



Christmas

Through the Eyes of a Child

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Have you ever watched a child's face light up on Christmas morning? Their eyes go wide, and everything feels like pure magic. That's the wonder we want to recapture this December with our sermon series: "Christmas Through the Eyes of a Child."

Week 1: When Everything Feels Like Magic (December 7)

Remember when Christmas felt absolutely magical? That's how the shepherds felt when the sky exploded with angels. That's how Mary felt when Gabriel told her she'd have God's baby. But we've heard these stories so many times they can start to feel ordinary. This week, we're asking God to give us fresh eyes—to help us see the Christmas story like we're hearing it for the very first time. Because God becoming a baby should never feel boring.

Week 2: The Best Kind of Waiting (December 14)

Kids are the best at anticipation. They count down the days and can barely sleep on Christmas Eve. God's people waited 400 years for Jesus. Simeon and Anna waited their entire lives to see the Messiah. But they didn't wait with dread—they waited with hope, believing God would keep His promises. This Sunday, we'll talk about waiting well—not just for Christmas Day, but for Jesus to come back. Watching with hope instead of anxiety.

Week 3: Seeing What Jesus Sees (December 21)

Jesus, who created the universe, chose to experience it as a helpless baby. Think about what baby Jesus saw—a feeding trough instead of a crib, barn animals, poor parents far from home. He felt cold and hunger. The God who made eyes was now seeing through human eyes for the first time. He saw our messy, broken, beautiful world—and chose it anyway. Because of Christmas, we know God understands exactly what we're going through.

Week 4: Trusting Like a Kid (December 28)

Kids believe the best is still ahead. They don't carry years of disappointment—they just believe. Jesus said we need to become like children to enter God's kingdom—full of trust, hope, and expectation.

As we head into the new year, we have a choice: will we carry Christmas hope forward, or let cynicism steal our joy? This final Sunday, we'll talk about embracing the future with childlike trust—believing that with God, the best really is yet to come.

**Join us every Sunday in December as we rediscover
Christmas through the eyes of a child.
Let's see the miracle together.**



Jim Gibson

Preaching & Discipleship Minister

CHRISTMAS KICKOFF SERVICE

one worship service

10:00am sunday december 7



*50+ Christmas Cookie
Decorating Class*

*December 17th @ 6pm
\$25 per person*

Sign up at the Welcome Center

Christmas Candlelight Service

Sunday, Dec. 21 @ 7pm

FCC KIDS

CURRENT SERIES:



Many families hit the road during the Christmas season, whether it's to visit loved ones or take a much-needed break. It's a time-honored tradition—one that might even be traced back to the first Christmas when a bright star dropped a pin on a special location to guide people to the birthplace of the savior. In this 4-week series, kids will learn that **God gives people to guide us, God gives hope to guide us, God gives a Savior to guide us, and God gives direction to guide us.**

2025 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, December 6

FFA Polar Passport
Kids' Passport Challenge

12:00pm - 5:00pm
Various Local Businesses

PTO Dinner and a Movie with Santa

5:00pm - 7:00pm
Elementary Cafetorium

Christmas Minis Family Photos

5:00pm - 7:00pm
Elementary Cafetorium

Christmas Horse Carriage Rides

5:00pm - 9:00pm
Superintendent / Ag Parking Lot
Hot Chocolate For Sale by Sophomore Class

Sunday, December 7

Jeanette Sheriff Christmas Parade

6:00pm
Lineup at 5pm by
Competition Gym
Free Hot Chocolate by the Feed Mill Restaurant

Village Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

6:45pm
or following the
parade
South Park

Cookies and Kids Gifts with Santa & Mrs. Claus

7:30pm
following the
tree lighting
firehouse

ON-GOING CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

Christmas Wreath Decorating Contest

River Hills Bank Kids Coloring Contest

Clingers Mini Mart Christmas Memory Tree

****MORE DETAILS ON EACH EVENT WILL BE POSTED ON FACEBOOK PAGE!****

SNOWFLAKE SOCIAL

JANUARY 17TH 2PM-5PM

CRAFTS, HOT COCOA,
POPCORN, AND A MOVIE!

FREE!

ALL CHILDREN MUST BE
ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

HELD AT THE FELICITY
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

HOSTED BY THE MEET ME IN
FELICITY COMMITTEE



PLEASE have all
submissions for the January
newsletter submitted before
December 28th!



Check out the church's website:
www.felicitychurch.org

Open your camera and point it at the QR code. Make sure to hold your phone steady so your camera can recognize it! Once it does, a notification will show up that links you to the correct website.



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| 2 | Jerry Fisher | 19 | Douglas Fancher |
| 3 | Tammy Disque | 24 | David Diesel |
| | Sarah Fancher | 25 | Happy Birthday |
| 8 | Julia Stinchcombe | | Jesus |
| 9 | Bethany Anderson | 26 | Jim Gibson |
| 10 | Matthew Ninichuck | | Dave Schwettman |
| 13 | Debbie Fancher | 27 | Joseph Disque |
| 14 | Belinda Nort | | Piper Eling |
| 15 | Maddison Richey | 29 | Adam Carnahan |
| 17 | Noelle Boeckmann | 31 | JR Richey |

Don't see your birthday here? Be sure to contact the office to update your personal information!

Thank you

Thanks to everyone who helped with the meal and the church.

The Family of Wayne Cossens



| | Attendance | Offering |
|----------------|-------------------|------------------|
| 11/2 | 194 | \$9156.60 |
| 11/9 | 187 | \$5722.40 |
| 11/16 | 214 | \$4853.27 |
| 11/23 | 228 | \$6195.50 |
| 11/30 | 179 | \$8076.03 |
| Average | 200 | \$6800.76 |



December invites us to slow down and remember the heart of Christmas—not the hurry, but the hope. This month's reading plan walks through the story of Advent and the birth of Jesus, helping us rediscover the wonder of God stepping into our world. As you read from the prophets, the Gospels, and the New Testament letters, let these scriptures prepare your heart, steady your spirit, and renew your joy. May each passage draw you closer to the One who is our light, our peace, and our Savior.



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| 1. Isaiah 9:1-7 | 17. John 1:9-14 |
| 2. Micah 5:1-5a | 18. Philippians 2:5-11 |
| 3. John 1:1-5 | 19. Hebrews 1:1-4 |
| 4. Luke 1:5-25 | 20. Galatians 4:4-7 |
| 5. Luke 1:26-38 | 21. 1 John 1:1-4 |
| 6. Luke 1:39-45 | 22. Titus 3:3-7 |
| 7. Luke 1:46-56 | 23. Psalm 98 |
| 8. Matthew 1:18-25 | 24. Luke 2:21-35 |
| 9. Luke 1:57-66 | 25. Luke 2:36-40 |
| 10. Luke 1:67-80 | 26. Matthew 2:13-23 |
| 11. Isaiah 40:1-11 | 27. Isaiah 60:1-6 |
| 12. Psalm 24 | 28. John 3:16-21 |
| 13. Luke 2:1-7 | 29. Romans 5:1-11 |
| 14. Luke 2:8-14 | 30. 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 |
| 15. Luke 2:15-20 | 31. Revelation 21:1-5 |
| 16. Matthew 2:1-12 | |