

SERMON NOTES

Emmanuel Baptist Church

December 3rd, 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



FIRST SUNDAY
OF
Advent

"For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,"

Titus 2:11

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE: Welcome to Emmanuel; where we hold fast to Jesus, our Head! The church may be like a bride, whom through over familiarity with her model husband thinks the grass is greener somewhere else. It is so important to remind ourselves of the superiority of Jesus Christ to all other ways of living. Not only does this give us a broad warning against returning to paganism or the Mosaic law, but it also drills down into specific application against submitting to the commandments of men. These commandments may seem, noble, spiritual, but if they are not from God, they ought not have any power over those in Christ, who has all authority.

PIANIST: Diane Lindstrom
VIOLINIST: Mike Nelson

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

HYMN NO. 124 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

HYMN NO. 125 "Joy to the World!"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE & PRAYER

Our time as a church to share brief prayer requests, as well as praises and updates from answered prayers.

SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 2:11-22

HYMN NO. 189 "Calvary Covers It All"

MESSAGE Colossians 2:19-23
Holding Fast to Our Head

COMMUNION

HYMN NO. 556 "Now Thank We All Our God"

CLOSING PRAYER & BENEDICTION

NEXT WEEK'S TEXT: Isaiah 9:6-7

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun. Mornings	9:30am	Prayer time downstairs
Sun. Nights	6:00-7:00pm	Community Choir
1 st Thu of Month	4:30pm	Union Gospel Mission
12/9	12:30	Christmas Party
12/14	1:30pm	Cookie Cheer
12/31	6:00pm	NYE Fellowship & Potluck

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

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

Today is the final Sunday to sign up for our Christmas party!

On December 14th, we will be hosting our cookie cheer. Please bring 2 – 3 dozen cookies to share with our shut-ins.

The mitten tree is up! Please start bringing "ornaments" starting now. Most of these items will be donated to the Harbor Mission in the West End. Please see the back bulletin board for suggested donation items!

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

Jim Blomstrand has served in Mexico for many years as a teacher at a Bible School. Because of a slowly progressing disease he has resigned from the mission he was under and is sponsored by Grace Bible Church in Tulsa, OK. He teaches part time. Pray for his physical and spiritual health and ongoing witness for the Lord at the Bible School.

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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.