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# EMMANUEL

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connecting people to Jesus, people, and God's mission



## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

DEC 23 7PM | DEC 24 4, 5:30 & 7PM | DEC 25 10AM

SPANISH: DEC 23 7PM | DEC 25 12PM

Emmanuel Preschool is hiring for a teacher assistant position. Must have a passion for young children and love for the Lord. It is a M-F position for 25-35 hours a week. Experience working with children is preferred but not required. For more information please contact Karrie Garcia at 562-531-8762 or by email [karrie.garcia@erc.la](mailto:karrie.garcia@erc.la)

We are looking for Volunteers for the nursery for all our Christmas Services listed below. Friday December 23rd from 7pm to 8pm Saturday, December 24th from 4pm to 5pm, 5:30 to 6:30pm and 7pm to 8pm. If you are interested, please contact [Cathy.Lewis@erc.la](mailto:Cathy.Lewis@erc.la) or 562.272.4982. We appreciate your help! Merry Christmas!

Our Christian sympathy to Judy Hernandez, Ozon and Jessica Higgins, and family on the passing of Judy's son, Ozon's brother, John Jones, on Thursday, November 24th.

If you'd like to donate a poinsettia for the Christmas Eve service in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please complete the form by scanning the ERC Hub QR code or going to [www.erc.la/poinsettias](http://www.erc.la/poinsettias)

The additional giving opportunity on December 18 is for the Vision Fund which meets property needs above and beyond the budget.

English: 9am 10:30am 12pm 6pm | Spanish: 10:30am 12pm | Nepalese: 9:30am  
(sanctuary) (activity center) (brick building)

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### Additional Giving Opportunities

Vision fund offering Dec 18

#### Weekly Offering

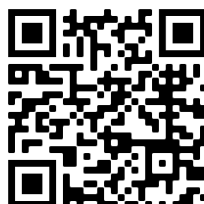
YTD Offering: \$2,847,906.65

YTD Budget: \$2,923,634.00

Last Week's Offering: \$33,973.52

2022 Weekly Budget: \$59,666.00

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## GIFT OF PRESENCE



- **Scripture Reading:** John 1:1-18

### - The gift of presence

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

- John 1:1

- John chose to put the word "Word" 3x in the first sentence on purpose!
  - The Greeks studied "logos" as if it were the core and soul of the universe
  - The Jews often referred to the presence of God and the Word of God in similar fashion (see Exodus 19:17)
    - John used this familiar word to teach us all that "logos" is Jesus!
    - See John 1:14

### - The "gift of presence" is personal

- God made himself personally known (John 1:18)
- Those who repent and believe get to personally be in his family (John 1:12-13)
- Remember, the personal presence of God is Jesus! (Colossians 1:15,19)

Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

- Luke 2:11

### - Time of Reflection

1. When was the last time you experienced the "personal presence" of God and what was it like? If you have not, ask God to make his presence known to you.
2. What is one specific way you can give the "gift of your presence" this Advent?

### - The "gift of presence" comes at a price

He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.

- John 1:10-11

- Joseph and Mary's reputation was most likely changed in the community
- Jesus's personal presence came at a great price:
  - He faced rejection from his own siblings
  - People didn't believe in him, crowds mocked him
  - He was killed
- God was willing to go great lengths to make his personal presence known because he loves you (Hebrews 12:2; Colossians 1:19-20)

### - Celebrate Communion

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