



Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"

- James 5:16 -

- Rodelio Baaqin & Family - working with congregations of the Lord's church in the Philippines
- Josiah Carelse & Family - working with the Lord's church in Cape Town, South Africa
- CA Fires - Please pray for those who have lost loved ones, homes & possessions and the fire fighters & rescue personnel; also the Pasadena church of Christ whose building was destroyed
- Leslie Denbow - left knee needs replacement surgery; experiencing nerve pain in right foot
- Filomena Derecho (Cathy's mother in the Philippines) - numerous health issues
- Retha Flack (Terry & Betty's Christian friend) - 2 blockages in heart; treatment being evaluated
- Richard Miles (Kathleen's nephew) - undergoing chemo & radiation to combat a rare sarcoma; recently had large tumors surgically removed from his abdomen; prognosis is not favorable
- Wayne Sampson - finishing up treatment for pneumonia; wound clinic visits now complete; soon to be scheduled for a skin graft flap to completely close the healed wound
- Hurricane Victims - prayers for those affected by the devastation brought on by these storms
- Families of those who perished - in the mid-air collision in Washington DC on 1/30, and the plane crash in Philadelphia on 1/31
- Please pray for our nation (1 Timothy 2:1-3)
- Please pray for those not with us today — the sick & suffering and those who are spiritually weak & struggling

"The prayer of the upright is His delight . . . He hears the prayer of the righteous."

~ Proverbs 15:8, 29 ~

The Incarnation

The word "incarnation" originates from the Latin *incarnatio*, meaning "the act of being made flesh." It refers to the doctrine that God became flesh in the person of Jesus Christ. "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us" (Jn 1:14). This verse emphasizes both the *divinity* of Christ and his *humanity*. This concept is foundational to understanding the nature of Jesus, the relationship between God and humanity, and His plan for man's salvation. At its core, the Incarnation refers to the wondrous act by which our Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Word of God, took on human nature and entered human history.

The Incarnation is inextricably linked to the Virgin Birth, which highlights the miraculous nature of Jesus' conception by the Holy Spirit (Mt 1:18; Lk 1:34-35). These doctrines underscore the truth that Jesus was both fully *divine* and fully *human*. They also reveal that God is not distant or detached from His creation, but is actively involved in human history and in the lives of those He created. By becoming a man, God entered into the human experience, willingly sharing in our joys, sufferings, and struggles. This self-sacrificing act is a profound expression of God's love for the souls of mankind (Jn 3:16; Rom 5:5-8; Phil 2:5-8).

The Incarnation emphasizes the dignity and worth of human life. In "taking the form of a bond servant, and coming in the likeness of men" (Phil 2:7), God sanctified human life, elevating its value and affirming the inherent goodness of His creation. This provides a solid foundation for Christian ethics, underscoring the call to love, serve, and respect one another as bearers of God's image (Gen 1:26-27). The Incarnation is also essential for understanding the nature of salvation.

Without the Incarnation, the saving work of Christ would remain incomplete, as only by becoming a man could Jesus fully identify with human struggles, sufferings, and shortcomings (Heb 2:14-18; 4:15). The idea that God took on human form to save humanity underscores the depth of His divine grace and mercy. Through the sacrificial work of Jesus on the cross, paying the penalty for man's sins, lost souls are now offered redemption and reconciliation with God (Col 1:13-14; 1 Tim 2:3-6; 1 Pet 2:24).

Through the years, theologians and Bible scholars have grappled with questions about how Jesus can be both fully God and fully man. Although this perplexing problem may challenge the limits of human understanding — through faith — it encourages a greater appreciation of our loving heavenly Father, and the extent to which He was willing to go to save us from our sins. The Word becoming flesh and dwelling among us — "Immanuel ... God with us" (Mt 1:23) — assures us that we are not alone in our struggles and that God understands our predicament — and our pain.

Christ's love, demonstrated in such a profound and tangible way, inspires and motivates us to imitate our Lord in humility, compassion, and selfless love. As we continue to study the depths of this foundational doctrine, we are reminded of the profound truth that, in Jesus, God became human — "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us" — forever changing the course of human history — and eternity as well. — **Terry Schmidt** ✍

"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

- Acts 16:30 -



Hear the Gospel - John 6:44-45; Rom 10:14,17
Believe [trust in] God - John 3:16; 8:24; Ac 16:31
 Heb 11:6
Repent of sins - Luke 13:1-5; Acts 2:38; 3:19; 17:30
Confess Christ - Mt 10:32-33; Ac 8:36-37;
 Rom 10:8-10
Be baptized - Mk 16:16; Ac 2:38; 8:36; 22:16;
 1 Pet 3:21
Be faithful unto death - Mt 7:21; Rev 2:10

😊 **Welcome Visitors** 😊

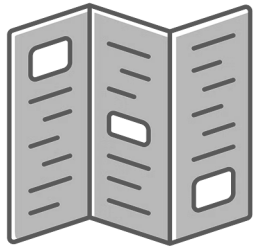
We are glad you have come to worship with us today. We want you to know that you are welcome. Please don't hesitate to ask if you have questions or if we can help you in any way. Also, please fill out a visitor's card before you depart.

Have a great week! ☺



Tammy Wells - March 18th

Kelly Bureau - March 26th



Recently there have been quite a few bulletins left on the tables after services. Bulletins are printed for your convenience and use; especially with regard to the prayer list. It is hoped that members will take time during the week to pray for those listed who have requested our prayers.

(Ephesians 6:18; James 5:16) ✝

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 6,537

This Month: 12,370



SNACKS!

March 16: Betty

March 23: Cathy

Attendance & Contribution

for March 9, 2025

Attendance — 15

Contribution — \$801

Order of Worship

March 16, 2025

*"I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have
my being. May my meditation be sweet
to Him; I will be glad in the LORD."*

📖 - Psalm 104:33-34 - 📖

Song Leader: Terry Schmidt

Song—5

Opening Prayer: Louis Bureau

Song—52

Scripture Reading: Jim Miller
~ John 1:1-5~

Song—4

The Lord's Supper
Jason Kennedy (lead) & Mike Doucette

Song—13

Sermon: Terry Schmidt
"The Word Became Flesh:
Jesus, the Light of the World"

Song—640

Announcements & Closing Prayer
George Cuvellier

Alternates: David Larrabee/
Wayne Sampson

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Lord's Supper Prep: Betty Schmidt

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*We love Him, because  
He first loved us.  
- 1 John 4:19 -*

## March 16, 2025

### Meeting on the Lord's Day:

9:30 am — Bible Class

10:30 am — Worship

*"Let us consider one another in order  
to stir up love and good works, not  
forsaking the assembling of ourselves  
together, as is the manner of some, but  
exhorting one another, and so much the  
more as you see the Day approaching."*

- Hebrews 10:24-25 -

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