

THE MESSAGE

A Serenity Prayer Christmas **P1**
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God, give us grace to accept with serenity the things that cannot be changed, courage to change the things which should be changed, and the Wisdom to distinguish the one from the other.

Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time, accepting hardship as a pathway to peace, taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it, trusting that You will make all things right, if I surrender to Your will, so that I may be reasonably happy in this life, and supremely happy with You forever in the next.

Amen.

John 14:27 (NLT) - I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid.

Luke 1:26-38 (NLT) - ²⁶In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee, ²⁷to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of King David. ²⁸Gabriel appeared to her and said, "Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you!"

²⁹Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean. ³⁰"Don't be afraid, Mary," the angel told her, "for you have found favor with God! ³¹You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!"

³⁴Mary asked the angel, "But how can this happen? I am a virgin."

³⁵The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby to be born will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God. ³⁶What's more, your relative Elizabeth has become pregnant in her old age! People used to say she was barren, but she has conceived a son and is now in her sixth month. ³⁷For the word of God will never fail."

³⁸Mary responded, "I am the Lord's servant. May everything you have said about me come true." And then the angel left her.

MESSAGE NOTES

Mark 6:3 (NLT) - Then they scoffed, "He's just a carpenter, the son of Mary and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas, and Simon. And his sisters live right here among us." They were deeply offended and refused to believe in him.

Luke 2:41-52 (NLT) - ⁴¹Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Passover festival. ⁴²When Jesus was twelve years old, they attended the festival as usual. ⁴³After the celebration was over, they started home to Nazareth, but Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents didn't miss him at first, ⁴⁴because they assumed he was among the other travelers. But when he didn't show up that evening, they started looking for him among their relatives and friends.

⁴⁵When they couldn't find him, they went back to Jerusalem to search for him there. ⁴⁶Three days later they finally discovered him in the Temple, sitting among the religious teachers, listening to them and asking questions. ⁴⁷All who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.

⁴⁸His parents didn't know what to think. "Son," his mother said to him, "why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been frantic, searching for you everywhere."

⁴⁹"But why did you need to search?" he asked. "Didn't you know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰But they didn't understand what he meant.

⁵¹Then he returned to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. And his mother stored all these things in her heart.

⁵²Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and all the people.

Mark 3:21 (NLT) - When his family heard what was happening, they tried to take him away. "He's out of his mind," they said.

Acts 1:14 (NLT) - They all met together and were constantly united in prayer, along with Mary the mother of Jesus, several other women, and the brothers of Jesus.

MINISTRIES

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Men | Women | Fusion 18-35yrs | Life Groups
CA Students (6th-12th) | Kids Church
Thrive Growth & Recovery | Stewardship
Counseling at The Relationship Center
Kingdom & Evangelism

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Financial Update

2019 General Budget:
\$7,900,000

YTD 10.31.19 - Requirement:
\$6,532,692.31

YTD 10.31.19 - Offering:
\$6,412,104.73

October Kingdom Offering: **\$71,352.58**
YTD Kingdom Offering: **\$483,491.47**



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November 30 & December 1, 2019

Worship God

Become part of His **Family**

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WELCOME!

We're so glad you've chosen to join us!

Christian Assembly (CA) is a community started in response to God's grace shown to us through Jesus Christ. **That grace compels us to lead spiritually convicted and unconvinced people to complete commitment to Jesus Christ.**

We don't profess to have all the answers, but we do believe there is a God who is worth knowing and following. Whether you are simply curious about Jesus or have been a long-time follower of Christ, we welcome you and are excited you are with us today.

Enjoy the service!

Tom Hughes & Mark Pickerill
Co-Lead Pastors

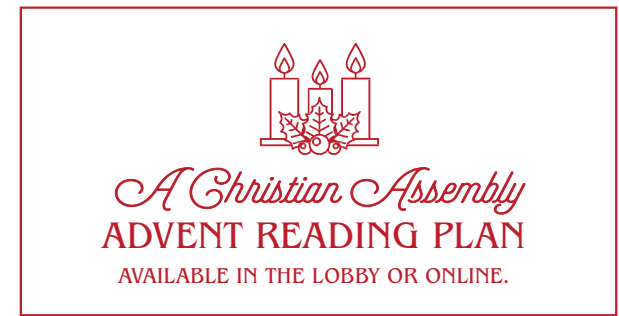
NEW?

- We'd love to meet you! Stop by our **New People's Table** in the lobby where we have a welcome gift for you.
- There is a **Connection Card** in the seatbacks that you can use to ask questions, submit a prayer request or just let us know you're visiting. Fill it out and drop it in the offering bag or at the New People's Table.
- If you have an infant or you'd like your child to be with you during service, there is a **family room** that is equipped with a live feed of the service as well as a private **nursing room** for mothers. Just ask an usher!

INFORMATION



Join us next weekend as we continue to dig into the people and events of the Christmas story through the lens of the famous Serenity Prayer. Through the lives of Mary, Joseph, the wise men, and the shepherds, we will see how God wants to grant us the serenity in our own lives to accept the things we cannot change, the courage to change things we can, and the wisdom to know the difference this Christmas.



KIDS CHURCH
Our Kids Church Program is offered during all services for children from birth to 5th grade. For more information stop by the Kids Church tent or visit: cakidschurch.com

Do you have junior or senior high school-aged kids? We offer programs for junior high (grades 6-8) Saturdays at 6pm and high school (grades 9-12) Wednesdays at 7pm. For more info visit: castudents.com



Fusion is one of our weekend services and is specifically geared toward 18-35 year olds. We meet on Sunday nights @ 6pm. Join us! For more info visit: cafusion.com

OPPORTUNITIES

KINGDOM

InterVarsity Mentoring Program

CA is conducting a mentoring program with InterVarsity college students. We will be having training meetings for those interested in being a mentor on Dec 12 and 19.

For more info and registration: cachurch.com/kingdom

Reaching the Unreached: Missions Training Course

Are you interested in being equipped to reach unreached people groups locally or as a global missionary?

Dr. Greg Livingstone is teaching this course weekly on Sundays at 1pm at CA through Jan 19.

To join, email: scottq@cachurch.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

Christmas Candlelight Services

Join us for our special Christmas Candlelight services with life-giving teaching from God's Word, a Christmas choir and special music. Plus, Kids Church will be having a White Christmas for kids (birth to 5th grade). Invite some friends and join us!

Saturday, Dec. 21:
4pm (South Only)
6:30pm (South & North)

Sunday, Dec. 22:
9am (South & North)
11:30am (South & North)
6pm (South Only)

Please fill out your RSVP Card and drop in the offering bag.

Join the Christmas Choir

If you love to sing, worship God and can carry a tune, we would love to have you join the choir for our Christmas Candlelight services on **Dec. 21/22**. To sign up and get more details, please email: choir@cachurch.com.

Women's Gathering

Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, Dec. 4 (7pm) at 2424 Colorado Blvd.** for Women's Gathering. It will be a night of worship and prayer. Free childcare is available. Please register your child online at cachurch.com/women/events

Mexico Trip

The weekend of **Dec. 6-8**, there will be a CA missions team going to Tijuana to partner with La Roca Ministries. We will be putting on a Christmas outreach at the church for families from the dump community, neighborhood, and children in the orphanage. The cost is **\$50**. For more info and to apply for the trip, visit: cachurch.com/kingdom

Baptism Class

If you've decided to trust Jesus with your life and to follow Him, we encourage you to proclaim your decision through baptism. The next baptism class is on **Sunday, Dec. 15 (1pm) in Rm 100**. For more info visit: cachurch.com/baptism

Women's Retreat

Join us for a weekend of connecting with God and other women. Two weekends: **Mar. 6-8** and **Mar. 13-15**. Register now at cawomensretreat.com.