



*"To know and to worship Jesus Christ,
and to make Him known."*

Join us Sunday, December 18th for our Sunday School Christmas Presentation and Soup & Sandwich Luncheon!

Last Name: **A-D** Sandwiches; **E-K** Cheese/Pickles;
L-R Buns/Deli Meat; **S-Y** Dessert

December 11, 2022

Mark Your Calendar

December 17th: Sunday School Christmas Practice 10:30 am

December 18th: Sunday School Christmas Presentation/Luncheon

December 25th: Christmas Service

December 31st: New Years Gathering

PRAYER CORNER

Church Family
Rita Durston

Sister Church:
Grace Church
Newmarket, Ontario

Pastor:
Rev. Louis Scheepers



Awana Club is hosted at Parkside Gospel Church every Wednesday evening from 6:30 -8:00 pm.

This Week's Theme:
Family Pizza Party

Christmas Hampers

We will be collecting hamper items for the Diack Family, the Ives Family, the Sevigny Family and Kennedy & Josiah. Please bring non-perishable items or gifts on December 18th to fill their baskets!

We will also be doing a money gift for our 10 missionaries that Parkside supports. This is a Christmas money gift that goes straight to our missionaries and is not tax receiptable. We will have a collection box at the church or money can be given to Colleen Buhler, Sarah Buhler or Carma Bankert. Collection deadline is December 25th.

Care Groups this week...

Mom's Morning Out-Tuesday, December 13th at 9:30 am at Parkland Crossing

Pastor Tim's Bible Study-Thursday, December 15th at 6:30 pm at Herbert & Shandi Ives' Home

Youth Group-Friday, December 16th at 7:30-10:00 pm at Grace Baptist Church-Christmas Party (Bring a gift under \$5 for gift exchange)

Notice

Due to the nature of how we at Parkside Gospel Church deliver our Sunday Worship Services, we advise that your attendance at our in-person services may result in your photo or video appearing on our social media channels.

ELDERS

Ken Foster
Ken Buhler
Clint Thiessen
Regan Gray
Menno Thiessen

DEACONS

Philip Buhler
Joan Mckinnon
Stan Barstch
Charlotte Barstch
Ginny Yeo
Stephen Yeo

STEWARDS

Peter Schulz
Hans Myhre
Herbert Ives
Ken Wainwright

ADMIN ASSISTANT

Karyn Mayuk

TREASURER

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Sermon Notes

Myths of Christmas - Matthew 1:18-2:12 / Luke 2:1-7

1. **Myth** – “a popular _____ or tradition that has grown up around something or someone.” (Merriam-Webster)
2. Where have myth and truth been woven together in our understanding of the birth of Jesus?
3. Asking questions is how we learn, but all the answers in the world will not open the eyes of the spiritually _____ – that is a working that only God can do.
4. “The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot _____ them, because they are _____ discerned.” (1 Corinthians 2:14, NIV84)
5. At the heart of the incarnation is the understanding that Jesus is, “Immanuel,” “_____,” who has come to save His people from their sins.
6. The popular depiction of the events leading up to the _____ are wreathed in myth.
7. To better appreciate, and more fully comprehend, the biblical narrative, it helps to know a bit about the _____ in which these things took place.
8. _____ is, and has been, a central tenant of most middle eastern cultures.
9. For the people of Israel, hospitality found it’s ultimate expression in God’s own _____ and _____.
10. God commanded that His people should be hospitable, not just to one another, but to the _____ and _____ in their midst as well.
11. To _____ to extend hospitality to those in need, was to indulge in sin.
12. In contrast to the typical depiction of the incarnation, it is very _____ that Jesus was born the same day that Mary and Joseph arrived in Bethlehem.
13. From a western cultural perspective, it makes sense that Joseph may not have been able to find a room to stay in ... but it is _____ in view of the culture of hospitality that existed in the east.
14. The word, “inn,” found at the end of verse seven, is better understood as a “_____,” in a private home.
15. Due to the numbers of people returning to Bethlehem during the census, the guest room in the house in which Mary and Joseph were going to stay, was already _____.
16. Therefore, room was made for them on the _____, instead, and the infant, Jesus, was laid in a manger for His own protection.
17. While these things may change our traditional depictions of the birth narrative, they don’t in any way detract from the _____ that was occurring.
18. The good news of the incarnation is still this: that *The Word became _____ and made his _____ among us. ...* (John 1:14, NIV84)

Thank you to all who participated in the Christmas party last Sunday.

Thank you for the snow ploughing; to the decorating team and the program team, the technical people and to those who served the punch and hosted. Thank you to those who served and cleaned up the dinner and dessert and for all the great food that each of you brought.

We were blessed to be able to gather together to have fun and eat and sing.