### THE MESSAGE

### **MESSAGE NOTES**

### **A Serenity Prayer Christmas**

**Tom Hughes** 

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.

Matthew 1:19-25 (NLT) - 19 Joseph, her fiance, was a good man and did not want to disgrace her publicly. so he decided to break the engagement quietly.

<sup>20</sup>As he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. "Joseph, son of David," the angel said, "do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup>And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

<sup>22</sup>All of this occurred to fulfill the Lord's message through his prophet:

23 "Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means 'God is with us."

<sup>24</sup>When Joseph woke up, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded and took Mary as his wife. <sup>25</sup>But he did not have sexual relations with her until her son was born. And Joseph named him Jesus.

Matthew 2:13 (NLT) - After the wise men were gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up! Flee to Egypt with the child and his mother," the angel said. "Stay there until I tell you to return, because Herod is going to search for the child to kill him."

Matthew 2:19-22 (NLT) - 19 When Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt. <sup>20</sup>"Get up!" the angel said. "Take the child and his mother back to the land of Israel, because those who were trying to kill the child are dead."

<sup>21</sup>So Joseph got up and returned to the land of Israel with Jesus and his mother. <sup>22</sup>But when he learned

that the new ruler of Judea was Herod's son Archelaus, he was afraid to go there. Then, after being warned in a dream, he left for the region of Galilee.

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### **MINISTRIES**

Visit **CAchurch.com** for info on available ministries or email us: info@cachurch.com

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

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December 7 & 8, 2019

Go to CAchurch.com or use the envelope in the seatbacks at our services.

#### **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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# **WELCOME!**

# **INFORMATION**

# **OPPORTUNITIES**

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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 convinced 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 Dicker

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!



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



### **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. Invite some friends and join us!

Saturday, Dec. 21: 4pm (South Only) - FULL 6:30pm (South) - FULL 6:30pm (North) - OPEN

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

Thank you if you've RSVP'd already. If you haven't RSVP'd yet, please fill out a 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** 

#### **Year-End Contributions**

All contributions must be received or postmarked by Dec. 31 (if you give online, submit by 10pm) to receive tax credit for 2019. Also, keep us informed with your correct address and email with the connection card. You can update online at cachurch. com/connectioncard

### **Men's Gathering**

Men, make plans to join us for our next Men's Gathering on **Wednesday**, **Jan. 8 (7pm)** south sanctuary. We gather to pray, laugh, and learn. Come for worship. Come make new friends. Stay till the end for coffee and donuts! We look forward to seeing you. For more info, visit cachurch.com/**men** 

#### **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

#### **Family Room Available**

We love our kids, which is why we understand that sometimes they can feel restless during an adult service. We have a fun Kids Church program available from birth to 5th grade. We also have family rooms and a private nursing room for mothers that are both equipped with a live feed of the service. Just ask an usher. Thank you for helping us create an enjoyable church experience for everyone.