

**December 20, 2020**



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## **We Approach God**

Welcome & Announcements

Mixed Choir – “God’s Love Medley”

Advent – Peace

Praise Singing

\*“Joy to the World” (8am), “Joy to the World with Unspeakable Joy” (10am)

\*“Go Tell It on the Mountains”

3 Minutes for Missions – eCenter for Hope & Vision: Pastor Gregg Pusateri

Congregational Prayer

## **We Hear God’s Word**

Message – Discipleship Essentials: Adoption (Four Gifts: Anyone Have Peace?)

Scripture – Luke 21:20; Romans 8:15-16; Galatians 4:1-7; 1 John 3:1-2

## **We Respond to God**

Prayer

“Glory (Let There Be Peace)”

Blessing

*\*songs played at both 8am & 10am services*



# FOUR GIFTS

**Grace.Redemption.Justification.Adoption**

Nov. 29-Dec. 20 - Based on Discipleship Essentials: (Chapters 10-14)

**Discipleship Essentials: Adoption (Wk. 13)  
(Four Gifts: Anyone Have Peace?)**

*"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests." Luke 2:14*

## **FOUR GIFTS OF PEACE**

R\_\_\_\_\_

Regeneration

J\_\_\_\_\_

A\_\_\_\_\_

## **TWO RESPONSES**

R\_\_\_\_\_

R\_\_\_\_\_

## **APPLICATION:**

T\_\_\_\_\_ your Dad

A\_\_\_\_\_ your Dad

## **PRACTICAL NEXT STEPS**

Tell a church leader that you made a decision to trust your Dad.

Ask your Dad to give you peace each day at 4:06PM (Phil. 4:6-7).

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Phil. 4:6-7 NIV11)*

## *Upcoming Events*

- Dec 20**      8:00am – Pastor Kevin  
                  9:00am – Sunday School  
                  10:00am – Pastor Kevin, Mixed Choir  
                  7:00pm – Sunday School Christmas Program Premiere
- Dec 21**      7:00pm – Women’s Worship Night
- Dec 22**      8:00am – Prayer Meeting
- Dec 24**      4:00pm – Christmas Eve Service (masks required)  
                  7:00pm – Christmas Eve Service (masks optional)
- Dec 27**      8:00am – Pastor Doug, Memorial for Loved One Lost in 2020  
                  10:00am – Pastor Doug, Memorial for Loved One Lost in 2020

## *Youth News*

**Middle School** – Tonight starting at 6:30 we’re celebrating Christmas together! Get ready for an epic Christmas Escape Room, with a break in the middle to go watch the Sunday School Christmas program in the Sanctuary. Then we’ll come back and finish our games by the time we wrap up at 8.

**High School** – No youth group Wednesday. See you at church on Christmas Eve! Youth Group resumes Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Christmas Card Distribution** – The youth group students will have a table set up for Christmas gifts and cards through Dec 27<sup>th</sup>. We will pass your addressed Christmas cards (first and last names if possible) out to the correct church mailboxes - all we ask is that you donate the money you would have spent on stamps to the youth group in the box on the table. If you are giving cards to any of the shut-ins, we ask that you mail those to them this year since we don’t have people delivering media to the nursing homes at this time. Thank you so much for your support!

## *Opportunities to Get Involved*

**Sunday School Christmas Program** – Join us tonight for our premiere showings of our SS Christmas program. This year things look a little different, but we are doing our best to highlight our kiddos and spread the joy and meaning of this wonderful time of year as best we can! This year’s program will be a virtual option. Here are your opportunities for watching:

1. Join us at the church for a livestream event. We’ll be opening up the church at 6:30pm for a time of fellowship and refreshments. We will then meet in the sanctuary as a group and watch the virtual program together starting at 7pm.
2. Watch the program from the comfort of your own couch. The program will be premiered on Facebook at 7pm on the 20<sup>th</sup>.
3. Can’t make either of these options work? The program will still be available on our Facebook page after the premiere takes place.

If for any reason you have trouble with any of these options, please feel free to reach out to me and I will help make viewing this program possible. Thank you for your support for our kids!!

\*\*If anyone is willing to donate bars or cookies for the event on the night of the 20<sup>th</sup> please respond to Adrea for planning purposes. Thank you in advance for anyone willing to contribute!!

## *Bulletin Board News*

**Offering** may be placed in one of the three white offering boxes located in the lobby. December benevolent schedule: 12/20 Words of Hope, 12/27 eCenter for Hope & Vision, 1/3 Regular Benevolence, 1/10 Missionary Salary.

**The eCenter for Hope & Vision** is an organization that offers low vision rehabilitation counseling, pastoral care, training for vision accessibility that is directed by Gregg Pusateri. On December 20<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Gregg will be joining us for both morning services to explain this organization. He will also be available in the youth room to share more during the Sunday School hour. The December 27<sup>th</sup> benevolent offering will support eCenter for Hope & Vision. Visit the website [echv.org](http://echv.org) for additional information.

**Love Offering** – This year's recipient is Mark Vossekul. A second offering will be collected each week in Sunday school class (parents, please explain to your children that one offering goes in the regular offering and the other should be given to a Sunday school teacher). You may also donate by placing your offering in a labeled envelope in one of the white, locked offering boxes through December 24<sup>th</sup>.

## P - praise R - repent A - ask Y – yield

**Praise:** We praise you, Lord, for the healing you've brought thus far to those listed below. We rejoice in your power to heal and your compassion to see us through.

**Repent:** Lord, we confess that we take healing for granted and lack faith to pray boldly for miracles. Forgive us for doubting your power and love.

**Ask:** Father, give us a greater hunger for Your Word, a clearer vision for the future, and a stronger will to go wherever You lead. •May our community, nation and world find hope in Jesus as we obey Your call. •Grant us wisdom and discernment as the church evaluates affiliating with a new denomination. •Pour down Your peace, healing, and protection on teachers, parents, healthcare workers, and those listed below.

**Yield:** We surrender to Your plans and commit ourselves to obey Your Word each day. Amen.

**THIS WEEK...** Pray for Don DeMotts as he recovers from hip replacement surgery.

**Healing:** Friends and family with cancer, undergoing treatment, hospitalized, recovering from surgery or illness: Harlan Bossenbroek, Josie Buiter, Don DeMotts, Paul Elenius, Vance Elzinga, Alvin Harmsen, Sharon Harmsen, Dan Hopp, Dave Rumley, Heidi Schindel, Rollie Schroeder, Dale Schultz, Azyrah Ter Beest, Bryan Ter Beest, Brysen Ter Beest, Carl VanderKooi, Jake Vande Zande, Ron Vande Zande, Mark Vossekuil, Bette Walstra, and Silas Willey.

### **Military Personnel:**

Aaron Zeatlow, stationed in New Mexico; Sebastian Hoenisch, stationed in the Middle East, grandson of Larry & Gloria Mulder; Mitch Miller, (former youth group student) Marine deployed to the Middle East; Jim Hopp, a Marine stationed in Hawaii; and for the leaders of our country and the troops stationed overseas.

**Shut-ins:** Members in assisted living, nursing homes or those confined to their home: **Anchor Communities (Brandon):** Dale Kastein **Barrett House:** Lowell Glewen **Christian Home:** Gladys Kastein, Helen Straks, Junice Vande Zande, Warren & Kay Vande Zande **Evergreen:** Glen Loomans **Home:** Margaret Hoekstra, Dayton Ter Beest **Maple Meadows:** Arlene Henning **Marvin's Manor:** Eleanor Loomans **The Meadows:** Donna Kastein

**Missionaries:** Bob Abel – Remember Nhu, Steve & Amanda Bialy – Converge, Chris Briggs – CCCD, Mandy Kimes – His House Christian Fellowship, Andy Lickel – InterVarsity, Jersey & Preston Sheldon – Overland Missions, Randy & Wanda Potratz – SIM, Scott Ritzema – Youth for Christ