



CHERRY TREE
ALLIANCE CHURCH

January 8, 2023 • 10:00 AM



Today's Message -
Great. Glorious. Good.
Understanding God
A Message from Psalm 42.1-2
Speaker: Rev. David Goodin

10:00 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE
January 8, 2023

My Life Is In You, Lord

Announcements

Praise & Petition

*There's Nothing that
Our God Can't Do
Famous One
As the Deer*

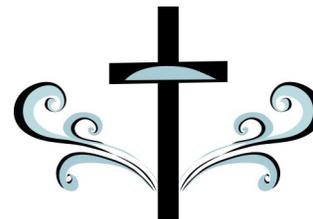
Thinking About God...

Goodness of God

Message
Great. Glorious. Good.

Communion
*Great Is Thy Faithfulness
What He's Done
Special Music
by Lauren Moser*

Benediction



**IN THE BEGINNING
GOD...**

*A New Year is a new start,
and every new start originates
in the One who is First and Last.*

The first chapter of Genesis
tells the story of creation,
but before there was light or dark,
sky or water, sun or moon,
vegetation or animals,
man or woman, there was God.
God was ALL there was.

God in all his grandeur.
God resplendent in glory.
God planning the good he would
bestow on every aspect of his
creation, a creation he pronounced
good because it was the perfect
expression of who God is –
his goodness displayed in myriad
ways in his marvelous world.

As you move through your world
in 2023, remember that it is really
HIS world, the world of his making
and shaping, the world he has
assigned to us for our enjoyment
and management, the world in
which we see his handiwork as he
continues to provide and prescribe,
ordering all our days and ways.

Praise the one who is
Beginning and End, the One
in whom we live and move
and have our being, apart
from whom we can do nothing,
and are nothing when you really
stop to think about it.

He is the Beginning and he
will be our End in 2023.
Yield to his rule and reign!

We are Cherry Tree Alliance.

LOVING GOD!

LOVING YOU!

GREAT. GLORIOUS. GOOD.

Understanding God

*As the deer pants for streams of water,
so my soul pants for you, O God.
My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
When can I go and meet with God?
Psalm 42.1-2 (NIV)*

In addition to the text, the following scriptures are referenced:
Romans 12.1; Isaiah 66.1-2, 42.8, 6.5; Psalm 115.1, 99.5, 38.15, 46.10, 42.1-2, 34.8;
Job 40.4-5; Exodus 34.6-7; II Chronicles 20.12; John 1.14

Abstract: If you're a believer and you trust in God, you must have some ideas about who God is and how he operates. Can you define or summarize God's being? Not so easy, is it!? Surely we know he is immense and infinite, he alone is worthy of praise, and he manifests compassion and kindness toward us.

Your notes and comments:

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.
Walter C. Smith, Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

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



We are happy to report that we collected a total of \$530 in our Christmas Offering! This will be split evenly between the Center of Hope and Alternatives Yes crisis pregnancy centers. *Thank you for your support of these expectant mothers & babies!*

Christmas Card Box

The remaining Christmas cards have been sorted & tied together by last name in the folders in the card box. **Please check to see if you have cards waiting for you!**



Budget Presentation & Special Congregational Meeting

A congregational meeting will be held following the worship service on Sunday, **January 22nd** for two purposes: the electing of two Nominating Committee members and the presentation of the 2023 budget.

Nominees for the Nominating Committee must be active members of Cherry Tree Alliance. Please prayerfully consider who you might nominate, relying upon the guidance of Scripture and the leading of the Holy Spirit. Prior to the congregational meeting, please ask the person you intend to nominate if he or she is willing to be nominated. The congregation will elect two members to the Nominating Committee, and the Board of Elders will elect two members.

We will be having baptisms as part of our morning worship service on Sunday, January 22nd.
*If you would be interested in being baptized,
please speak with Pastor David.*



Farewell Luncheon for Pastor David & Mossie Goodin

*Thank
you* ❤️

You are invited to a farewell luncheon for Pastor David & Mossie Goodin on Sunday, **January 29th** following the worship service. This will be a potluck meal; please bring your favorite entrée or side dish to share with the church family. Sign-ups will be posted in the foyer. Please join us as we celebrate Pastor David & Mossie and wish them well as they move into this next chapter of their lives!

Immerse Small Groups

Our Immerse small groups will next be reading *Immerse - Beginnings*, which covers the first five books of the Old Testament. Reading plans will start January 30th. Please see Pastor Bryson this morning to purchase your book.



Meeting Kick-Off Dates

20s, 30s, 40s Small Group (meets biweekly)

Sunday, **February 5th** at 6:00 PM

(Meeting schedule: 2/5, 2/19, 3/5, 3/19, 4/2, 4/16, 4/30, 5/7, 5/21)

College Age Group (meets weekly)

Sunday, **February 5th** at 7:30 PM

Please speak with Pastor Bryson Taylor with any questions.

The Ladies' Small Group on Wednesday evenings will not meet again until spring.



2023 Bible Reading Plans

If you'd like to read through the Bible in 2023, please check out these resources. On the welcome 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.

New Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes for 2023 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.



If you purchased poinsettias and did not already take them home, please do so today.

Roommate Wanted

Karrie Schaefer is seeking a female roommate to share a two bedroom, one and a half bath home with a living room, dining room, kitchen, yard, and street parking (full house access). The home is located in a quiet local neighborhood. One small dog lives there, so please no other pets and no smoking, no children. Rent is \$500 per month (all utilities covered by owner). Please call or text her to set up an interview and tour.



CALL TO PRAYER

DECEMBER 2022



A WELCOME FRIENDSHIP

"Good people of my religion should also read the New Testament," our friend Abe* announced one night. Many conversations about faith came up naturally during a recent visit with him and his family. What an answer to prayer!

Abe shared how his Buddhist coworkers keep pressuring him to go out drinking. He also said that he welcomed our friendship because he shares our values. In the area where my wife and I serve, people like Abe have more in common with Christians than they do with the Buddhist majority who worship idols.

Right before our visit with Abe's family, a ministry colleague "happened" to give me a new translation of the Book of John written in the local dialect of Abe's religion. I tucked it in my suitcase prior to our trip—just in case. So, when Abe told me that those who share his beliefs should not just read their own holy book but also those of Jews and Christians, I took the opportunity to give him the Gospel of John translation that uses terminology Abe is comfortable with. He was excited to receive it and told me that Bibles are hard to find where he lives. He and his wife are devout followers of their religion who truly seem to desire godliness. Pray that God will speak to them as they read His Word.

adapted from an update by an Alliance worker serving with aXcess in Asia/Pacific

*Name changed

GOD SHOWS UP AT YOUTH EVENT

Recently, we asked our prayer supporters to intercede for an upcoming youth event. We expected about 75 participants, but 115 youth showed up at the Shibuya Alliance church in the heart of downtown Tokyo, including some church leaders who were attending their first youth gathering in three years! These leaders said they have been praying for years for something like this.

We have been asking God to bring together "up and coming" leaders from various congregations to form the youth leadership team of the Japan Alliance church network. He answered! Three of these leaders are students from the Alliance Bible Institute, the online ministry training program we started to equip believers to serve as pastors, missionaries, and lay leaders. These young people are passionate for the Kingdom and ministered effectively at the event.

The youth were challenged with the gospel and to go deep with God. The event also featured the testimony of a young man whose life has been drastically changed and who is now leading worship in his church.

The youth leadership team is planning youth gatherings three times annually. Pray for them to know God's heart for this ministry!

by Don and Hazel Schaeffer, serving with aXcess in Japan

Thank you for praying for Alliance workers and for the people with whom they share the gospel. To receive the *Call to Prayer* and weekly prayer requests via email, subscribe at cmalliance.org/pray.

Alliance ministries are supported by gifts to the Great Commission Fund and CAMA.



AWANA Clubs

Our AWANA Clubs for ages 3 years old through 5th grade are held every Wednesday evening, 6:30 - 8:00 PM.

Capacity

Wednesday Night Ministry / 6:30 - 8:00 PM
Grades 6th-12th

Please contact Joshua Mitchell with any questions at capacityallianceyouth@gmail.com.



Kids & Capacity Sunday Ministry

Jr. Kids Church - 10:00 AM on Sunday Mornings

Ages Pre-K / K-1st Grade / 2nd through 5th Grade
Nursery Care available



Capacity Church - 10:00 AM on Sunday Mornings

6th-8th Grade - Contact Joshua Mitchell with any questions at capacityallianceyouth@gmail.com.



International Workers of the Week

Please pray for our Alliance workers of the week, Brian & Michelle Davis (and children Jacob, Jonathan, Karis, & Josiah), who serve in New York City. They shared the following prayer requests: *"A typical Saturday in the Bronx... As Saturday evening approaches, this very busy street not too far from Yankee Stadium is a maze of people working their way towards home. Inside one shop, business slows and my friend Abdou has another moment to sit down on the metal bucket next to me with a folded prayer rug as his seat cushion. For as long as we can we will watch the next segment in a video that tells the amazing redemptive story of the King of Glory. For over a year I have been visiting Abdou, and whoever happens to be working with him that day. Please pray for Abdou, and all the other men who have overheard parts of the gospel story too. Pray specifically for God's Spirit to illuminate His Word for them.*

It's in this unreached diaspora context that Envision NYC is also developing the next generation of missional leaders. We host groups for 1-3 day Immersion experiences, Culture Camp for high school students, and we develop interns and residents for 1 month to 2 year cross-cultural ministry experiences. Please pray with us...

Please join us in praying for God to reveal Himself to West Africans and other unreached peoples who are living in the diaspora.

And pray for more workers for the harvest... for our team to grow, and for more interns & residents to engage in God's mission among the unreached diaspora of NYC."

Prayer of the Day

Use the words of the hymn *Praise to the Lord! the Almighty* to draw inspiration today for a prayer of praise & worship to our glorious God!
*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for He is your health and salvation!
Come, all who hear; now to His temple draw near,
join me in glad adoration.*



Revelation Doesn't Have to Be Scary

Sunday School Class with Rev. Mark Berkshire
Sundays at 8:30 AM / Room 201

Moms in Prayer - Mondays at 6:00 PM

Please ask the church office for Teresa's number for the meeting details and the Zoom link.



The C&MA has workers in Ukraine who are actively engaged in relief aid through Compassion and Mercy Associates, the relief arm of the Alliance. To donate, please write "Ukraine" on your offering envelope or in the memo box of online giving (select "Other" for fund).



Two offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary. You may also place your offering in the wall lockbox outside the church office door. To give online, visit our website at www.cherrytreealliance.org/giving to check out our electronic donation service using the program Tithe.ly.

Thanks for your faithful giving!

GIVING

Total Operating Fund Giving for December: \$37,888

Operating Fund Giving for January: \$3,364

(Amount needed monthly: \$27,467)

Last Week's Great Commission Giving: \$170

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

10:00 AM Worship Service: 61

Children's Church: 23

Livestream Views: 198

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