

# Emmanuel

— GOD WITH US —

**DECEMBER 3, 2023 | 9:30 AM WORSHIP**

Over 2000 years ago, Jesus was born and named Emmanuel, meaning God with us. This isn't just a story from the past, and the presence of God isn't limited to a specific time or a chosen few. The baby born in Bethlehem is among us now. Journey from the stable to today, rejoicing in the daily presence of the King of Peace who turns darkness into light. He is now and forever, beginning and end, alpha and omega, Emmanuel—God With Us.

Advent is a time for preparation as we anticipate 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 is life and brings life to us.

*first*  
*Sunday of*  
**Advent**

*Communion*  
**Sunday**

The first Sunday of the month is our family service and CPkids in grades K-6th are in worship with us. We joyfully share communion together today, the sacrament in which we remember Jesus' sacrifice and renew our commitment to be united with Christ and His Church. We welcome all baptized Christians who are sorry for their sin, love Jesus, and desire to serve him to join us in the celebration of the Lord's Supper as the elements are passed.

## **TODAY AT CP**

Family Service | CPkids in worship  
CPlittles nursery ages 0-5 | Nursery  
Sunday Study | 11 AM Worship Center  
Christmas Choir | 11 AM Music Room



## IN THE LIBRARY

The CrossPoint library is open every Sunday after the service! Explore our large selection of Christmas books and more.

- The Incarnation in the Gospels: The Joy of Advent - Reformed Expository Commentary by D.M. Doriani, P.G. Ryken, R.D. Phillips
- The Christmas Miracle/The Crippled Lamb-illustrated stories for children
- The True Christmas Story: Herod the Great, Jesus the King - DVD by Ray Vander Laan
- All I Really Want for Christmas - CD by Steven Curtis Chapman
- The Star of Bethlehem: Unlock the Mystery of the World's Most Famous Star - DVD
- The Christmas Box / Timepiece / The Letter - Christmas Collection by Richard Paul Evans
- The Wish Book Christmas by Lynn Austin
- Twas the Night: A novel by Dan Walsh

## CP YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT

Saturday, December 9 | 8 AM-12 PM

In partnership with the deacons, CP Youth will be helping clean up a home in our local Chino community. We will be cutting grass, edging, pulling weeds, trimming hedges and other outdoor work. This is a great opportunity to be a blessing to our community and help a family in need! Both students and parents are encouraged to join us! Sign up today at Connection Point or email Danny Unterkofler at [dunterkofler@crosspointchino.org](mailto:dunterkofler@crosspointchino.org).

Join the choir to sing Christmas favorites at our Sunday morning celebration on December 24 at 9:30 AM.  
All are welcome!



## Christmas Choir

Rehearsals in the Music Room

December 3, 10, and 17  
Sing with us TODAY at 11 AM

הבירה בשנת שלוש למלכו עשה מ  
ועבדיו חיל פרס ומדי הפרתמים וש

## UNCOVERING MEANING IN THE ORIGINAL TESTAMENT

December 3, 10, and 17

Teachers Matt Piper and Ryan Bykerk  
11 AM in the Worship Center

The Sunday Study continues in December with 3 more sessions. In this informal and conversational Sunday school class, delve into the stories of the Old Testament. Discover insights from the original Hebrew Bible and gain a better understanding of these foundational books of the gospel.

**Christmas  
at CrossPoint**

Christmas Celebration Service  
December 24 | 9:30 AM

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  
December 24 | 5:00 PM

## WELCOME, VISITORS

*there's a place for you here*

Welcome to CrossPoint! We are excited to have you here and would love to meet you. Please visit Connection Point in the main lobby after the service, or fill out our Connection Card in your seat or via the QR code on the back page. Thank you for joining us for worship today!

## NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

Today we celebrate and welcome new members into the CrossPoint family!

- Joe and Brianna Alexander, children Aaron and Harper
- Manny and Zayra Gonzalez, children Manny, Anthony, and Jeremiah
- Elsie Hancock
- Willy Van Dam

*welcome to the CrossPoint family*

## VISION CAMPAIGN

We launched the Vision campaign on Sunday, November 12 and we praise God that we have received \$178,765 in pledges to date! We are so thankful for the generous giving that has taken place in these 3 weeks, especially during this busy season. Thank you to all who have given, we appreciate your leadership in this project!

This week, we corresponded with the 100+ families of our GEMS and Cadets who are not CrossPoint members and 350 families who have been a historical part of the CrossPoint family. We want to keep them informed about the ministry building and extend the opportunity for them to contribute to our ongoing ministry.

We're excited to see what God has in store for us in the new year! Please join us in prayerfully considering a gift or pledge to the Vision Campaign before January 1.

Pledge to the Vision campaign today at the pledge boxes or online at [crosspointchino.org/pledge](http://crosspointchino.org/pledge).



## CARRYING ON THE VISION

*Investing in the  
next generation  
to be equipped  
for ministry*



## The Promise | Lon Wagner, Pastor of Discipleship

Scripture speaks to the presence of God\_\_\_\_\_.

The story of the Bible is about the desire of \_\_\_\_\_ to be with \_\_\_\_\_.

The most frequent promise in the Bible is “I will be \_\_\_\_\_ you.”

The unity of the Bible is discovered in the development of life \_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_ as a reality on earth, centered in the person of Jesus.

It is possible to be present with God without \_\_\_\_\_ that He is there.

Jesus lived with a sense of His \_\_\_\_\_ presence.

M Matthew 13:44-52  
T Luke 1:39-56  
W Matthew 1:18-25  
Th Matthew 16:21-28  
F Colossians 3:12-17  
Sa Matthew 6:25-34  
Su Matthew 13:44-45

- What was there in the Scripture or in the sermon that caused you to think?
- Which story from Scripture of God’s presence with people speaks to you most strongly? Why?
- Have you ever considered how great God’s desire is to be with you? How does that make you feel?
- How do you intend to become more aware of God’s presence with you?
- How will you approach your weekly differently in light of what we learned today?