

Discovery Service Order and Message Outline



WELCOME TO CEC.....	Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER	Heart sings hallelujah
PRAYER	
SINGING TOGETHER	Crown him with many crowns
UPDATES	Assistant Pastor Chris
LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE	Love
SINGING TOGETHER	From the high and holy
BIBLE READING	Matthew 1:18-25 (Church Bible page 1017)
MESSAGE	Taught by Pastor Phill
COMMUNION	From the squalor of a borrowed stable What a beautiful name King of Kings (In the darkness we were waiting)



Comfort and Joy ~1 What does it mean that God is with us? Matthew 1:18-25

"The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"—which means, "God with us." Matthew 1:23 NIV

'So the Word became human and lived here on earth among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the only Son of the Father.' John 1:14 NLT

1. The _____ of the incarnation.

'Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross!' Philippians 2:5-8 NIV

'But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law.' Galatians 4:4 NIV

'Without question, this is the great mystery of our faith: Christ appeared in the flesh.' 1 Timothy 3:16 NLT

2. The _____ of the incarnation.

1. Because God is with us, we can _____ the difficult circumstances of life.

'God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?'" Hebrews 13:5-6 NIV

'The Lord is my light and my salvation— whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life— of whom shall I be afraid?' Psalm 27:1 NIV

'The Lord is with me; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?' Psalm 118:6 NIV

'When you go through deep waters and great trouble, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown! When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you.' Isaiah 43:2 NLT

2. Because God is with us, we can expect direct _____ to prayer.

'For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathise with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin.' Hebrews 4:15 NIV

'Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.' Hebrews 4:16 NIV



SMALL GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION

There are no talk it over sermon questions this week as all Life Groups are on a break or enjoying a Christmas social evening together.



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