

Sermon Notes



Today's Scripture December 8, 2024

PASSAGE: "The Greatest Hope," Advent Series: Week Two

TEACHER: Kirk Crager, Lead Pastor

Bulletin Updates

INDIA AND EUROPE MISSION VISION LUNCH TODAY

Drop in after service for a vision lunch to hear about Pastor Kirk's missions to India and Europe. We'll gather in the Fireside Room.

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!

LEGACY DECEMBER MEETING IS TOMORROW

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!

ORDER DEVOTIONALS AVAILABLE FOR PROMO PRICE

The publisher of "Everyday Gospel" provided us with a special rate on the full, year-long devotional. If you would like to have a copy for this year, you can purchase one through us for just \$9 in Church Center or this QR code.



YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY SET FOR DEC. 15

Join us Sunday, December 15 at 12:15 P.M. in the House for our youth Christmas Party. Please bring a dish to share and an unmarked, wrapped gift for the white elephant gift exchange (\$5 or less). RSVP in Church Center or using this QR code.



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.



Financial Update

as of December 2, 2024

This Week's Giving	\$11,795
YTD Spending	\$480,083
YTD Giving	\$483,518

Give online at colecommunity.churchcenter.com/giving

REGISTER FOR THE 2025 MEN'S RETREAT

Come join us for our annual Men's Retreat at the Quaker Hill Conference Center in McCall happening January 24-26, 2025. Registration is \$150 for the weekend.



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Mark your calendars for our Christmas Eve service happening Tuesday, December 24 at 4:30 P.M.

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/people/forms/859169> or by using the QR code.



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.

A Note From The Pastor

Dear church family,

As we continue to meditate on Jesus' first coming (advent) and wait expectantly for his second advent, I am truly thankful for the gift we have received in the person and work of Jesus. I pray as we continue to reflect on this gift in the hues of love, hope, joy and peace, that our hearts will be renewed in God's grace for the coming year. This past Wednesday we closed out our Wednesday Community Life nights for the fall, and had a brief church family meeting.

If you weren't there, I wanted to update you on a couple things. First, this Christmas Eve, we will have the joy of a shared gathering with New City Church. Our Christmas Eve service will be at 4:30 P.M. and be a wonderful time of celebration of the gift of God's light to us in Christ. Please take the time to invite family, friends, and neighbors to this service - either personally, in text or even by sharing it on social media. The other thing to mention is that there are a couple significant building maintenance needs in the new year. The roof over the gym needs replacing, and four heating and cooling units on the roof need replacing. Our part of this cost is right now approximately \$86,000 (though one of our elders is investigating a way to make that lower). So, as the year ends, we are creating a fund that will begin to save money towards these needed building maintenance costs. If you are celebrating the gift of Christ and feel led and are able to give towards this fund, please do. If you aren't in a place to give towards this upcoming need, please pray that God, our provider, would meet this need (as He meets all our needs) through his riches in Christ Jesus!

In Him, *Kirk Crager*