

Hope from God with Us

Matthew 1:18-25 | Paul Bauman

The *incarnation* refers literally to the *in-fleshing* of the eternal Son of God — Jesus “putting on our flesh and blood” and becoming fully human. (David Mathis)

QUESTION: How does the Incarnation or “God with us” provide hope in a weary world?

A Theological Perspective

1. Jesus’ humanity was necessary for “representative obedience.”
 - Romans 5:18-19
2. Jesus’ humanity provided a sacrifice that was an “acceptable substitute” for our sin.
 - Hebrews 2:14-17

A Practical Perspective

- ❖ Jesus can sympathize with our weakness. (Hebrews 4:14-16)

Sympathy – points to a knowledge that has in it a feeling for the other person by reason of a common experience with that person. It is an “experiential” sympathy. (Kenneth Wuest)



ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2025

Christmas Eve Services: We’d love for you to join us this Christmas Eve as we celebrate the birth of our Savior! Services are at 4:00 PM and 5:30 PM. Come and share in the joy of the Christmas season!

Christmas Break: All **Sunday School** classes (preschool-adult) will be on break December 21 and 28.

Hillcrest Kids and Multiply will restart in the new year on January 14. **The church office** will be closed December 25-26 and January 1-2.

Lost and Found: Stop by the coat room and check both the hanging items and the black cabinet for anything you might be missing. Anything left after **Today December 21** will be donated.



Update Your Contact Information: Has your contact information changed this year? If so, please let us know so we can make sure you receive your end-of-year giving statement for your tax records. You can update your information and choose whether to receive your statement by mail or email by either emailing shawn@hillcrestefc.org or scanning the QR code.



January 25 is Baptism Sunday! Water baptism by immersion is the public declaration of a life surrendered to Jesus. When you go ALL IN for Jesus, we go ALL IN to celebrate! If you are ready to be baptized or would like to sit down with one of the pastors to learn about baptism, use the QR code to sign up.



Winter Women’s Bible Studies | Starting January 12 & 13
Join a Women’s Bible Study at Hillcrest Church and grow in your faith alongside other women this winter. Multiple study options begin January 12 and 13. Use the QR Code to see classes available and to sign up.



Scan QR to give or use offering boxes on wall.

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WIFI: Proverbs3:5-6