

# Emmanuel

— GOD WITH US —

**DECEMBER 10, 2023 | 9:30 AM WORSHIP**

Over 2000 years ago, Jesus was born and named Emmanuel, meaning God with us. This isn't just a story from the past, and the presence of God isn't limited to a specific time or a chosen few. The baby born in Bethlehem is among us now. We rejoice in the daily presence of the King of Peace who turns darkness into light. He is now and forever, beginning and end, alpha and omega, Emmanuel—God With Us.

The Advent season is a time of anticipation and celebration of Jesus' birth. The term "advent" originates from the Latin word *adventus*, which means "arrival" or "coming." This sacred season symbolizes the promise of something extraordinary to come and encourages us to prepare for our greatest gift. As we lead up to Christmas, we light the candles of the Advent wreath on Sundays. These candles represent that Jesus is the Light of the World, and the evergreens serve as a reminder that He is life and brings life to all of us.

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*Sunday of*  
**Advent**

*Welcome*  
**Guests**

Welcome to CrossPoint! We are excited to have you here and would love to meet you. Please visit Connection Point in the main lobby after the service, or fill out our Connection Card in your seat or via the QR code on the back page. Thank you for joining us for worship today!

## **TODAY AT CP**

CPkids for K-6th | Fellowship Hall  
CPlittles nursery ages 0-5 | Nursery  
Sunday Study | 11 AM Worship Center  
Christmas Choir | 11 AM Music Room  
Rooted Sign Up | Lobby table

## IN THE LIBRARY

The CrossPoint library is open every Sunday after the service! Explore our large selection of Christmas books and more.

- The Practice of the Presence of God by Brother Lawrence (4 copies)
- The Adventure of Christmas: Helping Children Find Jesus in our Traditions by Lisa Whelchel
- The Christmas Promise by Richard Paul Evans
- The Forgotten Wise Man by John Timmerman
- Catching Christmas by Terri Blackstock
- Silent Night / Holy Night by Colleen Coble
- Finding Father Christmas / Engaging Father Christmas by Robin Jones Gunn

## UNCOVERING MEANING IN THE ORIGINAL TESTAMENT

December 10 and 17

Teachers Matt Piper and Ryan Bykerk  
11 AM in the Worship Center

The Sunday Study continues in December with 2 more sessions. In this informal and conversational Sunday school class, delve into the stories of the Old Testament. Discover insights from the original Hebrew Bible and gain a better understanding of these foundational books of the gospel.

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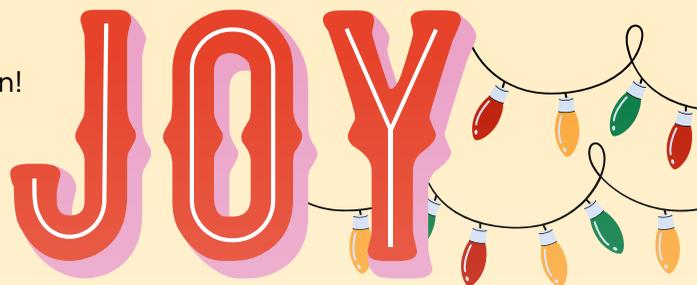
### JUST OLDER YOUTH

Join us for a Christmas celebration!  
Brunch, carol sing, and more!

Thursday, December 14

10-11:30 AM

CrossPoint Fellowship Hall



### CARRYING ON THE VISION

*Investing in the next generation to be equipped for ministry*

### VISION CAMPAIGN UPDATE

We are happy to announce that our Vision campaign, which was launched on Sunday, November 12, has received \$268,865 in pledges to date. We are deeply grateful for the incredible generosity our community has shown over the past month. Thank you to everyone who has contributed thus far!

As part of our ongoing ministry, we recently reached out to over 450 families, including 100+ families of our GEMS and Cadets who are not CrossPoint members, to keep them informed about the ministry building and the opportunity to contribute to our ongoing efforts. We are committed to keeping everyone in the loop and extending ministry giving to as many people as possible.

As we look ahead to the new year, we are excited to see what God has in store for us. We invite you to join us in prayerfully considering a gift or pledge to the Vision Campaign before January 1.

Find pledge cards in the seat pockets in the worship center and pledge today at the Vision Center or [crosspointchino.org/pledge](http://crosspointchino.org/pledge).



# ROOTED NEW YEAR...SAME GOD

## WINTER SESSION BEGINS ON JANUARY 7

Being a disciple in the upcoming year means taking a fresh perspective on your faith journey. Rooted is more than just a Bible study or book; it's a community that practices the essential rhythms for a growing relationship with Jesus.

Join our 10-week small group experience to establish strong roots in God's Word and connect with others who know you best. Discover how this program can bring you closer to God, our church, and your purpose. Register online or find out more with Pastor Lon after today's service!

[crosspointchino.org/rooted](http://crosspointchino.org/rooted)

Join the choir to sing at our Christmas Celebration service the morning of December 24.

All are welcome!

Rehearsals in the Music Room

December 10 and 17

Sing with us TODAY at 11 AM



## Christmas Choir

## Christmas at CrossPoint

Christmas Celebration Service  
December 24 | 9:30 AM

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  
December 24 | 5:00 PM

## Invitation cards are here!

People are more likely to accept a personal invitation to church during Christmas than at any other time.

Take some invitation cards to carry with you this week and look for opportunities to invite people to Christmas at CrossPoint!



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# The Choice | Don Porter, Lead Pastor

## Matthew 11:28-30

Three Choices Leading to Deeper Intimacy with Jesus:

1. Will I \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus is who He \_\_\_\_\_ to be? Matthew 11:27
2. Will I choose today to \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus? Matthew 11:28
3. Will I choose today to \_\_\_\_\_ my life to \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus?  
Matthew 11:29-30

*“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened,  
and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and  
learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart,  
and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is  
easy and my burden is light.”*  
Matthew 11:28-30

### READINGS

M John 16:5-16  
T John 7:25-44  
W John 10:1-13  
Th John 14:15-31  
F John 8:12-29  
Sa Psalm 16  
Su John 16:5-16

- What was something in the Scriptures or message that made an impact on you? Explain.
- What are the three choices leading to intimacy with Jesus?
- Read Matthew 13:44-45. What do you think is the cost and joy Jesus is talking about in this passage? How does that make you feel?
- Read Matthew 11:27-30. What do you think Jesus means by “come to me?” How do we come to Jesus?
- What does Jesus mean by "Take my yoke upon you"? How can we take on His yoke, and what promise does He make if we do?
- In verse 27 Jesus shares a little about Himself. Why do you think it's important for us to truly believe in who Jesus claims to be?
- What is one way you can apply the Scripture readings and/or sermon to your life this week?