

The Kingdom of God

A MAP FOR UNDERSTANDING THE STORYLINE OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

	PEOPLE	PLACE	PURPOSE
EDEN	God's Blessing on His People	Perfect Fellowship	God's Glory Multiplied To All Peoples
FALL	God's Blessing and Judgement through... Adam & Eve	Disrupted Fellowship	God's Glory Marred For All Peoples
PATRIARCHS	God's Blessing and Judgment through... Abraham, Isaac, & Jacob	Promised Fellowship	God's Glory Made Known To All Peoples Through... His Faithfulness
EXODUS & CONQUEST	God's Blessing and Judgment through... Moses, Joshua, Judges, Samuel	God With His people: Tabernacle	God's Glory Made Known To All Peoples Through... His Deliverance
MONARCHY	God's Blessing and Judgment through... Saul, David, & Solomon	God With His people: Temple	God's Glory Made Known To All Peoples Through... His Anointing
ANARCHY	God's Blessing and Judgment through... Major Prophets & Minor Prophets	God With His people: Exile	God's Glory Made Known To All Peoples Through... His Discipline
JESUS	God's Blessing and Judgment through... Christ	God Among His people: Incarnation	God's Glory Made Known To All Peoples Through... His Salvation
PRESENT	God's Blessing and Judgment through... His Church.	God In His people: Body	God's Glory Multiplied To All Peoples

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WORSHIP GUIDE



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FLOWER DEDICATION

Flowers are placed by Steve, Gina and Samuel Oliver in loving memory of their son and brother, Aaron Michael Oliver, on what would have been his 10th birthday. Flowers are also placed in memory of Jeno and Elizabeth Karsanyi by Eniko Mattson.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude: *"There's a Song in the Air"* (Hegarty) Kelley Garrett, organ
Welcome Rev. Brandon Dasinger
Call to Worship: *"Joy to the World"* (Raney) Choir
Apostles Creed Congregation
Hymn #246: *"Joy to the World"* Congregation
Special Music: *"Carols Sing"* Choir
Prayer Dr. Neil Epler
Hymn #245: *"The First Noel"* Congregation
Announcements & Call for Offering Dr. Neil Epler
Offertory: *"What Child is This"*
.....Fran Wilkinson & Kelley Garrett, piano duet
Doxology Congregation
Sermon Rev. Brandon Dasinger
Hymn #251: *"Go, tell it on the Mountain"* Congregation
Benediction Rev. Brandon Dasinger
Postlude: *"Glory to God in the Highest"* (Pergolesi) Kelley Garrett

SERMON NOTES

The Meaning of Christmas

Matthew 1:23

- Christmas means that God's **promises** will not disappoint us.

"He (Christ) is the divine Yes -- God's affirmation. For all of God's promises have been fulfilled in him. That is why we say "Amen" when we give glory to God through Christ. It is God who gives us, along with you, the ability to stand firm for Christ. He has commissioned us, and he has identified us as his own by placing the Holy Spirit in our hearts as the first installment of everything he will give us.

- 2 Corinthians 1:19b-22 NLT

SERMON NOTES CONTINUED

- Christmas means that God's **presence** is always with us.
"Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and he will be called Immanuel (meaning, God is with us)." - Matthew 1:23 NLT
- Christmas means that God's **power** is inside us.
"Don't you know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, for God bought you with a high price."
- 1 Corinthians 6:19-20a NLT
- Christmas means that God's **love** never leaves us.
"And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from his love. Death can't, and life can't. The angels can't, and the demons can't. Our fears for today, our worries about tomorrow, and even the powers of hell can't keep God's love away. Whether we are high above the sky or in the deepest ocean, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord."
- Romans 8:38-39 NLT

— Rev. Brandon Dasinger

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