

Christmas Eve

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WOODMEN

GOOD NEWS  GREAT JOY

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, *"Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."* And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, *Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!*" When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, *"Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us."* And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. **Luke 2:1-20**

Welcome to Woodmen!

We are honored you have chosen to worship with us this Christmas season. Whether you are visiting for the first time or you are a long-time Woodmen attendee, we appreciate you joining us as we celebrate the good news of great joy about Jesus' birth!

Woodmen Valley Chapel is, at its core, a gathering of people – of believers and seekers. We are a people God has called out – sometimes we are broken and beat up; sometimes we are confident and victorious; sometimes we dare to look each other in the eye and see the image of Christ in one another – an assembly of people sharing their stories before God and before each other in community.

We are living out the community found when God's people come together to celebrate, grieve and hope. In authenticity, we celebrate the stories He is authoring and the way He is weaving these stories together into the tapestry of His greater Gospel story.

We would love to have you join us in this community and look forward to hosting you again in the coming weeks during our regular service times: Saturdays at 6 pm and Sundays at 9 and 11 am. Next weekend, December 27/28, Pastor Josh will finish up the *Good News Great Joy* series with a look at Jesus as a young child. Small Groups Pastor Rob Bentz will kick off the new year on January 3/4 with a special message about the Lord's blessing and then on January 10/11, Pastor Josh begins a new series from the book of Acts titled: *Prepare for Impact*.

If you do not own a Bible, please take one from the tables up front or at each exit as our gift to you. Thank you again for being with us today.

Merry Christmas!

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