

Crossing Cultures International
David and Mindy Nelson



MEXICO

Please continue to pray for the Arnolds as they are in Spanish language school. Continue to pray for them in the areas of retention, usage of the language, and assimilation of the culture.

HAITI

Praise the Lord that after several delays that were beyond their control, Pastor Calixte and several volunteers from his church and the local ministry of CCI were finally able to organize the transportation and distribution of the donated food items to families in need in Les Cayes following the devastating earthquake there earlier this year

VIETNAM

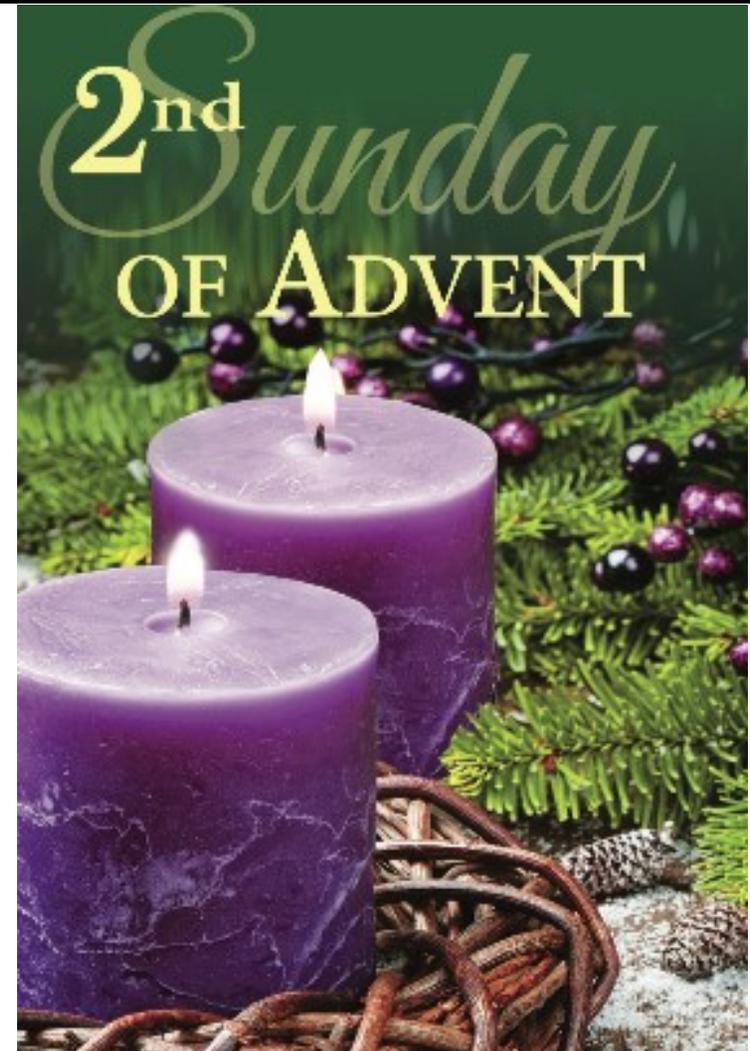
Pray for Pastor Thuong's wife. She has a thyroid tumor and has been hospitalized for treatment. Pray that the doctors will be able to determine the appropriate treatment for her.



December 5, 2021

10:30 A.M.

What Child is This?



Order of Service

Announcements

Welcome

Preparation for Worship

-----God's Greatness-----

Call To Worship

“What Child is This?/This is our God”Moffitt/Smith/Cottrell

Prayer of Invocation

Lighting of Advent* Wreath— The Bethlehem Candle

Song of Praise

“Light of the World(Sing Hallelujah)”. Cash/Bergthold

Children are dismissed to Sunday School.

----- God's Renewal-----

Scripture Warning: Matthew 5:17, 20

Public Confession

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort: Romans 8:38-39

Song of Renewal

“He Who is Mighty” Elliot/DeGraide

-----God's Grace-----

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:8–14 (ESV) Matthew 2:6–12 (ESV)

Prayer

The Sermon

“What Child is This?”

Hymn: “Your Name” (Christmas Version). Baloché/Packiam

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Prayer of Approach

Scripture Reading: Mark 14:22-25 (Optional)

Holy Communion

-----God's Blessing-----

Parting Hymn

“What Child is This?”. Traditional

Benediction

God's Gracious Provision 11/28/2021

Attendance: 36

Offering: \$2675.00

Your offering may be place in the box at the Welcome Table.

An Advent Prayer by Scotty Smith

“Dear Lord Jesus, Advent has just begun, and I am praying it will be a season marked more by hush than rush. If I’m going to be busy with anything, may it be with quieting my heart, focusing my gaze, and setting my affection on things above—especially on you—the Author and Perfecter of my faith; the Source and Lord of my salvation; the Fountain and Fullness of all Grace.

“Grant me the same intensity and care the prophets invested in searching out the promises of your coming. May old Scriptures come alive in profoundly new ways during this Advent season. Jesus, show me more of yourself throughout the Bible. Humble and gladden my heart with the realization that the prophets were serving me—even me, when they spoke of your coming, your sufferings, and the glories that would follow.

“And if angels were on ‘tiptoes with joy’—as they pondered your coming—so renew my awe and joy as well. I will never cease giving you thanks for those you sent into my life to preach the gospel to me, by the power of the Holy Spirit. I will ever praise and worship you, Lord Jesus, for granting me the knowledge of my need and a love for yourself. Apart from the new birth, I would forever be a prisoner to my old life. O, come, O come Immanuel, and bring even greater freedom to my heart, and glory to yourself. So a very Amen I pray, in the wonders of your love and the trustworthiness of your name.”



What Child is This?

*This, this is Christ the King
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary!*

What Kind of King?

Savior, Christ, and Lord—Jesus was given the highest titles that can be given

What Child is This?

*Why lies He in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?*

What Child is This?

Nails, spears shall pierce him through . . .”

What Child is This?

*So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh;
Come, peasant, king, to own Him!*
Gold: The King of Metals
Incense: The Worship of God
Myrrh: The Gift of Death

What is your response to the Christ Child who is?

Offer him your gifts, as the wise men did. Offer him your gold, your incense, and your myrrh.

- Begin with your myrrh. Myrrh is not only a symbol of Christ’s death, it is also a symbol of the spiritual death that should come to you for your sin.
- Come to Jesus with your incense. Incense symbolizes worship, and you need to worship him as your Savior and Lord. It also symbolizes the offering up of your life.
- Bring your gold. When you offer your gold, you acknowledge the right of Christ to rule in your life. Say, “I am your servant. Direct my life and make me strong to serve you and others for your sake.”

Upcoming Events

Sunday, December 5 6:30-8:00 P.M. Young Adult Bible Study at the home of the Deicherts.

Tuesday, December 7 6:30-8 P.M. Youth Group will meet at the home of the Deicherts.

Sunday, December 12 Ladies Night Out 5:00 P.M. At the home of Pastor Rick and Barb. A light supper will be served.

Saturday, December 18 8:00 A.M Men’s Breakfast at the home of Pastor Rick

Sunday, December 19 6:15-7:15 P.M. House of Prayer
GCC Prayer Gathering for youth and adults—1300 High St.

Tuesday, December 21 6-9 P.M. Norco Carnival of Lights and Christmas Party at the Deicherts. Bring a white elephant gift. Cost: \$14.00

Friday, December 24 7:00 P.M. GCC Christmas Eve Service

Friday, January 7 to Sunday, January 9 Young Adult Retreat at the Inn of Hope at SPADE international. For ages 17-30. see Deana Deichert for more information.

Looking Ahead: February 25-27 Youth Winter Retreat

Everyone is invited to join with the elders in prayer every Sunday from 9:30-10:00 A.M.

***Lighting the Advent Wreath** originated in Germany in the nineteenth century, based on a Roman custom of the ceremonial entrance of a ruler to a province or city as his ‘advent’ (from the Latin *adventus*: ‘arrival’). The wreath consists of four candles placed in the wreath itself and one candle in the center. One candle is lit the first Sunday of Advent. Two are lit the 2nd Sunday, and so on. Each of the candles has special significance: The first is the Prophecy candle; the second is the Bethlehem candle; the third is the Angels’ candle; the 4th is the Shepherds’ candle; and the center candle is the Christ candle, lit on Christmas Eve.



Prayer/Praise.December 5, 2021

- Praise that Lisa and Dave Frame's nephew, Robert, is home and doing well, and Gladys, Dave's mother, is home and feeling better. Pray for his father, Bob Frame, who is still in the hospital and getting monoclonal treatment. Pray for a quick recovery.
- Pray for Daisy Roth's Aunt Anita, who is doing much better and down to 2L of oxygen. She is doing PT to regain strength. Praise God she is saved.
- Pray for Marcie Nettleton, who had a heart attack. Praise that she is back at home.
- Pray for Ashley Adams, who had surgery at Brandywine Hospital on November 26th for a dislocated knee. Pray for relief from pain and healing for Ashley.
- Pray for Rindy Lee's sister's family. Rindy's nephew, Jim, may have kidney cancer. Rindy's sister, Liz, has lost movement in her right arm. Rindy's niece, Beth and her family are recovering from Covid. Praise that all have faith in Jesus.
- Pray for Donna Jenkins' nephew, Evan James, who has a very rare disease, CDA. Pray for healing for Evan and wisdom for his doctors.
- Praise that Jill Aument's cousin, Craig, is doing much better! Greg Aument is spending time with Craig, which is a great help for Craig.
- Pray for Austin, stepson of Lorraine Blanski's niece. Pray for strength and a positive outlook with PT and fitting for his prostheses. Pray for Austin as he navigates his surroundings and his new life.
- Pray for Lorraine Blanski's sister-in-law Kathy, who is still in the hospital. Kathy had two serious surgeries but still is not eating. Kathy was on a ventilator but is now breathing on her own. Pray for God's healing and wisdom for her doctors. Pray for salvation for my brother and sister-in-law.
- Pray for Denny Bartchak. Denny fell and broke an arm and fractured his jaw. Pray for healing from this accident and that he will be able to have the procedure to get the results of his cancer treatments.
- Pray for Justine Schumaker. Pray for healing for Justine through her chemotherapy treatment.

Message

The Songs of Advent “What Child Is This”

Luke 2:8–14 (ESV)

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹²And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

Matthew 2:6–12 (ESV)

“ ‘And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.’ ” ⁷Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” ⁹After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

What child is this?

*Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping?*

That the message came to shepherds first, and not to the high and mighty, reminds us that God comes to the needy, the poor in spirit.