

# Weekly Messenger 12-20-2024



## O Come, Let Us Adore Him: The Power of Gathering Together in Worship

In the hustle and bustle of daily life, it's easy to lose sight of what really matters. The world is full of distractions that can pull our focus away from what is truly important—our relationship with God. But every Sunday, we have the precious opportunity to stop, pause, and gather together as a family of believers to adore the risen Lord Jesus Christ.

This Sunday we look at the hymn “O Come, All Ye Faithful” as it reminds us of the power and beauty of coming together in worship. Written in the 18th century, this beloved Christmas carol calls us to unite in reverence and praise. The opening verse invites us, “O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.” It's a call not just to a physical place, but to a posture of the heart. To worship is to approach with joy, triumph, and humility, remembering the Savior who was born in a humble manger but who reigns victorious over all.

Worship is about more than just singing songs; it is an act of adoration, an intentional moment to center our hearts and minds on the One who gave everything for us. As we gather as the body of Christ, our worship becomes a collective declaration that Jesus is worthy of all praise and glory. The words of the hymn echo the eternal truth that we are not simply singing to God but are called to “come and behold Him, born the King of angels.” Jesus is not just the Savior of the world; He is our King, our Redeemer, and our Lord.

When we come together in worship, we are joining in a timeless, holy tradition. The church is not merely a building, but the people of God coming together to reflect His glory. As we lift our voices in song and bow our hearts in reverence, we participate in a powerful act that transcends time and space. It's a moment where we align our hearts with the heavenly hosts who are forever declaring, “Glory to God in the highest!”

So, as you prepare for worship this Sunday, remember the invitation of “O Come, All Ye Faithful.” It's more than a hymn—it's a reminder of the deep privilege we have in coming together as God's people to adore, worship, and celebrate the risen Lord Jesus Christ. Let us come with joy and anticipation, for we are gathering to meet the One who is worthy of our highest praise. O come, let us adore Him!

Laugh often and Fear not!  
David!



Sunday Worship Services  
8:30 am – Traditional  
10:30 am- Contemporary

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# Family Ministry News

## Youth Group –

Youth Group Christmas Party, Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00 p.m. Text Chris for the details.

## Children -

Sunday School this week. Talking about the birth of Jesus.

No Sunday school on Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>.

## U50s/adults.

Next Meeting is TBD in the New Year.

Merry Christmas!!

CJK



Join the MVPC family this Sunday at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.  
for Virtual Church!

Go to the MVPC webpage @ [www.mviewpc.org](http://www.mviewpc.org) and select  
Facebook or YouTube

## **CLOSED CAPTION AVAILABLE**

Are you missing out on Pastor David's wonderful virtual sermons because you can't hear what is said?  
We now know closed caption is available on the Youtube broadcast. Follow the directions below:

On Youtube under the video, where you can start, pause, etc. is a "cc". Click on that to start closed caption.

A graphic of five lit candles in a row, each with a different color and pattern: purple with white swirls, purple with white zig-zags, yellow with white swirls, pink with white zig-zags, and purple with white swirls. The candles are lit with yellow flames.

**SEASON of ADVENT**

— Celebrate the Coming King —

# November 2024 Session Meetings Highlights

The Deacons cyber security and elder fraud event on October 29 had 36 participants. Thank you to the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department for an excellent presentation. The annual Service of Solace will be held on December 1, coordinated by Melody Edwards Becker.

Pastor David reported that the Men's and Women's Bible Studies are both going strong. The Advent sermon series will be "Hymns for the Holidays," and Pastor David has sermons planned through August 2025.

The Magnify Commission (matters relating to worship) is planning for Advent. Advent devotionals have arrived. Saturday, November 30 is Church decorating beginning at 9:00 a.m. New banners have been installed in the Sanctuary. The Bell Choir has two new members and the Chancel Choir is looking for new singers. Christmas Eve services are being planned for 4, 6 and 10 p.m. Sundays December 29 and January 5 will have only one service at 10:00 a.m.

The Serve Commission (serving others outside of MVPC) reported that the November 1 Salute to Veterans dinner was a "wonderful evening" which include candle lighting for deceased members and assistance from the Boy Scouts. MVPC provided Olive Crest with 110 Thanksgiving food boxes and \$2,600 in gift cards, and Operation Christmas Child with 180 shoeboxes filled with gifts. The Pet Ministry is scheduling its annual bake sale for Sunday, February 9, 2025. Project 150 volunteers helped assemble 2,500 food boxes for Thanksgiving and will assist in assembling 2,500 Christmas boxes. Session approved repairs to the Coffee Shop counters required as a result of a malfunctioning coffee brewer (a gift was received to help purchase a new brewer). The next Commission meeting is January 16, 2025 (with 3 new members).

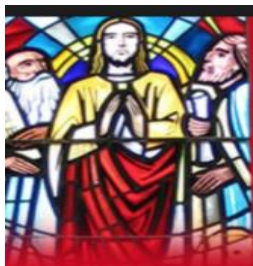
The Nurture Commission (taking care of our congregation) reported that Women's Bible study completed its study of the Book of Ephesians and will begin on Advent. The Women's Christmas Tea and Brunch will be on December 7. Christmas caroling to homes of shut-in members is scheduled for December 15. The Coffee Shop will offer free beverages on Sunday, December 1 to celebrate Advent. The Just Us widows' group enjoyed making Christmas crafts on November 19.

The Gather Commission (taking care of gathering in groups large and small) reported it now has a crew of seven volunteers helping with Sunday morning fellowship preparation, with the goal of providing fresh baked cookies three Sundays each month.

Stewardship Commission (being good managers of time, talents, and treasures) presented financial reports through October. Finance has reviewed the capital reserve study and specifically focused on items needing repairs and/or replacement over the next five years, totaling over \$450,000. Those items include HVAC repairs and replacement, roof repairs, bathroom upgrades and computer equipment replacement. Elder Al Youmans reported that the ceramic tile floors throughout the facilities had been professionally cleaned. The kitchen's reverse osmosis system required some repairs and the heating system boiler required a new igniter.

Gary Wall will be providing ministerial assistance in Fellowship Hall during the fellowship time.

The next Session meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 18, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.



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# Bean Redeemed Coffee Shop



**Dec. 29th and Jan. 5th**



for:  
The Strasser Family



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[mealtrain.com/873z9n](https://mealtrain.com/873z9n)



**LAUGH OFTEN  
& FEAR NOT!**



**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS**

**No  
Fellowship  
Hour**

**Dec. 29th  
and  
Jan. 5th**

One worship service at  
10:00am both Sundays

**Mark your calendars!**

**Christmas Eve Services**

**Dec. 24th**

**4:00pm Contemporary**

**6:00pm Traditional**

**10:00pm Candlelight**

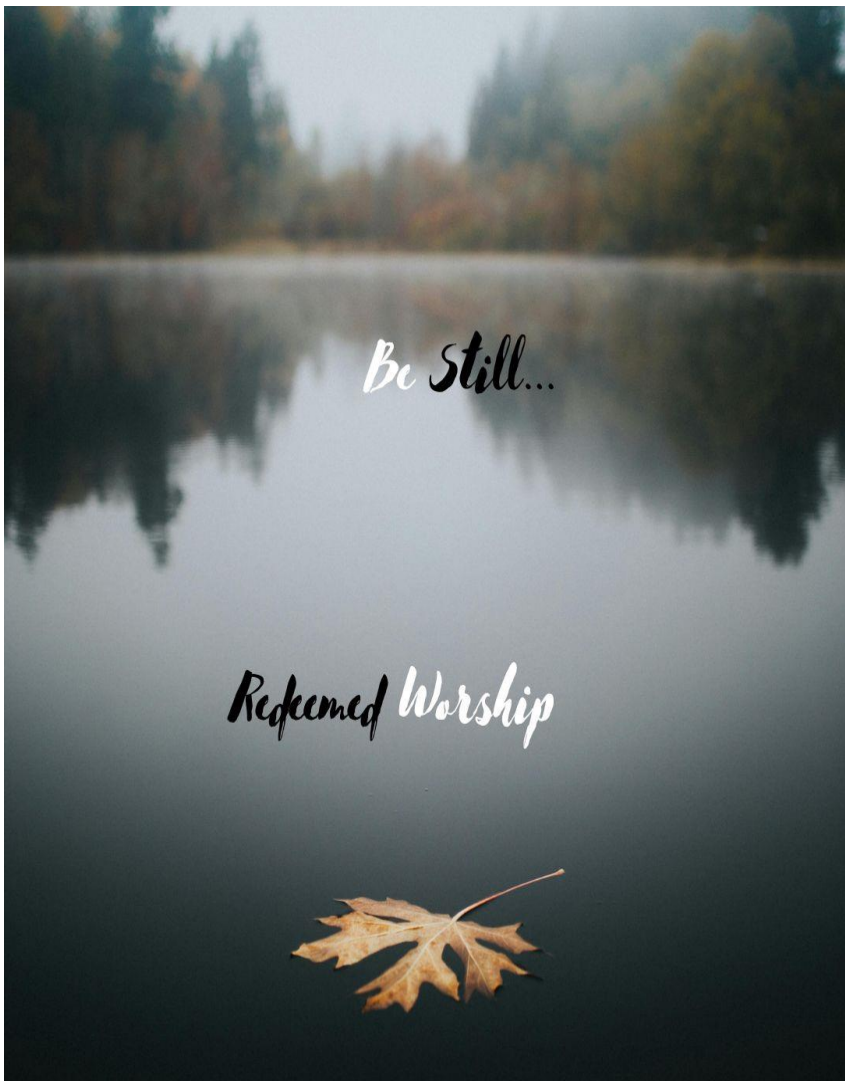
**One Worship Service**

Wear your **Christmas**

**Sweater Sunday!**

**Dec. 29th @ 10am**





This Sunday, Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Redeemed Worship, MVPC's Praise Team, will be handing out copies of their latest album, "Be Still..."

Redeemed Worship would like to thank each of you for the support and encouragement throughout the year. Hopefully this album will fill you with the spirit and brighten your Christmas Season.

Stop by the table in the Narthex after both services. One per family please. Have a wonderful Advent season!!



**LOVE God**

**LOVE People**

**KNOW God**

**KNOW People**

**SERVE God**

**2025 Per Capita**

**\$47.00 per Member**

Please make checks payable to MVPC or select "Per Capita" for online giving option - thank you!





RightNow Media is a free service offered to MVPC/Guests/Friends. You will have exclusive access to hundreds of Bible studies and topical videos led by world-class teachers along with a multitude of Christian-based videos for your family to enjoy.

It's easy to sign up, email Tami Samek, Ministry Coordinator at [Tami@mviewpc.org](mailto:Tami@mviewpc.org) and she will set you up and you can start accessing great Bible-based studies/videos today!

### Everyday Advent

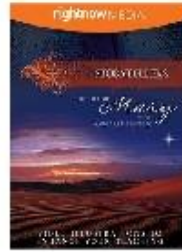
Advent is a time to remember and reflect, but it's also a time of looking forward with hope and anticipation. We remember the significance of the arrival of baby Jesus, and we look forward with great anticipation to his coming return. But the greatest hope of all is that Jesus is fully present and being revealed in a deeper way in our hearts every day.

The Everyday Advent is a 4-week devotional study for the holiday season that will help us refocus on our personal relationship with Jesus, and heighten our sense of expectancy to see his promises fulfilled in our everyday lives.



Everyday Advent

### The Life of Mary



The Life of Mary is a 4-part Bible study that unfolds Mary's life and transforms it to a 21st century audience with teaching by Margaret Feinberg. In this series, Margaret shares insightful discoveries on Mary's unique situation and brings

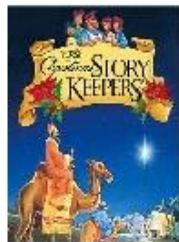
to life her fears and struggles

With powerful lessons and excellent teaching, this video Bible study examines Mary's life in a way you would never expect. Each session walks down Mary's road of faith as she journeys through a life of unbelievable events that ushers in Jesus Christ.

*Happy New Year!*

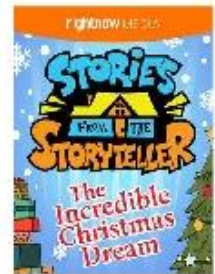
### The StoryKeepers Christmas

This 70-minute feature film, commissioned by Twentieth Century Fox Home Entertainment in the U.S. features new animation, together with celebrity voices (Tim Curry, Adam Wylie, Debbie Boone, Robert Guillaume, Sheryl Lee Ralph), a new score and songs.



### The Incredible Christmas Dream (Luke 1:26-33)

In the midst of family Christmas stress and mishaps, Kam hatches a secret plan to recapture the true meaning of Christmas. With a little help from his parents and a mysterious old couple who run a local Christmas tree lot, Kam's plans come together with more magic and meaning than he could muster on his own.



### Christmas

Eyewitness Bible Series is pleased to present the Christmas Series. This series is a collection of ten New episodes designed to be watched on the three Sundays prior to Christmas week, plus the seven day of Christmas week, ending on Christmas day.



### Looking for Elder and Deacon Candidates

Are you interested in serving MVPC as an Elder or a Deacon?

Pursuant to the Book of Order:

Elders exercise leadership, government, spiritual discernment, and have responsibilities for the life of a congregation.

Deacons provide a ministry of compassion, witness, and service.

If you would like to learn more please see or contact a member of the Nominating Committee: Jeff Paterson, Al Youmans, Diane Lo Chirco, Jim Camburn, Beth Dworkin or Joyce Shore.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE



We're collecting Walmart gift cards so that we can be a surprise blessing to others this Christmas!

Please purchase the gift card (recommended \$25 per card) and drop in the box in the MVPC narthex this Sunday (12/22).

A team from MVPC will distribute the gift cards at the Walmart near Rancho and Lake Mead. Thank you for your generous participation in this opportunity to be a blessing to others!

## BIBLE STUDY

## Christmas and New Year's Break

All Bible Study Groups will not meet the weeks of Christmas or New Years - will resume Jan. 7th and Jan. 8th

### Our Vision

God

People



It's What We Do!!

Laugh Often  
and  
Fear Not!

# This Week's Events

## Sun., Dec. 22

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship, SC  
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship, SC  
1:00 p.m. Reformed Church Meeting, FH  
4:00 p.m. Youth Group, FH

## Mon., Dec. 23

9:00 a.m. Quilters, FH  
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, CH  
7:00 p.m. Gamblers Anon., CH

## Tues., Dec. 24

4:00 p.m. Contemporary Service, SC  
6:00 p.m. Traditional Service, SC  
10:00 p.m. Communion Service, SC

## Wed., Dec. 25

7:00 p.m. **Christmas Day/Office Closed**  
AA Meeting, FH

## Thurs., Dec. 26

7:00 p.m. Al Anon Meeting, Esther

## Fri., Dec. 27

2:00 p.m. Knitting, FH

## Sat., Dec. 28

5:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FH



Happy Birthday!!!

Camilla Camburn – Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>  
Carole Zahn – Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>  
Delores Singleton – Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>



Happy Anniversary!!!

Roger and Marcia Alig – Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Felix and Bridge Gaudiel – Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Dale and Lois Heidel – Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>  
William and Carole Paul – Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>



## Holiday Church Office Hours

Dec. 24th – 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
Dec. 25th – Closed  
Dec. 31st – 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Jan. 1st – Closed



Messenger articles and Sunday announcement requests are due in the Church office by **Wednesday** at **noon** each week! Thank you for your cooperation!



# LET THE PEOPLE PRAY

Pray without Ceasing. (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

## Our Members

- The Price Family
- The Pupanek Family
- Georgia Purpura
- Joanne Reason
- The Reichart Family
- The Reitz Family
- Deane Richardson
- Dwight Rickard

## Our World

- People of Bulgaria
- Cyclone Chido victims
- Middle East Tensions

## Our Nation

- Winter Weather
- Holiday Travel
- Houston Shooting Victims

## Our City

- Upcoming road closures
- Homeless population
- Animal safety

## Our Congregation

Gene Braden, Jerry and Del Heiss,  
Sara Pierson, Pam Russell,  
Paige Vorhies, The Strasser Family

- Elders: Karla Canfield
- Deacons: Norma Carey,  
Lisa Conry

## Our Churches

1. Living Word Christian Church
2. Lone Mountain Baptist
3. New Song Church

Other Prayer Concerns...

