



Geist Christian Church E-News December 1, 2022

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Worship Sunday, December 4



"But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days" (Micah 5:2).

"The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight." "O Little Town of Bethlehem" is a carol written in 1868 after its writer visited the village of Bethlehem. God's promise enters the world in a surprising way. The carol and the prophet Micah remind us that God remains faithful to God's promises by subverting our expectations. Are we prepared to be surprised?

Mud Creek Campus Worship

- In person at 9:00 am and 10:30 am
- 10:30 am live stream online youtube.com/mudcreeklive

Promise Road Campus

- Worship at 9:02 am and 10:00 am
- 10:00 am live stream online youtube.com/promiseroadlive

Music Weekend—December 10 & 11

Promise Road Music Weekend

- Saturday, December 10, 5:30 pm, in person
- Sunday, December 11, 10 am, in person and [online](#)

"Tell me the story of Jesus..."

Many Christmas carols have wonderful backstories that aren't widely known. Our Praise Team will share a few of these stories as we present everything from progressive cinematic interpretations to simple, stripped-down, acoustic arrangements of songs that celebrate our Savior's birth.... And along the way, we plan to rock!

Mud Creek Music Weekend

- Sunday, December 11, 9 am and 10:30 am, in person. The 10:30 service will also be [online](#).

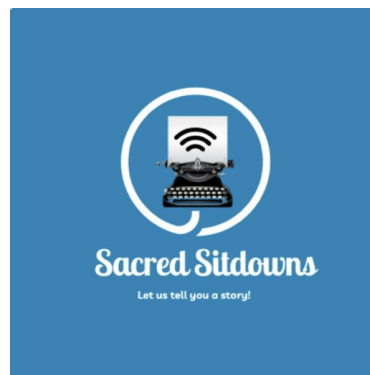
Celebrate the Christmas season as the Chancel Choir, Orchestra, Chancel Ringers, and Jubilant Ringers present two performances of sacred music in our annual Music Weekend Celebration. This tradition is a highlight of our Christmas season. Plan to arrive early as the extended prelude will begin fifteen minutes prior to the start of each service.

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Sacred Sitdowns: New Episode with James Pritchard

The third episode of *Sacred Sitdowns* has been posted. Join Danny and Kyle as they share an interview from our Veterans Appreciation Dinner between Ryan Hazen and James H. Pritchard. Jim joined the Marines immediately following high school and deployed to Hawaii before going on to be a part of the invasion of Iwo Jima. This conversation with an inspiring World War II veteran is worth your time.

Check it out on Apple Podcast, Spotify, or [Buzzsprout](#). We hope you will join us as we share stories that will enlighten and inspire you. Subscribe and leave a review



Pickleball at Promise Road

- Wednesdays, December 14, 6-8 pm. December 28 pickleball has been canceled.
- Promise Road Campus

With two full courts and a practice area for beginners, there's court time a-plenty for everyone. Stop in to play at any point in the two hour time, and leave when you need to. See you there!



Service

Season of Giving: Christmas

- Now through December 11. Items due Wednesday, December 14.

First, a big THANK YOU to all who participated in a very successful Season of Giving Thanksgiving offering. It was wonderful!

Now on to Christmas! Geist Christian Church is caring for 120 families during the Christmas holiday. Those who have taken a food bag, stocking or gift tags are reminded that **all items must be returned by Wednesday, December 14**. Donations for meat and other fresh items are still most welcome and can be made at either campus or [by going here](#). Delivery drivers are still needed at both campuses on Saturday morning, December 17.



Children & Youth

Journey to Christmas

This Sunday, we will talk about the second Sunday of Advent as we Journey to Christmas. We will light the candle of Joy.

GCC Kids—Mud Creek Campus

- Sunday School at 9 am and 10:30 am

- Nursery open for children 6 weeks to 3 years old in room 202 (Nursery)
- Sunday school has moved to Pastor Crystal's classroom (209 near Altered)

GCC Kids—Promise Road Campus

- Childcare for children 6 weeks through 3 years old at both worship services, located in Room 106 in the Children's Wing
- Sunday School at 10 am for ages 4-4th grade
- Kindergarten will be in Room 108 and children 1st-4th grade in Room 110.



Kids' Night Out—Christmas Pajamas

- Friday, December 2, 6-8 pm
- Mud Creek Campus, Door #2
- For children ages 3 and up
- Dinner will be served
- Admission is free, but donations are appreciated
- [Register here!](#)



Donuts with Santa

- Saturday, December 3, 9-10:30 am
- Promise Road Campus

“Just hear those sleigh bells jingling, ring ting tingling too!” That’s right Santa’s sleigh is stopping at Geist Christian Church to share some donuts with you! Get ready for games, crafts, donuts, and the big man himself—Santa Claus. After all, “It’s the most wonderful time of the year, with the kids jingle belling,” so come in from the cold and enjoy a fun morning with Santa.



YOUTH GROUP SMALL GROUP & GRIEF SERVICE

Sunday, December 4th

5-7pm

Mud Creek Campus

Youth Group: Small Group & Grief Service

- Sunday, December 4th, 5-7pm
- Mud Creek Campus

Join us for a cozy night of conversation, games, and community! We'll share some soup and attend the Grief Service together. Friends are welcome. Please bring \$5 for dinner. See you then!

Other

Retirement of Deb Strock-Kuss

Deb Strock-Kuss, associate pastor at the Promise Road Campus, has announced her retirement from Geist Christian Church, effective January 31, 2023. Deb began her ministry at Geist on March 15, 2020. Deb says this in her retirement letter:



"It has been more than a joy to serve at Geist for nearly three years. I began on March 15, 2020 ~ the day that everything literally shut down because of the COVID pandemic. It was a very strange beginning! And yet, I have come to love so many at Geist Christian. I believe my skillset has been a helpful part of all the transitions~ In addition, it has been such a delight to work in this fabulous multi-staff environment. My Geist colleagues are simply the best. I have loved it all and pray God's blessings and guidance on the work and ministries of Geist Christian Church."

We look forward to celebrating Deb and her ministry.

Welcome New Members

Welcome to Bruce & Becky Pearce, who joined on November 20, and to Tom & Angela Kovach (and children Andrew, Graham, and Lilah), who joined on November 27.

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