

SERMON NOTES

Emmanuel Baptist Church

December 24, 2023

EMMANUEL EXISTS AS A REACHING MINISTRY:
REACHING UP TO GOD IN WORSHIP, REACHING IN TO ONE
ANOTHER FOR EDIFICATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT,
REACHING OUT TO THE WORLD WITH CHRIST'S LOVE



*“And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name
Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins.”*

Matthew 1:21

PRAYER REQUESTS

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SUNDAY 9:30AM PRAYER TIME DOWNSTAIRS • 10:00AM WORSHIP
WEDNESDAY 9:30AM BIBLE STUDY

TODAY'S MESSAGE: Welcome to Emmanuel; where we have Christmas in our hearts today because of Jesus' love. We are so glad you are here this morning to celebrate Our Savior's birth. Songs call this the most wonderful time of the year. But for some, there are questions in the long dark nights of December. Is life full of purpose or chaos? Is life meaningful or meaningless? And should we be joyful or fearful? As we examine these beautiful twelve verses this morning, we see the birth of this Miracle Child gives us these answers. In fact, He, Himself, is the answer to each of the questions. Jesus makes life full of purpose, meaningful, and joyful. Truly a Savior has been born to us today, Christ the Lord. We are here to spread the good tidings of great joy.

PIANIST: Nancy Larson
VIOLINIST: Mike Nelson

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

HYMN NO. 151 "Good Christian Men, Rejoice"

HYMN NO. 133 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

SPECIAL MUSIC "Do You Hear What I Hear", Pastor John

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:1-12

SPECIAL MUSIC "Star So Bright", Pere and Elli Dane

HYMN NO. 141 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

MESSAGE Luke 2:1-12
"The Days Were Accomplished."

HYMN NO. 147 "Silent Night"

CLOSING PRAYER & BENEDICTION

NEXT WEEK'S TEXT: Psalm 127:1-5

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun. Nights	6:00-7:00pm	Community Choir
1 st Thu of Month	4:00pm	Union Gospel Mission
2 nd Thu of Month	1:30pm	Missions Meeting
12/31	6:00pm	NYE Fellowship & Potluck
1/9	6:30pm	Leadership Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

Our Facebook page has reached 500 friends! Please use it to share our church events with your friends and neighbors.

There will be no bible study on December 27. We will resume our study on January 3, 2024.

We will have a leadership meeting on Tuesday, Jan 9th at 6:30 downstairs at church. Please let Loren know if you are unable to come.

You will find Christmas themed tracts on the back table. Please take them if you will pass them out.

Offering plate(s) are available at sanctuary entrance after the service.

MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

Pastor Ken Danielson and his wife Linda serve as Missionaries to Native families around the Lake of the Woods area of Minnesota and Canada. The ministry is twofold: A church plant in Warroad, MN, serves the Native and local community with Bible study, worship, and prayer. The second involves Bible Study, Bible School, and door-to-door evangelism on Canadian reserves on Lake of the Woods. Please pray for continued favor and opportunities for God's Word and love to save and change lives. Please pray Native elders and pastors will be raised up to preach and declare freedom in Christ to others.

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Please **email** all bulletin announcements by noon on Wednesday. *If you do not have email*, you may call the church office with your message.

A calendar is posted outside Pastor's office. Please record any planned meetings so there is no double-booking of events. Thank you.