

Sunday 21 December 2025



SERMON TOPIC:	Why Christ is worth living for
BIBLE TEXT:	John 1:14-18
PREACHER:	Chris Pretorius
ELDER ON DUTY:	Jacob du Toit
OFFERINGS:	
1st Collection:	The work of the Church
2nd Collection:	Diaconate

Christmas: The Sovereign Grace of God Made Visible

Christmas proclaims the glorious truth that God, in His sovereign mercy, sent His Son into the world to save His people. The incarnation was not a response to human initiative, but the unfolding of God's eternal plan of redemption. "When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son" (Galatians 4:4).

In the birth of Jesus Christ, we see the humility of God's saving work. The Son of God took on our flesh, fully God and fully man, in order to fulfil the law, we could not keep and to bear the judgment we deserved. From the manger to the cross, Christ's mission was clear: to redeem sinners by grace alone.

Christmas therefore calls us not to sentimentality, but to reverent worship and thankful obedience. We rejoice not simply because a child was born, but because a Saviour was given.

All glory belongs to God, who has acted decisively for our salvation in Jesus Christ.

"Thanks be to God for His inexpressible gift" (2 Corinthians 9:15).



Merry Christmas!

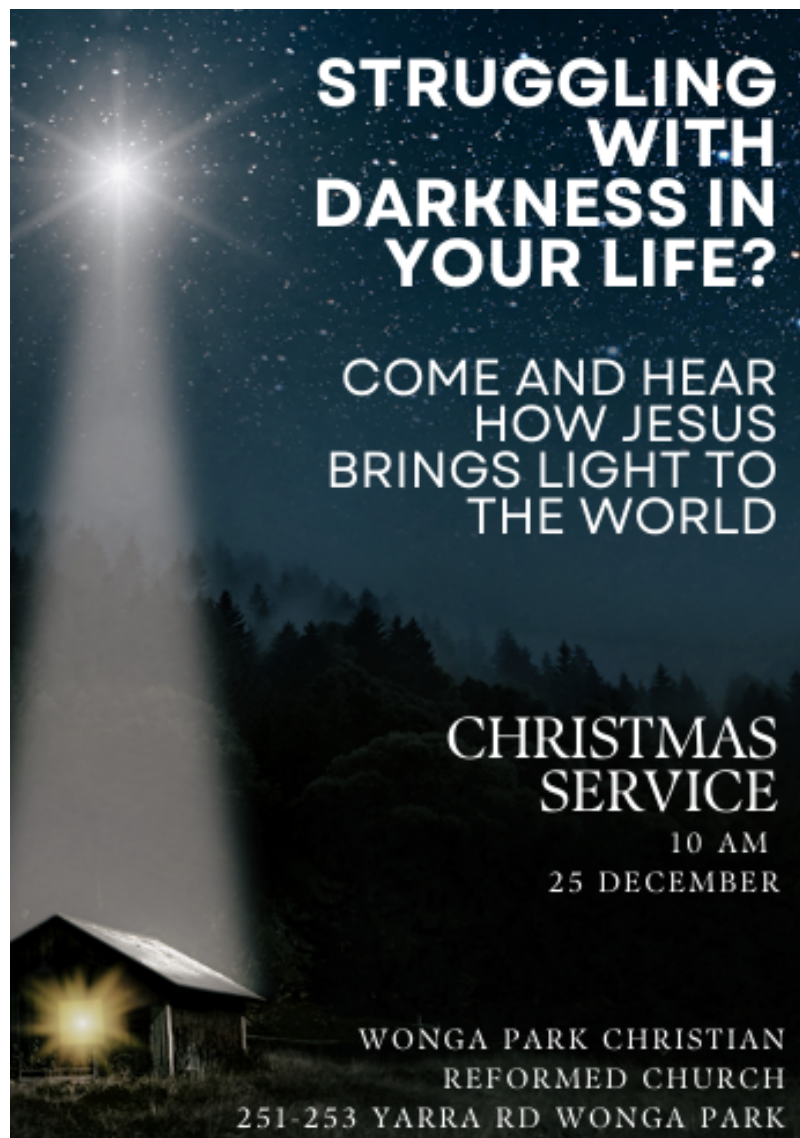
ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Dining Room Mission

Joyce is looking for contributions of some roast vegetables for the meal on the 23rd of December. She know it is short notice, but would love to hear from anyone who can help in this regard on either of these dates.

Please contact Joyce van Veen

Please take flyers for our Christmas service to share with your family, friends and neighbours.



Our Giving, an Act of Worship

In our Church we have two offerings every Sunday. The first goes toward the ministry of this congregation. The second offering goes toward various Christian causes. This week our second offering is for the Diaconate.

If you would like to support the work of you can do so by in Church giving - simply add your offering to the bag at the back of Church or by bank transfer -

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If using bank transfer please indicate whether it is for the first offering "Sun1" or second offering "Sun 2" in the reference line. Or you can give online via our Church app

<https://wpcrc.org.au/give>

This week's **PRAYER POINTS**

A prayer less soul is a Christ less soul. Charles Spurgeon

Personal **PRAYER POINTS**

As we go into the coming week let us daily pray;

Giving praise to our God and his Son our Lord Jesus Christ who came so that we might be called the children of God.

But to all who did receive him, he gave them the right to be children of God, to those who believe in his name, who were born, not of natural descent, or of the will of the flesh, or of the will of man, but of God. (John 1:12-13 CSB)

Give thanks to God for not abandoning us to the fate that we deserve but instead moved heaven and earth to redeem us and welcome us into his kingdom.

Congregational **PRAYER POINTS**

Please pray for all those who are lonely, far from family and loved ones or may not even have family for whom this time of year can be very difficult.

Pray for those of us who have lost loved ones during the past year and who's chair will be empty this Christmas.

Pray for those who are going away on holidays, pray for safety during their travels and that they will all arrive home safe and well in due time.

Local & Global **PRAYER POINTS**

Pray for the persecuted church as their sufferings tend to intensify during this festive period, pray that the Lord our God will watch over them and protect them.

Pray for our nation especially in light of what happened in Bondi last Sunday, pray that our governments will be wise in their response.

Pray for peace on earth and goodwill to all people in the coming year.

Please pray for our brothers and sisters in DRC.

Islamic State Central Africa Province (ISCAP) has claimed the killing of 64 Christians in north-eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) in the past two weeks. The claims were made on Islamic State (IS, ISIS, ISIL, Daesh) social media channels and reported by the Terrorism Research & Analysis Consortium. All 64 deaths resulted from terrorist attacks in the Lubero District of North Kivu Province.

In the most deadly incident on 25 November, ISCAP reported that "the soldiers of the Caliphate attacked a cluster of Christian villages in the vicinity of the town of Vuyinga [leading to] the slaughter of 16 Christians, and the flight of the rest from the area, praise be to God". ISCAP has claimed the killing of at least 780 "infidel Christians" since Christmas 2024. Barnabas Aid is working with project partners in north-eastern DRC to support the survivors of previous ISCAP attacks in the region, as well as those impacted by violence waged by M23 rebels and other armed groups.

How you can pray

Intercede for the survivors of these recent attacks along with the wider Christian community of north-eastern DRC. Ask that the Lord will preserve their faith despite the suffering that they continually endure. Pray that He will bring in end to the Islamist campaign of terror being waged across the region.

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Sermon NOTES

Bible passage:

Date:



Something
that shines
from the
passage



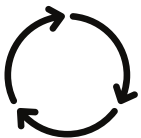
Anything
hard to
understand
or any
questions



Personal
application
for your life



Theme of
passage



How does it
fit with other
passages in
the Bible



Who will you
tell about
what you have
learnt?

Discussion **QUESTIONS**

- What stands out to you about the statement, “The Word became flesh and dwelt among us”? Why do you think this matters?
- How does this passage change the way you picture what God is like?
- Which phrase or idea in these verses helps you most to love Jesus more?
- What do you think John means when he says Jesus is “full of grace and truth”?
- Why do you think John emphasises that no one has ever seen God, but Jesus has made him known?
- What does “grace upon grace” suggest about how God relates to us over time?
- How is Jesus different from seeing God mainly as law, rules, or expectations?
- In what ways might people admire Jesus without really loving him?
- How does looking at Jesus help renew our minds and shape how we live?
- What would it look like for you to “look again at Jesus” this week?

Helping HANDS

	21 December	25 December	28 December
Preacher	Chris Pretorius	Chris Pretorius	Chris Pretorius
Elder on Duty	Jacob du Toit	Kasha Schubert	Martin
Prayer Leader	Herman D	Kasha Schubert	Martin
Music Leader	Inge	Mia	Brendina
Children's Talk	Lize	Janette	Sarah
Bible Reader	Brady	Mari	Salme
Sound	Nic	Nina	Nina
Visuals	Ene	Isaac	Salme
Broadcasting	Pieter	James	Christo
Sunday School	No Sunday School	No Sunday School	No Sunday school
Coffee	van Staden Family		Lynette Pretorius & Nelleke Arnold

Upcoming BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY



Josiah Lao 19 December
Sarah Pretorius 22 December
Conrad du Toit 26 December

Roger Fernando 6 January
Ruben Pretorius 12 January
Natasha Hibma 13 January
Rachel Viljoen 14 January
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