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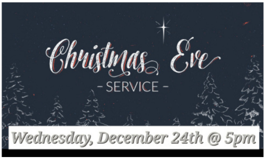
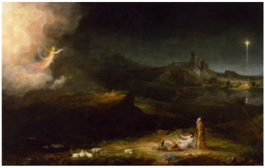
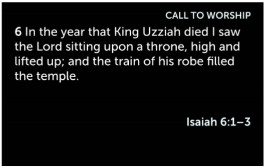
Grace Community Church of Topsail

Sunday, December 21, 2025: Gloria in excelsis Deo! Luke 2:8-14



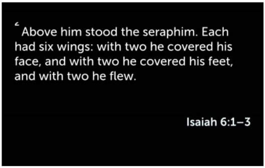




CALL TO WORSHIP

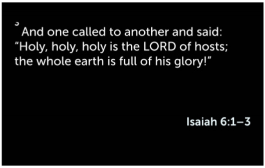
6 In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple.

Isaiah 6:1–3



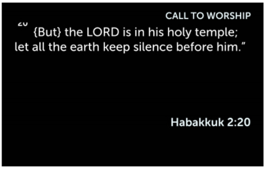
² Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.

Isaiah 6:1–3



³ And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!”

Isaiah 6:1–3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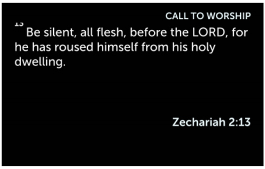
[20] {But} the LORD is in his holy temple;
let all the earth keep silence before him.”

Habakkuk 2:20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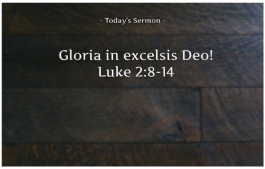
[13] Be silent, all flesh, before the LORD, for he has roused himself from his holy dwelling.

Zechariah 2:13

- Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
- Is He Worthy
- God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen
- Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)


- Today's Sermon -

Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Luke 2:8-14

Revelation 4:6–8 ESV

and before the throne there was as it were a sea of glass, like crystal.
And around the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: the first living creature like a lion, the second living...

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Revelation 5:11–14 ESV

Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,...

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Luke 2:8–14 ESV

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to...

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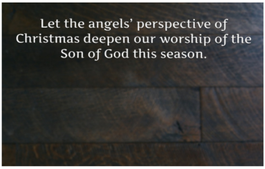
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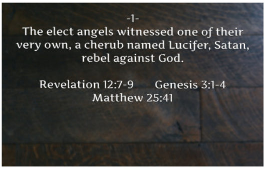
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The elect angels witnessed one of their
very own, a cherub named Lucifer, Satan,
rebel against God.

Revelation 12:7-9 Genesis 3:1-4
Matthew 25:41

Revelation 12:7–9 ESV

Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient...

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Genesis 3:1–4 ESV

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit...

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Matthew 25:41 ESV

"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

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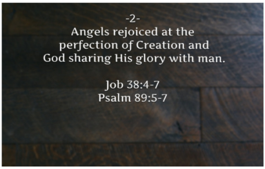
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Angels rejoiced at the
perfection of Creation and
God sharing His glory with man.

Job 38:4-7
Psalm 89:5-7

Job 38:4–7 ESV

"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?
    Tell me, if you have understanding.
    Who determined its measurements—surely you know!
    Or who stretched the line upon it?
    On what were its bases sunk,...

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Psalm 89:5–7 ESV

Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD,
your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!
For who in the skies can be compared to the LORD?
Who among the heavenly beings is like the LORD,
a God greatly to be...

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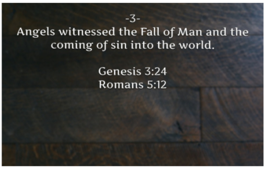

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Angels witnessed the Fall of Man and the coming of sin into the world.

Genesis 3:24
Romans 5:12

Genesis 3:24 ESV

He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.

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Romans 5:12 ESV

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—

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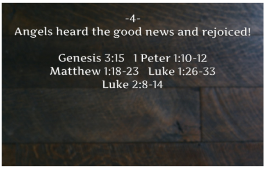

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Angels heard the good news and rejoiced!

Genesis 3:15 1 Peter 1:10-12
Matthew 1:18-23 Luke 1:26-33
Luke 2:8-14

Genesis 3:15 ESV

I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel."

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1 Peter 1:10–12 ESV

Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the...

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Luke 1:26–33 ESV

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from

God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, “Greetings, O...

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Matthew 1:18–23 ESV

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her...

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Luke 2:8–14 ESV

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to...

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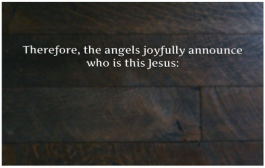
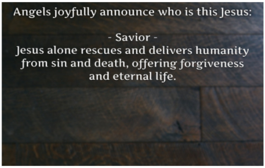


Therefore, the angels joyfully announce who is this Jesus:



Angels joyfully announce who is this Jesus:

- Savior -
Jesus alone rescues and delivers humanity from sin and death, offering forgiveness and eternal life.

Luke 2:11 ESV

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

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Acts 4:12 ESV

And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

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1 John 4:14 ESV

And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.

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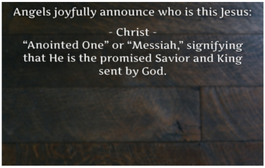

Angels joyfully announce who is this Jesus:

- Christ -

"Anointed One" or "Messiah," signifying that He is the promised Savior and King sent by God.

Matthew 16:16–17 ESV

Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.

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John 4:25–26 ESV

The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

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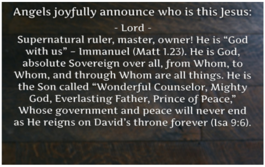

Angels joyfully announce who is this Jesus:

- Lord -

Supernatural ruler, master, owner! He is "God with us" – Immanuel (Matt 1.23). He is God, absolute Sovereign over all, from Whom, to Whom, and through Whom are all things. He is the Son called "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace," Whose government and peace will never end as He reigns on David's throne forever (Isa 9:6).

1 Corinthians 8:5–6 ESV

For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many "gods" and many "lords"— yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all...

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Revelation 19:16 ESV

On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.

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Romans 10:9 ESV

because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

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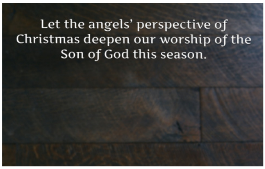
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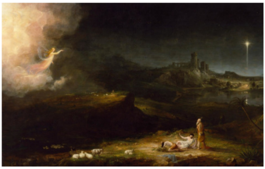
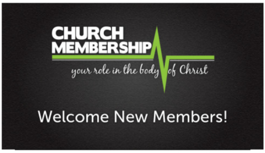
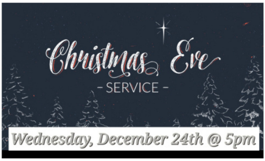


Go Tell It On The Mountain


CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

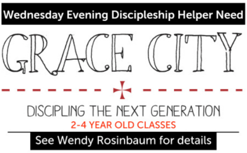
your role in the body of Christ

Welcome New Members!


Christmas Eve

- SERVICE -

Wednesday, December 24th @ 5pm


Wednesday Evening Discipleship Helper Need

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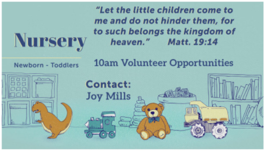
2-4 YEAR OLD CLASSES

See Wendy Rosinbaum for details



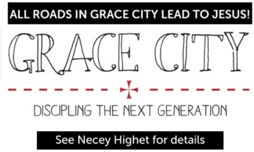
Nursery

Newborn - Toddlers

"Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." *Matt. 19:14*

10am Volunteer Opportunities

Contact:
Joy Mills



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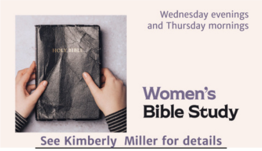
Accountability & Discipleship

Men's Group

Tuesday Morning @ 6am
A Taste of Sunrise Coffeehouse

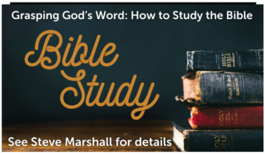
Discussions on Biblical Manhood



Wednesday evenings
and Thursday mornings

Women's Bible Study

See Kimberly Miller for details



Grasping God's Word: How to Study the Bible

Bible Study

See Steve Marshall for details

GCT Business Directory

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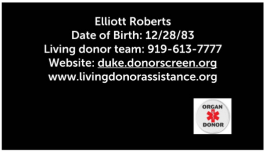
Yellow Pages



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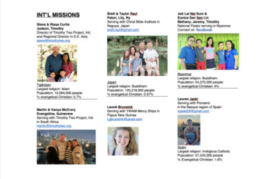

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Tajikistan
Largest religion: Islam
Population: 10,094,000 people
% evangelical Christian: 0.7%

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Largest religion: Buddhism
Population: 123,218,000 people
% evangelical Christian: 0.57%

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Myanmar
Largest religion: Buddhism
Population: 54,370,000 people
% evangelical Christian: 4%

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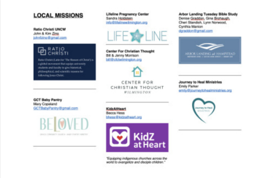
Spain
Largest religion: Irreligious Catholic
Population: 47,434,000 people
% Evangelical Christian: 1.6%

Missionaries that GCT Supports



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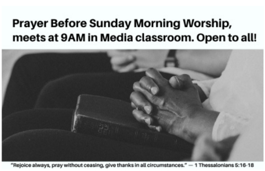
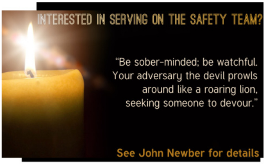


Prayer Before Sunday Morning Worship, meets at 9AM in Media classroom. Open to all!

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances." — 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE SAFETY TEAM?

"Be sober-minded; be watchful.
Your adversary the devil prowls
around like a roaring lion,
seeking someone to devour."

See John Newber for details

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