

THE MESSAGE

A Serenity Prayer Christmas

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God, give us grace to accept with serenity the things that cannot be changed, courage to change the things which should be changed, and the Wisdom to distinguish the one from the other.

Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time, accepting hardship as a pathway to peace, taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it, trusting that You will make all things right, if I surrender to Your will, so that I may be reasonably happy in this life, and supremely happy with You forever in the next.

Amen.

John 14:27 (CSB) - Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Don't let your heart be troubled or fearful.

Luke 1:26-38 (CSB) - ²⁶In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man named Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And the angel came to her and said, "Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you." ²⁹But she was deeply troubled by this statement, wondering what kind of greeting this could be. ³⁰Then the angel told her: "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹Now listen: You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of his father David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and his kingdom will have no end."

³⁴Mary asked the angel, "How can this be, since I have not had sexual relations with a man?"

³⁵The angel replied to her: "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. ³⁶And consider your relative Elizabeth—even she has conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called childless. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God."

³⁸"I am the Lord's servant," said Mary. "May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel left her.

MESSAGE NOTES

Mark 6:3 (CSB) - Isn't this the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And aren't his sisters here with us?" So they were offended by him.

Luke 2:41-52 (CSB) - ⁴¹Every year his parents traveled to Jerusalem for the Passover Festival. ⁴²When he was twelve years old, they went up according to the custom of the festival. ⁴³After those days were over, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. ⁴⁴Assuming he was in the traveling party, they went a day's journey. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. ⁴⁶After three days, they found him in the temple sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all those who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you."

⁴⁹"Why were you searching for me?" he asked them. "Didn't you know that it was necessary for me to be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰But they did not understand what he said to them.

⁵¹Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was obedient to them. His mother kept all these things in her heart. ⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and with people.

Mark 3:21 (CSB) - When his family heard this, they set out to restrain him, because they said, "He's out of his mind."

Acts 1:14 (CSB) - They all were continually united in prayer, along with the women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

MINISTRIES

Visit **CAchurch.com** for info on available ministries or email us: **info@cachurch.com**

Men | Women | Fusion 18-35yrs | Life Groups
CA Students (6th-12th) | Kids Church
Thrive Growth & Recovery | Stewardship
Counseling at The Relationship Center
Kingdom & Evangelism

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Financial Update

2019 General Budget:
\$7,900,000

YTD 10.31.19 - Requirement:
\$6,532,692.31

YTD 10.31.19 - Offering:
\$6,412,104.73

October Kingdom Offering: **\$71,352.58**
YTD Kingdom Offering: **\$483,491.47**



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WELCOME

December 1, 2019

Worship God

Become part of His **Family**

Extend His **Kingdom**



WELCOME!

We're so glad you've chosen to join us!

Christian Assembly (CA) is a community started in response to God's grace shown to us through Jesus Christ. **That grace compels us to lead spiritually convicted and unconvinced people to complete commitment to Jesus Christ.**

We don't profess to have all the answers, but we do believe there is a God who is worth knowing and following. Whether you are simply curious about Jesus or have been a long-time follower of Christ, we welcome you and are excited you are with us today.

Enjoy the service!

Tom Hughes & Mark Pickerill
Co-Lead Pastors

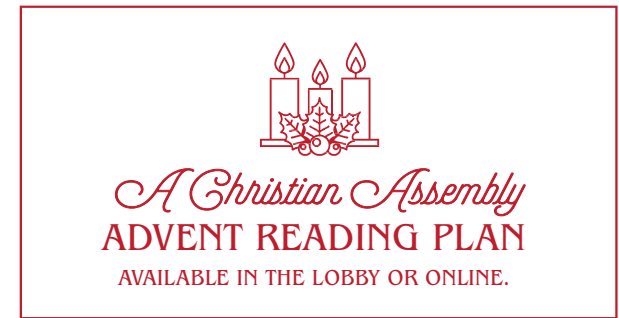
NEW?

- We'd love to meet you! Stop by our **New People's Table** in the lobby where we have a welcome gift for you.
- There is a **Connection Card** in the seatbacks that you can use to ask questions, submit a prayer request or just let us know you're visiting. Fill it out and drop it in the offering bag or at the New People's Table.
- If you have an infant or you'd like your child to be with you during service, there is a **family room** that is equipped with a live feed of the service as well as a private **nursing room** for mothers. Just ask an usher!

INFORMATION



Join us next weekend as we continue to dig into the people and events of the Christmas story through the lens of the famous Serenity Prayer. Through the lives of Mary, Joseph, the wise men, and the shepherds, we will see how God wants to grant us the serenity in our own lives to accept the things we cannot change, the courage to change things we can, and the wisdom to know the difference this Christmas.



KIDS CHURCH

Our Kids Church Program is offered during all services for children from birth to 5th grade. For more information stop by the Kids Church tent or visit: cakidschurch.com

Do you have junior or senior high school-aged kids? We offer programs for junior high (grades 6-8) Saturdays at 6pm and high school (grades 9-12) Wednesdays at 7pm. For more info visit: castudents.com



FUSION

Fusion is one of our weekend services and is specifically geared toward 18-35 year olds. We meet on Sunday nights @ 6pm. Join us! For more info visit: cafusion.com

OPPORTUNITIES

KINGDOM

InterVarsity Mentoring Program

CA is conducting a mentoring program with InterVarsity college students. We will be having training meetings for those interested in being a mentor on Dec 12 and 19.

For more info and registration: cachurch.com/kingdom

Reaching the Unreached: Missions Training Course

Are you interested in being equipped to reach unreached people groups locally or as a global missionary?

Dr. Greg Livingstone is teaching this course weekly on Sundays at 1pm at CA through Jan 19.

To join, email: scottq@cachurch.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

Christmas Candlelight Services

Join us for our special Christmas Candlelight services with life-giving teaching from God's Word, a Christmas choir and special music. Plus, Kids Church will be having a White Christmas for kids (birth to 5th grade). Invite some friends and join us!

Saturday, Dec. 21:
4pm (South Only)
6:30pm (South & North)

Sunday, Dec. 22:
9am (South & North)
11:30am (South & North)
6pm (South Only)

Please fill out your RSVP Card and drop in the offering bag.

The Cafe

Tonight, we have our very own **DJ Get Whittet** spinning the tunes! Come hang out with friends and grab a handcrafted drink or fresh meal for sale! We're also serving **Popeye's** - 2 pieces of chicken, a side, and a biscuit for \$7. See you across the street!

Join a Life Group

One of the best ways to get connected at Fusion is to join a Life Group. We have groups specifically for 18-35s where we gather to pray, read the Bible, and get to know one another. Check them out and join one today! For a list of groups or to lead a Life Group, visit cafusion.com/lifegroups

Join the Christmas Choir

If you love to sing, worship God and can carry a tune, we would love to have you join the choir for our Christmas Candlelight services on **Dec. 21/22**. To sign up and get more details, please email: choir@cachurch.com.

Women's Gathering

Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, Dec. 4 (7pm) at 2424 Colorado Blvd.** for Women's Gathering. It will be a night of worship and prayer. Free childcare is available. Please register your child online at cachurch.com/women/events

Mexico Trip

The weekend of **Dec. 6-8**, there will be a CA missions team going to Tijuana to partner with La Roca Ministries. We will be putting on a Christmas outreach at the church for families from the dump community, neighborhood, and children in the orphanage. The cost is **\$50**. For more info and to apply for the trip, visit: cachurch.com/kingdom