

Jesus Made Everything

Remember: God's "instrument" or "tool" through which he makes everything is his Word, Jesus.

Read: John 1:3; Genesis 1:1-3; Ephesians 1:3-6

Consider:

- Knowing that Jesus is God's Word/Speech from John 1, how can we see the three persons of the Trinity active in creating the world in Genesis 1?

Pray:

- Spend 10-15 minutes considering with God in prayer the meaning that "before the foundation of the world" he "chose you" and "blessed you in the Beloved."

Jesus is Life

Remember: It is only by discovering (light) Jesus and his relationship to the Father that we can know who we are (life).

Read: John 1:4-5; 10:10; 17:3

Consider:

- How do these passages teach us about God's reason for making us?

Pray

- Spend 10-15 minutes and share with God any places of darkness that you may be trying to keep hidden.

Worship Service

December 3rd, 2017

Songs of Invitation

We encourage you to begin the worship service with this prayer: "Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved!" Psalm 80:3

Welcome

"Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." Romans 15:7 ESV
Our welcome is a time for us to greet one another, introduce ourselves to those who are new, and to embrace one another as family.

Call to Worship

*"You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth."
Psalm 80:1*
Our call to worship comes from Psalm 123.

Songs of the Family

"Stir up your might and come to save us!" Psalm 80:2 ESV
These songs are expressions of the heart of our church family to God

Offering and Church Life

"Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce" Proverbs 3:9 ESV
Each week we collect financial gifts which our church family uses to help those in need and further spread the good news of Jesus. We also stay updated on what is going on in our church life.

Scripture Reading

John 1:1-18

Sermon
Pastor Sam Paschall

The Word Became Flesh
John 1:1-4

December 3rd, 2017
Advent Devotional

Jesus is God's Word

Remember: As God's Word, Jesus reveals who God really is

Read: John 1:1-2; Colossians 1:15-20; Hebrews 1:1-3

Consider:

- How do these passages express the ways that Jesus "reveals" who God is?
- How do these passages express the continuous activity of Jesus in our world?
- How do these passages reveal God's intentions, through Jesus, for the world?

Pray:

- Sometimes we feel that God doesn't "speak to us" and so grow discouraged. John and the author of Hebrews remind us that God does "speak" to us in his Son. Thomas Torrance reminds us that God didn't just speak to us in Jesus "back then" but his speaking to us in Jesus "remains eternally real and alive... [and] is still accessible to us." So our conversation with God goes like this: we pour out our hearts to God and He speaks Jesus back to us.
- Take 10-15 minutes and share with him what it means to you that he has spoken to you in Jesus.

Communion

"Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread." 1 Corinthians 10:17 ESV

Sending Blessing

*"Let your face shine, that we may be saved!"
Psalm 80:7 ESV*

For Reflection: What in your life is hidden in the dark that needs to be brought to the light?