

THE MESSAGE

A Serenity Prayer Christmas **P4**
Tom Hughes

God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.

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.

Isaiah 53:6a (BSB) - We are all like sheep who have gone astray, each one has turned to his own way.

Matthew 9:36 (NIV) - When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

John 10:14-15 (NIV) - ¹⁴I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep.

John 10:1-5 (NLT) - ¹"I tell you the truth, anyone who sneaks over the wall of a sheepfold, rather than going through the gate, must surely be a thief and a robber! ²But the one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep recognize his voice and come to him. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴After he has gathered his own flock, he walks ahead of them, and they follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They won't follow a stranger; they will run from him because they don't know his voice."

John 1:12-13 (NLT) - ¹²But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. ¹³They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God.

Luke 2:1 (NLT) - At that time the Roman emperor, Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire.

Luke 2:4-20 (NLT) - ⁴And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David's ancient home. He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee.

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⁵He took with him Mary, to whom he was engaged, who was now expecting a child.

⁶And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. ⁷She gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them.

⁸That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. ⁹Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, ¹⁰but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. ¹¹The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! ¹²And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger."

¹³Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying,

¹⁴"Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased."

¹⁵When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go to Bethlehem! Let's see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

¹⁶They hurried to the village and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger. ¹⁷After seeing him, the shepherds told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child. ¹⁸All who heard the shepherds' story were astonished, ¹⁹but Mary kept all these things in her heart and thought about them often. ²⁰The shepherds went back to their flocks, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. It was just as the angel had told them.

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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Go to **CAchurch.com** or use the envelope in the seatbacks at our services.

Financial Update

2019 General Budget:
\$7,900,000

YTD 11.30.19 - Requirement:
\$7,140,384.62

YTD 11.30.19 - Offering:
\$7,072,712.99

November Kingdom Offering: **\$39,178.98**
YTD Kingdom Offering: **\$522,670.45**



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CHRISTMAS

WELCOME

December 21 & 22, 2019

Worship God

Become part of His **Family**

Extend His **Kingdom**



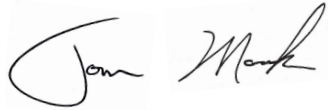
WELCOME!

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

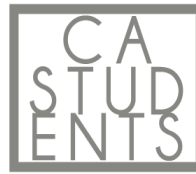


Have you ever missed seeing something that was happening right in front of you? What if it was God's work taking place right in front of you? Join us next weekend, **Dec. 28/29**, as we learn how our hearts might be better prepared to see God's work around us in 2020. We will talk about how to change our perspective to see God, His work, and miracles at work in our lives and the lives of others.



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 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

**New Series
Begins Jan. 4/5**

The God Who

Have you ever wondered what God's new year's resolutions would be?

We can know God's heart by what he resolves to do. Once we know what God has committed to do, we can then look for it in our lives and experience it by faith.

By the end of our series, we will have a clear vision of the God who blesses, renews, calls, disciplines, and remains.

Bring a friend and join us as we kick off 2020!

UPCOMING EVENTS

End of Year Services - Dec. 28/29

Join us for our end of year services next weekend on **Dec. 28/29** as we close out 2019 together! We will have **regular service times**. We will not have North services on Sunday, Dec. 29, so join us on the South side.

Year-End Contributions

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Your faith, prayers, and generosity by giving back to God through Christian Assembly makes everything we do together as a church possible. Just a reminder that **all contributions must be received or postmarked by Dec. 31 (if you give online, submit by 10pm) to receive tax credit for 2019**. Also, keep us informed with your correct address and email with the connection card. Update online: cachurch.com/connectioncard

Generation Carols Christmas Album

Tommy Walker Ministries is giving away a digital version of Tommy's new Christmas album, "Generation Carols," to our Christian Assembly family! To download your **FREE** copy, visit: tommywalkerministries.org/cachristmas

Baby Dedications

Our next baby dedication weekend is **Jan. 11/12**. If your baby is under one year old or you have recently adopted, fill out and turn in a request form in person or online by **Dec. 30**. Forms are available in the lobby or online at cachurch.com/babydedications

Family Room Available

We love our kids, which is why we understand that sometimes they can feel restless during an adult service. We have a fun Kids Church program available from birth to 5th grade. We also have family rooms and a private nursing room for mothers. Both are equipped with a live feed of the service. Just ask an usher. Thank you for helping us create an enjoyable church experience for everyone.

Kingdom Weekend: Dec. 28/29

Next weekend is a Kingdom Weekend where we take some time to talk about our local/global efforts and partners. We will also give a second offering specifically towards these efforts.