Matt. 1:21)

Good news and great joy – I've been saved for a significant purpose...

"So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." (John 8:36)

- **Free to live well** – *"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery." (Gal. 5:1)*

- **Free to love well** – *"You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love." (Gal. 5:13)*
- **Free to serve well** – *"Live as free men, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as servants of God." (1 Peter 2:16)*

Our freedom is a means to an end, not the end itself...

In Him and through faith in Him we may approach God with freedom and confidence. (Eph. 3:12)

"Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because He has come and has redeemed His people." (Luke 1:68)