

Sermon Notes



Today's Scripture December 1, 2024

PASSAGE: "The Greatest Love," Advent Series: Week One

TEACHER: Kirk Crager, Lead Pastor

Bulletin Updates

HARVEST PARTY AND MERCY BOX UPDATE FROM JEN ROGERS

Thank you to all of the hands and servant hearts that put together our fall Harvest Party and our Mercy Boxes. What a privilege it is for me to serve alongside you! Please continue to pray for the families who attended the Harvest Party and the children receiving Christmas boxes here locally and abroad. With love, Jen Rogers, Deacon of Outreach

CHURCH FAMILY MEETING DECEMBER 4 AT 6 P.M.

Our final Wednesday Night Community Life event will conclude with a potluck and Church Family Meeting. Please plan to join us on December 4 at 6 P.M. even if you haven't been coming to Wednesday evenings regularly. This will be a potluck meal so bring something to share.

Food assignments are as follows by last name:

A-L sides

M-Z main dishes

DECEMBER PRAYER CALENDARS AVAILABLE

Global Outreach prayer calendars are available now in the back of the auditorium for December. Please feel free to grab a copy and pray alongside our workers around the world!

ASSISTANCE FUND FOR THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS

If you need help or know of someone who could use some assistance this holiday season, please send a note to Ron Hilbrand.

LEGACY DECEMBER MEETING

Save the date for our Legacy gathering on Monday, December 9 at 11 A.M. in the Fireside Room for worship, study, prayer, and lunch. December's message will be centered around the birth of Christ. Visitors are always welcome!

Q+A: SUBMIT YOUR QUESTIONS

Submit your questions each week using Slido, a question submission tool designed for audience participation and engagement. Check out questions along with their answers on our website at colecommunity.org/q-and-a.

Financial Update

as of November 25, 2024

This Week's Giving	\$12,042
YTD Spending	\$468,807
YTD Giving	\$471,723

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colecommunity.churchcenter.com/giving

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS AVAILABLE FOR GUESTS

If you are visiting Cole Community during our advent series, we want to offer you an advent devotional as a small gift. Please pick one up on the table at the back of the sanctuary following our worship gathering. For regular attendees, we have sent the same devotional in our weekly email in electronic form. We'd love for the whole church to read this devotional together this advent season!

REMEMBRANCE STONE VIDEOS

We're working on a new project to sit down with saints from this church and discuss their walk with Christ. Many of you have amazing testimonies and stories from your years of walking with Jesus, and we want to capture them on video for future generations. If you are interested, please reach out to Kirk.

A Note From The Pastor

Dear church family,

Happy Thanksgiving! This past week, in our time of holiday celebration, we had a great opportunity to be reminded of a uniquely Christian way of life: "...giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ..." (Eph. 5:20). Because our God is truly the God of gods and Lord of lords, and is in control of all the details of life, we can live a life of continual thanks in and through every circumstance. As I returned home from India, I was once again so thankful for many things. That includes our church family. It's hard to believe that a year ago I came to guest speak for an advent series! I'm thankful for all that God has done since then.

I'm looking forward to another sweet time of focusing on Christ this advent. Today, we begin a four week series called the "Greatest Gift," studying what some have called the "greatest verse" in the Bible John 3:16. I trust our hearts will be stirred with the realities of Christ's first advent again, even as we hope for his second advent.

In Him,
Kirk Crager

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Mark your calendars for our Christmas Eve service happening Tuesday, December 24 at 4:30 P.M. A "midnight mass" type service will also happen at 11:30 P.M. in the Fireside Room.

RICH FLINTZER UPDATE

Rich has moved facilities again. Please coordinate your visits through Nancy Binford Boehme at 208-869-1052. You can read more on Rich's CaringBridge.com account.

SUBMIT YOUR RECIPES FROM THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT COMMUNITY LIFE POTLUCKS

If you've enjoyed Wednesday night's delicious dishes, you're not alone. Rita Heuring will be compiling recipes from our Wednesday night potlucks this fall in a small cookbook. Submit your recipe at <https://colecommunitychurch.churchcenter.com>.

