

# WELCOME

We hope and fully expect that you'll encounter God this morning and even meet a few warm-hearted people as well.

You can expect the service  
to last around an hour  
and a half.

# RESERVOIR FAMILIES

We're excited about your kids! We have designed special programming and services just for them that happen at the same time as the 9:30 AM service. Kids are also always welcome in the main services. For more info, contact [kim@reservoirchurch.org](mailto:kim@reservoirchurch.org).

**1<sup>st</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> graders:** Join us downstairs in the multipurpose room in the church basement (accessible from the chapel/bagel room).

**All other kids (0-18):** Join us across the parking lot in the Ministry Center.

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**Discovering the love of God, the joy of living, and the gift of community.**

# TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

## OPENING WORSHIP

Song: *Oh Love That Will Not Let Me Go*

Our worship leader will pray for us, and our band will lead us in a song.

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SERMON

## MUSICAL WORSHIP, PRAYER, AND ARTS

Song: *God I Look To You*

Song: *Heroes*

You'll have the chance to receive healing prayer in the back right of the room, if you like. You're welcome to engage with our art table on the right side of the room.

## COMMUNION

Song: *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

All are welcome to receive Communion.

Gluten free and juice options are available in the back left of the room.

## FINAL SONG

Song: *Leaning On The Everlasting Arms*

Our band will lead us in a final song. An offering basket will be passed during this time. If you're new, please don't give!

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DECEMBER 2, 2018

9:30 & 11:30 A.M.

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**Matthew 1:16-25 (CEB)**

<sup>16</sup>Jacob was the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary—of whom Jesus was born, who is called the Christ.

<sup>17</sup>So there were fourteen generations from Abraham to David, fourteen generations from David to the exile to Babylon, and fourteen generations from the exile to Babylon to the Christ. <sup>18</sup>This is how the birth of Jesus Christ took place. When Mary his mother was engaged to Joseph, before they were married, she became pregnant by the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup>Joseph her husband was a righteous man. Because he didn't want to humiliate her, he decided to call off their engagement quietly. <sup>20</sup>As he was thinking about this, an angel from the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, don't be afraid to take Mary as your wife, because the child she carries was conceived by the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup>She will give birth to a son, and you will call him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

<sup>22</sup>Now all of this took place so that what the Lord had spoken through the prophet would be fulfilled:

*<sup>23</sup>Look! A virgin will become pregnant and give birth to a son, And they will call him, Emmanuel.*

<sup>24</sup>When Joseph woke up, he did just as an angel from God commanded and took Mary as his wife. <sup>25</sup>But he didn't have sexual relations with her until she gave birth to a son. Joseph called him Jesus.

**Dreaming of God with Us In Our Disappointment**

First in the Series "Light in the Darkness"

STEVE WATSON

Try This:

**1) An Invitation to Whole Life Flourishing:**

Who or what in your life seems most gripped by disappointment? Pray for that person or situation to be interrupted by God's holy shift in perspective, for a waking up to hope and for courage to keep walking and working in hope.

**2) Spiritual Practice of the Week:**

Spend a few minutes each morning or evening meditating on the meaning of Emmanuel—God with Us — to you in this season.

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