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We are so glad that you are able to join us for worship today! We are a church for the whole family and thank God for your presence as we praise and seek God together. If you have any questions, please stop by the info table on the patio and we'll be glad to help.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6



December 18, 2022

Advent Candle of Love - Bruce and Julie Huebner

Advent Scripture Reading - Peggy Parrish

Scripture Reading - Lisa Raser

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MESSAGE OUTLINE
Light of the Lord - Love
Mike McClenahan - Senior Pastor

Isaiah 7:10-16 (NIV)

<sup>10</sup>Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, <sup>11</sup>"Ask the Lord your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights."

<sup>12</sup>But Ahaz said, "I will not ask; I will not put the Lord to the test."

<sup>13</sup>Then Isaiah said, "Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of humans? Will you try the patience of my God also?
<sup>14</sup>Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. <sup>15</sup>He will be eating curds and honey when he knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right, <sup>16</sup>for before the boy knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right, the land of the two kings you dread will be laid waste.



#### 1. Love as the persistent voice of God.

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz

This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. 19 Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. 20 But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup>She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." <sup>22</sup>All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: <sup>23</sup>"The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us"). <sup>24</sup>When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. <sup>25</sup>But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus. Matthew 1:18-25 (NIV)

#### 2. Love as the invitation from God.

"Ask the Lord your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights."

"It will not take place. If you do not stand firm in your faith, you will not stand at all." Isaiah 7:9

#### 3. Love as the presence of God.

"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel..."

Hear us, Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock. You who sit enthroned between the cherubim, shine forth <sup>2</sup>before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh. Awaken your might; come and save us. <sup>3</sup>Restore us, O God; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved. <sup>4</sup>How long, Lord God Almighty, will your anger smolder against the prayers of your people? <sup>5</sup>You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have made them drink tears by the bowlful. <sup>6</sup>You have made us an object of derision to our neighbors, and our enemies mock us. <sup>7</sup>Restore us, God Almighty; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved. *Psalm 80:1–19 (NIV)* 

#### **NOTES:**

#### LIFE TOGETHER

Christmas Eve Services / December 24 / 1:00PM, 3:00PM & 5:00PM Celebrate the birth of Jesus with us in the Sanctuary, on the Patio and Online!

#### Christmas Day / December 25 / 10:00AM

Merry Christmas! Join us online for a replay of the Christmas Eve service at 10:00AM. Our Christmas Concert will also be available online for all to enjoy.

#### New Year's Day / January 1 / 10:00AM

Happy New Year! Join us in the Sanctuary, on the Patio and Online for our first worship service of the new year including communion.

#### **LOOKING AHEAD**

January 15th - New Members Seminar

January 22nd - Congregational Meeting

January 22nd - Small Groups Winter Session Begins

February 8th - Wellness Night

February 12th - Party on the Patio

February 25th - All Church Spiritual Formation Retreat

March 12th - Community Serve Day

#### YEAR-END GIVING

Please consider making a year-end gift to support the ministries and missions of SBPC. December is our largest giving month, and we rely on the generous tithes and year-end gifts to meet our budget and continue to be the church God has called us to be. Go online at solanabeach.church/giving or contact Christy Ogden.

Thank you for shining the Light of the Lord in giving, praying and serving during this season!

#### WE WOULD LIKE TO PRAY FOR YOU

**In-Person:** After the message, come and be prayed for by our Deacon Prayer Team or use the prayer card to write your request.

**Online:** Submit a request at solanabeach.church/prayer or by clicking the REQUEST PRAYER button during the livestream.

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# Christmas Eve Services

# **December 24, 2022**

Celebrate the birth of Jesus with us in the Sanctuary, Patio and Online!

# 1:00pm 3:00pm 5:00pm

## **Christmas Day**

Enjoy the day to celebrate Jesus. Join us online for a replay of the Christmas Eve service at 10:00AM. Our Christmas Concert will also be available online for all to enjoy.

## New Year's Day

Join us in celebrating the new year at worship at our regular time, 10:00AM. On campus and online.



















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