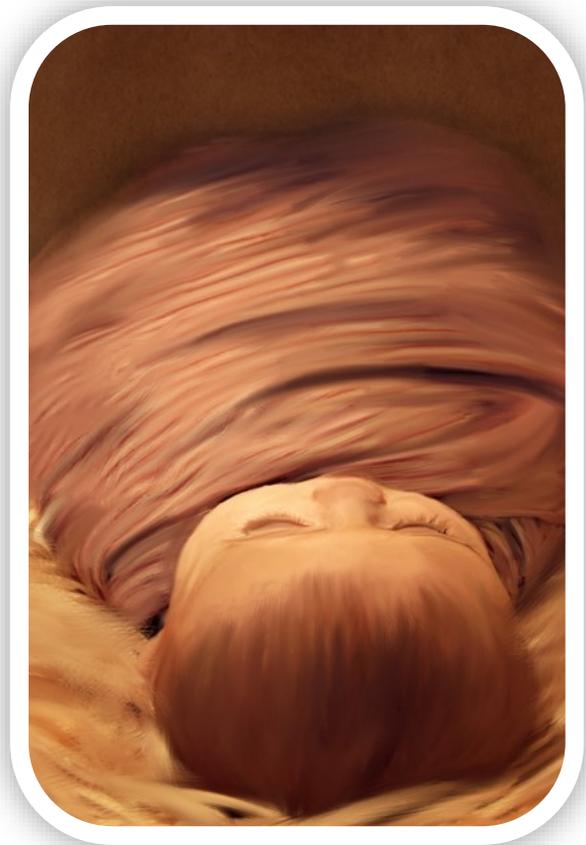




# CHERRY TREE ALLIANCE CHURCH

December 20, 2020 • 10:00 AM



## Today's Message - God With Us

**Series: The Incarnation of God**  
A Message from Matthew 1.22-23  
Speaker: Rev. David Goodin

### 10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE December 20, 2020

(8:45 AM Service  
is abbreviated)

#### Call to Worship

*Angels from the  
Realms of Glory  
Little Drummer Boy  
God With Us Medley*

#### Alliance Year-End Offering Video

#### Children's Advent Story

#### Praise & Petition

**That's Christmas to Me**  
Special Music by  
Amy Ambrisco &  
Tom Workman

**Message**  
*God With Us*

#### Announcements

*Go Tell It on the Mountain*

#### Benediction



### ADVENT 2020

The Gospel of John declares  
that the Word was with God  
in the beginning,  
*and the Word became flesh,*  
and the Word was with us...  
he made his dwelling among us.  
See John 1.1-2, 14

Humanity was also "with God"  
at the dawn of creation.  
*Adam and Eve enjoyed daily*  
communion with their Creator,  
correspondence and conversation  
in the beautiful Garden of Eden  
that the Lord had made  
and over which he had  
appointed them as his stewards.

*Sin disrupted and dissolved*  
that relationship with God,  
but it was his desire to restore  
his creatures to himself.  
So he sent his Son, Jesus Christ,  
to be Emmanuel for us.

*He is "God With Us,"*  
healer and restorer of humanity,  
and when we welcome him  
*we are coming home*  
to the fellowship with God  
that sin and Satan have stolen.

Moreover, this is forever!  
Our home in heaven  
is a dwelling with God!  
*And I heard a loud voice*  
*from the throne saying,*  
*"Now the dwelling of God is with men,*  
*and he will live with them.*  
*They will be his people,*  
*and God himself will be*  
*with them and be their God."*  
Revelation 21.3 (NIV)

We are Cherry Tree Alliance.

LOVING GOD,

LOVING YOU!

# GOD WITH US

Series: *The Incarnation of God*

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:  
“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 1.22-23 (NIV)

**Abstract:** Finally, the plan is completed. It was God’s plan, a perfect answer to our desperate need. He saw our sin and sent a Savior. When our trespasses had separated us from our Creator and left us isolated, alone and desolate, God took on the flesh of fallen humanity and came to be with us.

## Your notes and comments:

*His name is called Emmanuel—  
More wonderful than words can tell.  
God is with us! Alleluia!  
Born in our darkness, He is Light.  
Born in our weakness, He is might.  
God is with us! Alleluia!  
God is with us! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Ken Bible, God Is with Us! Alleluia!*

*There is a Christmas gift in the foyer from Pastor David & Mossie to their Cherry Tree family; please take one home today!*



## Christmas Eve Virtual Service

Thursday, December 24th at 6:30 PM

*Our service will premiere on our website & Facebook page at 6:30 PM. You may also go back & watch the service anytime after the premiere ends. Be sure to have your candle*

*ready when we unite in a very special lighting ceremony!  
Please join us in a time of worship to celebrate our Savior’s birth!*

### Christmas Offering

Please note that all monies collected in this year’s Christmas offering will be split evenly between the Center of Hope crisis pregnancy center and Genesis House. You can donate through the offering using your Christmas envelopes or regular envelopes clearly labeled “Christmas offering,” and by giving online and indicating “Christmas” in the memo/notes field.



### Livestream Is a Great Option

- In light of recent increases in COVID cases, we urge the following:
- Please observe the recommended cautions (masks, distancing, personal hygiene) to protect others and yourself
    - Remember to pray for those who are sick and for overburdened healthcare workers
  - Consider joining our worship by livestream rather than in person for the near future



### Christmas Card Exchange

Are you planning to send Christmas cards to your friends who attend our church? If so, please feel free to save a few stamps by dropping off your cards for your church friends in the plastic boxes on the table in the foyer. Please sort your cards by the first letter of the recipients’ last names and place them in the appropriate folders in the boxes. Due to COVID, some of our church family may not be attending services. We encourage you to watch for cards you have given that are left in the boxes and may need mailed.

*If you have a financial need during this season, or know someone who does, please speak to Bryson Taylor (Christian Care Committee) or Pastor David Goodin.*

## Thanks for Supporting the Benevolent Fund!

Because of your generous gifts marked for the Benevolent Fund, the *Christian Care Committee* has been able to assist several individuals and families during this holiday season. The care you show is greatly appreciated!

### New Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes for 2021 are now available in the foyer. If you do not see a set prepared for you and you would like one, please contact Andrea in the church office.



### Paving Project

Many thanks to our church family for participating in our Zoom congregational meeting and voting by mail regarding the repaving of our parking lot. After further analysis of the Hittie bid and a vote strongly in favor, we are moving forward with the project. We hope to collect the \$53,880 needed before we complete the paving in Fall of 2021. If you feel led to help us with this need, please designate your gifts "Paving Project" on your offering envelopes or in the memo/notes field of online contributions. *This would be a great year-end gift to address a very important need!*

### Get a NEW START in the NEW YEAR

Two spiritual disciplines that are critical to continued growth in Christ are Bible reading and prayer. A separate announcement below offers help with making Bible reading a daily habit, and in the New Year we are going to be offering an opportunity for a 40-day prayer focus that will help you establish the habit of daily communication with the Lord. Don't miss these opportunities to improve your walk with Jesus!

### 2021 Bible Reading Plans

If you'd like to read through the Bible in 2021, please check out these resources.

On the information table in the foyer, you will find two versions of plans for reading through the Bible in a year...one that is cover-to-cover and one that includes daily readings from both the Old and New Testaments.

We also encourage you to check out The Bible App on your smartphone. This app allows you to select a Bible reading plan & will track your progress. The app also allows you to invite friends to join you in following the same reading plan.

If you're an auditory learner, visit [www.faithcomesbyhearing.com](http://www.faithcomesbyhearing.com) for audio recordings of the Bible to listen to at home or while on the road.



### C&MA Year-End Offering

A few weeks ago, we introduced the Alliance Great Commission Fund year-end offering. If you did not receive this insert on November 15th, please pick up a copy at the information table in the foyer. Please prayerfully consider making a contribution to enable new ministries to launch and established ministries to continue to do God's work in every nation. If you feel led to make a donation, please designate your offering envelopes or online contributions to the Great Commission Fund and return to the church by **December 27th**.

### Start the Year with 40 Days of Prayer

You can be part of a *New Year* 40-day prayer discipline by going to the following link: <https://bit.ly/3g57C0J>. Each week you will receive an email containing a video summarizing the week's prayer focus, an attachment with the daily devotionals for adults, and a weekly devotional for youth and children. Be a part of this *Alliance* emphasis from January 3 through February 11!



### Kids Church - Temporary Closure

Due to the rising COVID numbers, we have made the difficult decision to cancel our Sunday morning children's classes. This is a temporary closure. Please understand that this decision has not come easily. Children are encouraged to attend Worship with their parents.

Our plan is to start up again in person on Sunday, **January 3rd**. Please check your emails for updates!

We still want to SEE you! Every night until Christmas Day on our CTAC Kids Facebook page, Ms. Jen is reading a small portion of *The Story of Christmas*. We are also making an awesome crayon nativity set to go along with the story. Don't worry; you have plenty of time to get caught up on the videos and our craft. We are having a really fun time! Throughout December, please watch for special videos and devotions with Ms. Tammy, Ms. Jen, Mr. Brian... and who knows who else may swing by to say HI!

Please contact Jen Genovese if you have any questions. We cannot wait until this COVID season is behind us! Stay Safe Everyone!

### Moms in Prayer

Our Moms in Prayer group is meeting on Mondays at 6:00 PM by Zoom. If you would like to pray with these ladies for the special children in your life (whether your own children or grandchildren, nieces or nephews, or other kids that hold a special place in your heart!), please private message Teresa Berenbrok on Facebook or ask the church office for Teresa's number.



## Prayer of the Day

*Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning...*

**Merry Christmas!!!** As we celebrate this season of joy, may we take time to reflect on the truly awesome manner in which our Father in Heaven chose to express His great love for us... by sending His Son to be born in a manger! Thank you, Lord, for being our Prince of Peace...for once and for all settling the question of eternal salvation by your miraculous birth, death, & resurrection!

### LIFE 2022 Fundraising

#### **Doing some holiday shopping from Amazon?**

Check out Amazon Smile, which allows you to donate 0.5% of your purchase to a charity of your choice. Go to <https://smile.amazon.com>, and set Cherry Tree Alliance Church as your charity. These donations will go to support our LIFE 2022 trip.

## Christmas Poinsettias 2020



### In Memory Of

Carolyn Bala  
Joseph & Pearl Bala  
Charles Forcheck (husband)  
Mildred & Clyde Fuller (parents)  
Edger & Francis Goodwin  
Laura Kurutz (grandmother)  
Louis & Frances Nickler  
Boyce Porada  
Linda Porada  
Nancy Porada  
Bob Thomas (father)  
Randy Thomas (brother)  
Randy Thomas  
Randy Thomas (son)  
Robert Thomas (grandfather)  
Robert Thomas (husband)  
Ken & Dorothy Trimble  
Ken & Dorothy Trimble  
Harry & Lucile Wensing  
Chuck Wolfe Jr.

### Given By

Thomas Bala  
Louis & Sylvia Goodwin  
Harriet Forcheck  
Lillian Thomas  
Louis & Sylvia Goodwin  
Bethany & Alli Thomas  
Vaughn & Ginny Nickler  
Karen Novak  
Karen Novak  
Karen Novak  
Steve & Sandy Herring and Family  
Steve & Sandy Herring and Family  
Cathy, Alli, & Bethany Thomas  
Lillian Thomas  
Bethany & Alli Thomas  
Lillian Thomas  
Bill & Barb Rockwell  
Gayle Trimble & Karen Trimble  
Vaughn & Ginny Nickler  
Chuck, Christy & Eli Wolfe

### In Honor Of

Our Church Family

### Given By

Pastor David & Mossie Goodin

Please pick up your poinsettia(s) following the December 27th service.

## International Workers of the Week

Please pray for our international workers of the week, Brian & Abigail Lindsay (and children James, Benjamin, & Anna) as they prepare to return to Thailand. They ask for prayer as they make this transition. *"Please pray: -for our sanity as we'll have to do a 15 night quarantine once we arrive in Thailand (praise God we found a quarantine hotel with a balcony, 2 rooms and a living room within budget). -that we won't catch covid as that will delay our return to Thailand -for the final steps we need to fall into place (check up by a doctor and covid testing 72 hours before departure, that our flight won't be cancelled, we will be given the "certificate of entry" that we need) -for healthy goodbyes and a smooth transition time -that we'll rest easy knowing that God will provide for us like He always has before. -The change in our assignment has led to some unexpected ministry expenses. As we prepare for our return, would you consider giving to our work special account? We are so very thankful to those who have been faithfully supporting Alliance Missions and enabling us to serve in Thailand."*

### Online Giving

Visit our website at [www.cherrytreealliance.org/giving](http://www.cherrytreealliance.org/giving) to check out our electronic donation service using the program Tithe.ly. With this program, you can choose the fund you would like your donation to go towards & set up a one-time or reoccurring gift from your home computer or mobile device. It is fast, easy, & secure.



***We thank you for supporting our church during these challenging times!***

### GIVING

**Operating Fund Giving for December: \$15,581  
(Amount needed monthly: \$25,688)  
Last Week's Great Commission Giving: \$2,422**

**LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE  
8:45 AM Worship Service: 23  
10:00 AM Worship Service: 55  
Estimated Livestream Views: 267**

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