



10:00 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE
December 24, 2023

Call to Worship

Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)

Friendship Greeting

Announcements

Offering

Christmas Medley

Special Music by Tom Workman & Joy Hertlein

Crown Him (Christmas)

Angels We Have Heard on High

Lighting of Advent Candles

Praise & Petition

Message

Chara

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Benediction



December 24, 2023 • 10:00 AM

Today's Message:

Chara

Luke 2:8-20

Pastor Bryson Taylor

JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM: THE SERIES

Week #5: *Chara*

December 24, 2023 – Bryson Taylor
Luke 2:8-20

Notes & Comments:

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

TODAY, December 24th at 6:30 PM

Please join us for 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 Genesis House and the Good Works Life Recovery 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. Additionally, all donations given at our Christmas Eve candlelight service will go to support these organizations.

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.



C&MA Christmas Offering

We recently introduced the Alliance Great Commission Fund Christmas offering. 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 31st**.



New Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes for 2024 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.

Alliance 40 Days of Prayer Initiative - Starting January 1st!

The theme this year is **NOW**. If you would like to receive the weekly emails, please register at: 40days.cmalliance.org. Each week, those subscribed to the list will receive an email containing a video summarizing the week's prayer focus, an attachment with the daily devotionals for adults, daily devotionals for youth (via Instagram), and weekly devotionals for children. In addition to devotional content, you are invited to join various livestream events, including virtual prayer gatherings led by local Columbus Alliance churches each Tuesday at 7:30 PM EST, as well as a livestream event on the final evening of the 40 days on Friday, February 9th.

Candidating Sunday with Pastor Marc Trujillo

On Sunday, **January 7th** Pastor Marc Trujillo will be joining us for a candidating Sunday. After the morning worship service, we will have a fellowship meal which will be followed by Pastor Marc and his wife Kim sharing their testimonies and his philosophy of ministry, as well as a Q&A time. We hope you will be able to join us for this special time of fellowship! Please sign up in the foyer.

CANDIDATE



Men's Small Group

Our next men's small group meeting will be held here at Cherry Tree Alliance on Saturday, **January 13th**.

The meeting is from 8:00 - 10:00 AM and will include breakfast and a time of study based on the book *Beautiful Outlaw* by John Eldredge. Please sign up at the bulletin board in the foyer.

Capacity Announcements

Capacity: Wednesdays, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM / 6th-12th Grade
Please contact Pastor Joshua with any questions at capacityallianceyouth@gmail.com.



Capacity WINTER JAM 2024 Trip - Capacity will be traveling to the Petersen Events Center the night of **January 19th** for the annual Winter Jam Concert! If a student 6th -12th grade would like to join, please reach out to Pastor Joshua as soon as possible as we are already making travel plans! Winter Jam cost is a \$15 donation at the door.



Capital Campaign - New Church Van

We have ordered a van for approximately \$65,000, which will take at least one year to arrive from the manufacturer. As we wait, we need to begin collecting funds for this expense. **To contribute to this fund, please mark your offering envelopes or online donation "Van."** We thank you for your support!



Christmas Poinsettias 2023



In Memory Of

Rev. Robert Ellenberger

Lewis & Dora Ewart

Charles Forcheck (husband)

Sharon Genovese

Ted Genovese

Rich Kolesar Sr.

Laura Kurutz (grandmother)

Boyce Porada, Nancy Porada,

Linda Porada

William Rockwell

George Smalley

Randall Thomas

Robert Thomas (grandfather)

Gayle Trimble

Ken & Dorothy Trimble

Cindy Trimmer

Chuck Wolfe Jr.

In Honor Of

Maureen Bealko

Anna Cully

Terry Genovese

Lettie Kizina

Cathy Thomas

Joe Thomas

Given By

Flo Ellenberger, Son & Family,

Daughter & Family

Shirley Kolesar & Family

Harriet Forcheck

Vincent & Lisa Genovese

Vincent & Lisa Genovese

Shirley Kolesar & Family

Bethany & Alli Thomas

The Novak Family

Barb Rockwell & Family,

Karen Trimble

His Loving Children

& Grandchildren

Cathy, Bethany, & Alli Thomas

Bethany & Alli Thomas

Karen Trimble, Barb Rockwell

Karen Trimble,

Barb Rockwell & Family

Doug Trimmer

Chuck, Christy & Eli Wolfe

Given By

Vincent & Lisa Genovese

Your Secret Sister

Vincent & Lisa Genovese

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Please pick up your poinsettia(s) following the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service or Sunday, December 31st.



2024 Bible Reading Plans

If you'd like to read through the Bible in 2024, 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. *If you're an auditory learner,* visit www.faithcomesbyhearing.com for audio recordings of the Bible to listen to at home or while on the road.

If anyone would like to express appreciation for our pastors who have stepped up & helped care so well for our church during this time of transition, there will be a card basket in the foyer until the end of the year.



Immerse Small Groups

College Age Group - Sundays at 5:00 PM

Ladies' Small Group - Wednesdays at 6:30 PM

Bible Quiz Practice

Tuesdays 6:00 - 7:00 PM / 2nd-12th Grade
Please contact Pastor Joshua with any questions at capacityallianceyouth@gmail.com.



AWANA Clubs

Wednesdays from 6:30 - 8:00 PM.
Ages 3 years old - 5th Grade



Register online at: www.cherrytreealliance.org/ministries/childrens-ministry

International Workers of the Week

Please pray for our Alliance workers of the week, Chris & Kaura-lea Coddington, who serve in Thailand. Please pray for them in these areas of their ministry:

"Chris and Kaura-lea primarily serve with the project For Freedom International in Phuket. Chris helps to teach the Justice Semester program students, and Kaura-lea helps to teach the Vocational Training Program students. Chris is also continuing Thai language study, while Kaura-lea does mentoring, bookkeeping, and other tasks that arise. Pray for Thai believers to be strengthened in their faith and knowledge of God, able to equip the local church and spread the message of the Gospel. Pray for the evil of sexual exploitation to be exposed by the light of Christ. Pray for Chris and Kaura-lea to abide in Jesus and have His wisdom and understanding."

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!



Kids & Capacity Sunday Ministry

Jr. Kids Church - 10:00 AM on Sunday Mornings
Ages Pre-K / K-2nd Grade / 3rd through 5th Grade
Nursery Care available

Capacity Church - 10:00 AM on Sunday Mornings
6th-8th Grade - Contact Pastor Joshua with any questions at capacityallianceyouth@gmail.com.



Moms in Prayer - Mondays at 6:00 PM

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

Offering plates will be passed during the service. 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

Operating Fund Giving for December: \$17,628
(Amount needed monthly: \$27,734)

Last Week's Great Commission Giving: \$333

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Worship Service: 130

Livestream Views: 174

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