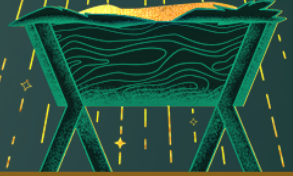


the ADVENT of Jesus



DECEMBER 18, 2022 | 9:30 AM WORSHIP

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Advent is a time for preparing to receive the great gift that is ours in Jesus. On the Sundays leading up to Christmas, we light the candles of the Advent wreath. The candles signify that Jesus is the Light of the World and the evergreens remind us that He brings life to us.

a season of
RECEIVING

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel, which means 'God with us.' Isaiah 7:14

Joy
**TO THE
WORLD**

Today we are joined by CP Kids in grades K-6th during the service as they lead us in worship singing "Joy To The World."

Mission
SUNDAY

We welcome Lt. Lloyd Wicker to our service this morning. As a US Navy Chaplain, CrossPoint has supported the Wicker family through regular communication and prayer for many years. Lt. Wicker has completed his tour based in Japan and this morning he will give an update on his new assignment in the United States.

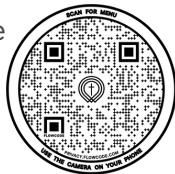
TODAY AT CP

CPkids grades K-6th | Fellowship Hall
CPlittles nursery ages 0-5 | Nursery

Choir Rehearsal | 11 AM Music Room
Rooted Registration | Lobby

WELCOME, GUESTS!

Welcome to CrossPoint, thank you for coming to worship with us today! We would love to meet you, so please stop by Connection Point in the central lobby after the service. You can also fill out our Connection Card online and find more info about CrossPoint at this QR code. We're so glad you're here!



Christmas Invitations

People are more likely to accept a personal invitation to church during Christmas than at any other time.

Take some invitation cards to carry with you this week and look for opportunities to invite people to Christmas at CrossPoint!

CHRISTMAS DAY BAPTISMS

The Chinese congregation invites you to witness baptisms in the fountain at 11 AM next Sunday. We rejoice with these brothers and sisters in Christ as they join the family of God on Christmas Day!

CROSSPOINT LIBRARY

Find great books for you and your kids to read during Christmas break! Our free, easy check out system will have you on your way in no time. The library is located off the Fellowship Hall and is open every Sunday after the service. See our recommended titles on the notes page!

STARTING POINT

If you're new to CrossPoint, we're making a place for you. It's called Starting Point, and it's happening on Sunday, January 15 after the service. Hosted by Pastor Danny Unterkofler, it's a short time together to learn more about the history of CrossPoint, our vision for ministry, and what makes us tick. Sign up at Connection Point today!



JR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL

**WINTER CAMP
2023**

JANUARY 20-22
crosspointchino.org/wintercamp



**Shine
Bright**

RETREAT FOR GIRLS GRADES 3-6

Feb 24 @ 6pm-
Feb 25 @ 11:30am

A 2-day overnight girls-only event at CrossPoint! Learn more and register at crosspointchino.org/gems



Join the choir to sing Christmas favorites at our Christmas Eve Candlelight service on Saturday, December 24.

All are welcome!

Rehearsal TODAY
in the Music Room at 11:00 AM



Christmas Choir

Saturday, December 24 at 5 PM
Choir and Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 25 at 9:30 AM
Christmas Morning Worship



ROOTED

crosspointchino.org/rooted

NEW YEAR...SAME GOD

Think differently about what it means to be a disciple in 2023. Rooted isn't simply a Bible study or a book. It's a community experience, where you practice rhythms essential to a growing relationship with Jesus. Establish firm roots in the Truth of God's Word with your small group in a space where you are known.

Join this 10-week small group experience that will bring you closer to God, our church, and your purpose!

Learn more and register at crosspointchino.org/rooted or talk to Pastor Lon after the service today!



Receiving God's Plan | Don Porter, Lead Pastor

1. Jesus is the fulfillment of God's desire to have _____ you.

Matthew 1:22-23 and Matthew 1:20-1-21

2. The virgin birth points to the _____ of _____.

Matthew 1:22-23a

3. Receive and obey God's plan even when you don't _____ or _____.

Matthew 1:24-25

READINGS

M Philippians 2:1-11
T Ephesians 1:1-10
W Ephesians 1:11-23
Th Luke 2:1-21
F Luke 2:22-40
Sa Luke 2:41-52
Su Matthew 1:18-25

- What was something in the passages or message that made an impact on you? Explain.
- Read Matthew 1:18-25. What do you learn about the character of Joseph? How does his example encourage or challenge you?
- The angel says that Jesus will be called, "Immanuel (which means "God with us"). What does this mean to you? How is it that through Jesus, God can be with us?
- The angel also says that Joseph is to give the baby the name, Jesus. What does this name mean? How is it that Jesus saves "his people from their sins?"
- Why is it significant that Mary was a virgin? See Matthew 1:22-23.
- What is your expectation of experience if you were in the center of God's will for your life? Does it surprise you that Mary and Joseph were at the center of God's purpose and yet it was filled with challenge? What would Joseph have sacrificed if he said "NO" to God?
- What is one practical way you can apply this sermon and Bible readings to your life?

- The Golden Alphabet: An exposition of Psalm 119 by Charles Spurgeon
- The Christmas Snow / The Ultimate Gift - Novels by Jim Stovall
- The Gift of Christmas Present by Melody Carlson
- A Winter Dream: A novel by Richard Paul Evans
- The Best Christmas Gift by Tim LaHaye
- The Christmas Candle by Max Lucado
- Fear Not Joseph! / The Very First Christmas - Picture books for children
- Christmas After All: The Great Depression Diary of Minnie Swift by Kathryn Lasky