

Welcome GUESTS

We are so pleased you have chosen to worship with us today to celebrate the Advent season!

Children are welcome in our services and sermon activity bags are available to help keep your child engaged. Feel free to request one from an usher. If you prefer, we also have pre-school ministry in both of our services and elementary programming during our contemporary service.

*Our hope and prayer is that you
feel seen, known, and loved as we
worship our great God together!*

OUR PASTORS

Dr. Gary Hylander
Senior Pastor

Jon MacDonald
Pastor of Family Life/Discipleship

Aaron Brown
Pastor of Worship/Technology

Robert Lee
Pastor of Student Ministries

DECEMBER 5, 2021

Equip – Immanuel, God with Us, Sundays, December 5-19 • 9:30am

Today we begin a new series to celebrate the incredible love and grace that God has shown the world. Come hear practical stories and reflections about "God with us" and be reminded of how to truly keep Christ in Christmas.

Christmas In His Presence, December 18 & 19 • 6pm

This beautiful choir concert is a blend of traditional and contemporary Christmas music and will tell the message of the gospel to all who attend.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, December 24 • 4 & 6 pm

Join us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior! The service will include special music, a message by Dr. Hylander, a children's story, and candlelight finale. Doors will open 30 minutes prior to each service.

Awana

God has been blessing our Awana ministry. As children continue to register, the need has expanded for more leaders. Contact Gwen MacDonald (gwen.m@e-free-family.com) to be a part of sharing Jesus with our clubbers.

Facilities Assistant Temporary Position Updated

If you have handyman skills and are looking for a temporary paid position (16-24 hr/week), with a flexible schedule, from December through May, please contact Steve Ertel or Heather Tempas at 920.452.6520 for more details. Stop in the office for a position description and an application.

Digital Media Coordinator Position is Now Open at Church

The part-time paid position of Digital Media Coordinator is now open. To learn more, please contact Pastor Aaron or Heather Tempas in the church office for a position description.

Missionary of the Week

Pray for Nubako and Claudine serving Africa with ReachGlobal. Pray that the Kids Action Network training would have a lasting impact for both the children and their leaders.

THIS WEEK

Today

9:30am—Equip
6:00pm—Risen
6:00pm—An Evening of Carols

Monday

Elder Board

Tuesday

9:30am—GriefShare
6:00pm—Prayer Time
6:30pm—Young Adults

Wednesday

6:30am—Men's Prayer
9:30am—Men's Bible Study
9:30am—Women's Bible Study
6:30pm—Awana
6:30pm—Bible Quizzing
6:30pm—DivorceCare (Offsite)
6:30pm—Men's Bible Study
8:00pm—Adult Choir

Thursday

8:00am—Hearth
6:30pm—GriefShare
6:30pm—Worship Team

For more information visit us at
www.e-free-family.com

FEATURED

An Evening of Carols TONIGHT • 6pm

Together we will raise our voices in praise as we sing traditional Christmas songs in addition to enjoying special music performances. What a perfect way to kick off the month of December and remind ourselves to keep our eyes focused on the true reason we celebrate, the fulfillment of our promised gift, Christ Jesus.

Welcome and Call to Worship

Pastor Aaron Brown

Joy To The World (Joyful Joyful)

Joy to the world the Lord is come, Let earth receive her King
 Let every heart prepare Him room and heaven and nature sing,
 And heaven and nature sing, And heaven and heaven and nature sing.

We will sing sing sing Joy to the world. We will sing sing sing.

Joy to the World the Savior reigns, Let men their songs employ
 While fields and floods rocks hills and plains, Repeat the sounding joy,

Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove
 The light of His righteousness, And wonders of His love,
 And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love,
 And wonders wonders of His love.

Joyful joyful we adore Thee, God of glory Lord of love,
 Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, Op'ning to the sun above.

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Christmas Day

Joy to the world, on a night like no other, Emmanuel, God is with us.

Beggars and kings, let us come and adore Him, rest in His peace,
 And bow before Him.

*Sing all you people, the Lord almighty reigns, sing ev'ry creature of God,
 Come bless His name, for He is good, for He is good.
 He was born to conquer the grave, Light of the world, the reason for Christmas Day.*

Stars we have seen, over deserts and oceans. The darkness was deep,
 But never hopeless, redemption came, and His name is Jesus.

From the mountains, we will shout it out for the Lord our God almighty reigns.
 He is with us, He is with us now, for the Lord our God almighty reigns.

Light of the world, the reason for Christmas Day.

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Jesus Messiah

He became sin Who knew no sin that we might become His righteousness.

He humbled Himself and carried the cross. Love so amazing, love so amazing.

*Jesus Messiah, name above all names, Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.
 The Rescue for sinners, the Ransom from heaven, Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.*

His body the bread His blood the wine, broken and poured out all for love.
 The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn. Love so amazing, love so amazing.

All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You,
 All the glory to You, God, the Light of the world.

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Christmas Offering

Over the skies of Bethlehem appeared a star,
 While angels sang to lowly shepherds.
 Three wisemen seeking truth, they traveled from afar,
 Hoping to find the Child from Heaven falling on their knees,
 They bow before the humble Prince of peace.

*We bring an offering of worship to our King.
 No one on earth deserves the praises that we sing.
 Jesus, may You receive the honor that You're due.
 O Lord, I bring an offering to You.*

The sun cannot compare to the glory of Your love.
 There is no shadow in Your presence.
 No mortal man would dare to stand before Your throne.
 Before the Holy One of Heaven, it's only by Your blood.
 It's only through Your mercy, Lord I come.

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Announcements and Offering Prayer

Pastor Jon MacDonald

Emmanuel God With Us

Go tell it on the mountain, The one that we've been waiting for,
 The King of our salvation, Born on this day, our Savior Christ the Lord.

Go tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere,
 That we can be forgiven, The weight of all our sin He came to bear.

Emmanuel, God with us, Emmanuel King Jesus, The Savior of the world is born.
 Emmanuel, God with us, Emmanuel, King Jesus, The Savior of the world is born.

Go tell it on the mountain, Humbly in a manger lay, Mercy sent from heaven,
 Angels fill the sky with highest praise.

Go tell it on the mountain, This baby born of virgin birth,
 The ruler of all nations, The glory of our God has come to earth.

The Savior of the world is born, The Savior of the world is born.

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Advent Candle Lighting

Kito and Karla Mares

Message

Dr. Gary Hylander
The Promised Gift, Part 2, Isaiah 7

Closing Prayer**Postlude**

THE PROMISED GIFT, Part 2

Isaiah 7:1-17

In threatening times, Christians possess the wonderful assurance in knowing that God is with us. This is the meaning behind the name *Immanuel*, a name used to describe the promised Messiah. This is the name referenced by Matthew when describing Joseph's encounter with the angel of the Lord.

Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name *Immanuel*

Matthew 1:23

The background to this Isaianic prophesy is found in both 2 Kings 16 and 2 Chronicles 28. In what has been termed the Syro-Ephraimitic War, Judah is being threatened by the joint forces of Syria and the northern tribes of the Jews, referred to as Israel. Ahaz, the King of Judah, is challenged by Isaiah to stand firm in the faith. What is really being challenged is the promise of God. Ahaz is a descendent of David, who was promised an everlasting kingdom (2 Samuel 7:16). As we ponder these events, note how God remains faithful to his promise even when those who supposedly profess faith (ie. Ahaz) are in reality faithless.

Traditional Service 8am

The First Noel
It Came Upon the Midnight Clear
What Child Is This
Joy Has Dawned (choir)
For Unto Us a Child Is Born
Emmanuel

Contemporary Service 9:30am

Joy to the World (Joyful, Joyful)
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