MONTGOMERY COMMUNITY CHURCH

DECEMBER 4, 2022



HANDS AGAINST HUNGER

December 9 & 10

We are packing over 220,000 meals to be delivered to those most at risk for starvation. This is a great opportunity to serve with family, friends, or your Life Group. For more information and to sign up for a shift, visit mcc.church/serve

* UPCOMING EVENTS *

Women's Serve Event - December 8
Prayer Gathering - December 15

A Service of Remembrance - December 16

A Gift of Hope, Gift Pickup - December 16

Baptism - December 18

Christmas Eve Service Times - December 24 at 2:30PM, 4PM, 7PM

Christmas Morning Service - December 25 Online Only

New Year's Day Service - January 1 at 11:00AM Only

Daughters of the King Class Begins - January 7

Churchwide Study of Colossians Begins - January 8

Second Saturday Serve - January 14

For more information on upcoming events, visit mcc.church/events



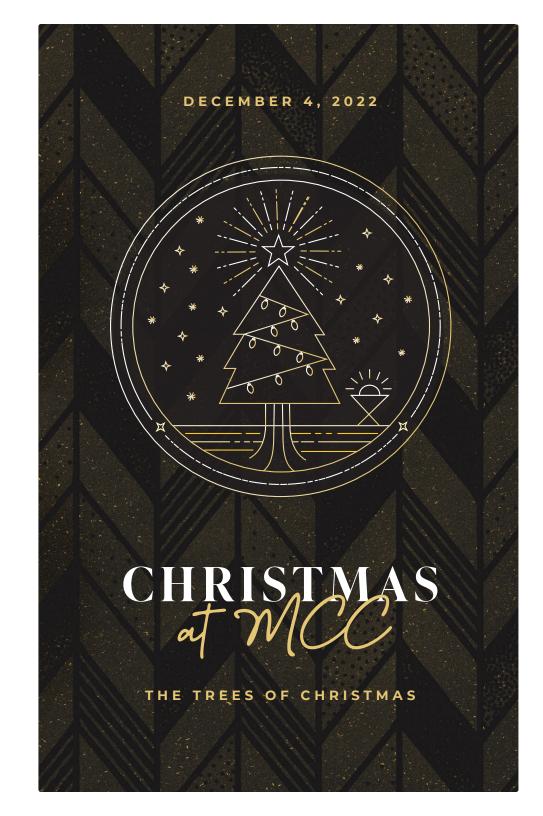
MAKE AN IMPACT WITH YOUR YEAR-END GIVING

If you call MCC home, please prayerfully consider a one-time gift or an increase in giving so that together, we can reach more people with the love of Christ in 2023! Visit mcc.church/give

SUBMIT YOUR ELDER BOARD NOMINATION FORM BY DEC. 31

Please pray about possible qualified candidates then fill out a Nomination Form. Forms are available at the Welcome Desk in the Atrium or online at **bit.ly/eldernominations** Email questions to Alan Oak, Executive Board Moderator, **alancoak@gmail.com**







WEEKLY ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

SCRIPTURE: JOHN 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

DEVOTIONAL

When we think about God, we sometimes imagine a spiritual presence up in the sky. We sometimes imagine a grandfather looking man with a long beard, white robe, and a halo over his head. But God came to earth as a real baby, born into this world as a human, with skin and hair, wrapped in ordinary blankets, and yet still fully God.

As a human, Jesus experienced everything that all humans are exposed to like hunger and thirst, tiredness, and temptations. Because of this Jesus knows your pain, and He knows your joy. At Christmas, we remember the humanness of Jesus, that He willingly came to earth in obedience to His Father for our salvation.

It is easy to get lost in the traditions of Christmas, the lights, the carols, the decorations. The memories we all have of our favorite Christmas come flooding back each year. But the most important and most central thing we need to remember is the Incarnation – that God came down from Heaven and became truly human for every one of us.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1 What image comes to mind when you think about God?
- 2 What would you think if you had seen a baby in a manger, and someone told you that this baby was the Son of God? What would it take for you to have believed that?
- 3 Why do you think God chose to come to earth this way?
- 4 What is the first thing you would ask Jesus if He was standing in front of you right now?