



There's a special wonder that comes from being together at a Christmas candlelight service.

In this beautiful one-hour event we'll sing favorite carols, hear amazing music, light candles, and meditate on the profound meaning of Christ's birth. Join us--and bring your family and friends for this annual tradition!

#### **Saturday, December 21**

Candlelight Service - 6:00 PM

Remembering Service - 7:15 PM (A special service for those grieving a loss.)

#### **Sunday, December 22**

Candlelight Services - 9:00 & 11:00 AM

#### **Monday, December 23**

Candlelight Services - 4:30 & 6:00 PM

#### **Tuesday, December 24th**

Candlelight Services - 3:00, 4:30 & 6:00 PM

Servicio de Velas - 6:00 PM (Spanish)

Program for kids ages infant through 5 (we encourage older kids to attend the service with their family).

Details at [tlc.org/christmas](https://tlc.org/christmas)

# **Welcome Home**

**Twin Lakes Church 12/14 & 12/15, 2024**  
**Saturday 6pm Sunday 9 & 11am**

We have a place for you! There are thriving groups for kids, teens, college, young marrieds, seniors, recovery, grief support, and more! Visit [tlc.org](https://tlc.org) for details.

#### **NEW?**

We have a gift for you! Meet us at the **After Party** sign in the lobby.

#### **THIS WEEKEND**

- "Unwrapping the Names of Christmas" part 3
- TLC Kids Christmas Pageant in all services!

#### **NEXT WEEKEND**

- 10 Candlelight services?! Yes! Info on back page!
- Volunteer as a greeter or kids helper: [tlc.org/christmas](https://tlc.org/christmas)
- Grab invite cards in the lobby and bring friends!

#### **IN THREE WEEKS**

- New series for the New Year: "How Joyful People Think"

#### **Get Connected**

To be included in the TLC prayer letter, visit [tlc.org/prayer](https://tlc.org/prayer)  
To give your offering, use the boxes in the lobby or visit [tlc.org/give](https://tlc.org/give)  
Sign up for our weekly email newsletter at [tlc.org/newsletter](https://tlc.org/newsletter)





## Week 3: Immanuel

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Behold, the virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call Him **Immanuel**" (which means, "**God with us**"). Matthew 1:22-23 (See Isaiah 7:14)

### Jesus is "God with us..." in three key ways:

#### 1. Jesus is with me in my \_\_\_\_\_

Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, **you are there**; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. Psalm 139:7

(Jesus) "The Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." Luke 19:10

#### 2. Jesus is with me in my \_\_\_\_\_

He Himself has said: "**Never will I leave you**, never will I forsake you." So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?" Hebrews 13:5-6

"Fear not, for **I am with you**; Be not afraid, for I am your God. I will strengthen you. I will help you. I will uphold you with My righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10

#### 3. Jesus is with me in my \_\_\_\_\_

"I am **with you always**, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:20 (See Matt. 25:40)

## QUESTIONS *For personal reflection or group discussion*

1. Read Matthew 1:23. Fifty times in his Gospel, Matthew quotes the Old Testament, with the words: "All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet..."

How does it build your faith to know that Jesus was prophesied centuries before his birth?

What does this tell you about the plans of God?

2. Take some time to think back over your life: How have you experienced Jesus as Immanuel, "God with you"?

3. Read Hebrews 1:1-3. If Jesus is "the exact representation of God's being," as this verse says, what does Jesus teach me about what God is like? Think of some specific things Jesus did, and ways he interacted with people.

How does this encourage you today?

4. Look back over the points from the message notes. Which of these points -- Jesus is with me when I struggle, sorrow, serve, and sin -- helps you right now? How so?

*As you go through your day today, say these words to yourself: "God is with me," and see what difference that truth makes.*

### STAY ON MESSAGE

Get free daily 3-minute devotional videos that tie into each weekend's message! Sign up at [tlc.org/devo](https://tlc.org/devo)