

*Kenai Christian Church  
News  
December 2019*

**COME JOIN US DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>  
FOR CANDLELIGHT SERVICE AT  
5:30 PM**



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# UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN

## HOLDING A NEWBORN BABY

Do yourself a favor this Christmas: make the Christmas story come alive! Make it real for yourself and those you know. How? Hold a newborn baby. Yes, you heard me correctly, hold a newborn baby. And as you do, peer deep into the face and eyes of that baby with awe and wonder. Take note of how that precious child is entirely dependent on you and trusts you with their safety. Look at how perfectly crafted their tiny hands are. Smell that newborn smell that will quickly be gone within a matter of days. Be mesmerized by the pure innocence of that baby. Listen to every sound that baby makes as he or she snuggles and squirms in your embrace. And as you take all of those senses and observations in, look one last time and say to yourself, "This is exactly how Jesus came into the world to save me." It should give you chills if you meditate long enough on that thought!

## A CHILD IS BORN

Isaiah the Prophet said, "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. Of the greatness of His government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over His kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this." (Isaiah 9:6-7) And then 700 years after that prophesy, Mary gave birth to a newborn baby boy.

She held Him and looked at Him just as you do when you hold a baby for the first time. The moment had to be surreal as Joseph upheld his promise to stay with Mary as the Angel of the Lord informed him to do. So, Joseph too held the newborn baby with pure joy.

## JESUS WAS ALWAYS THERE

Make sure that you don't miss this very important piece of the Christmas story: Jesus was always there. Only now, He had taken on a new form. For the first time in history, Jesus was wearing the skin that He had created in the Garden of Eden! Why? Because this was the only way to defeat sin and death. Listen again to how Paul described this moment, "Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to His own advantage; rather, He made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!" (Philippians 2:6-8) Paul reminds us that though Jesus had everything, He gave it all up for the Mission. Paul also tells us to have the same mindset: humility, servanthood, mission-minded. Now go back and hold that newborn again and be marveled!

Merry Christmas,  
Adam



# YOUTH NEWS

## Celebrations:

- ⇒ Students continue to take steps to grow in their faith by using their gifts/talents to serve God and others. We have a student who began training on the sound board for Sunday mornings. It's exciting to see students take steps like this, finding ways to use their talents for God.
- ⇒ Our Nerf War for students went well! We had about 35 students running around, while many nerf darts were flying through the air. There were no major injuries which is a serious win in my book. Lots of students seemed to enjoy the night and couldn't wait for another Nerf War.
- ⇒ College boxes have been packed and shipped! I've already heard back from some of the people that received one saying thank you and that they like their box! Thank you to all who donated supplies so we could send some encouragement to our people off at school who won't be able to come home for Thanksgiving.

## Upcoming Stuff:

- ⇒ Our annual **Christmas Party** is coming up again for the youth! We're having a Christmas party for the middle school and high school students at Dave & Susie Knudsen's house on Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. For all students in Middle school, the party is from **5:30PM-7:30PM**. Then for High School, the party is from **7:30PM-9:30PM**. If you have any questions about this event, feel free to contact Caleb!



*For God so loved the world that He  
gave His only begotten Son, that  
whoever believes in Him should not  
perish but have everlasting life.  
John 3:16*



# MISSIONS

## About PCM:

We assist Polish Christians in becoming healthy, growing, self-supporting, and reproducing congregations. We do this by planting churches, providing resources and building friendships.

We are currently supporting 27 churches and 4 mission stations in Poland.

## Please pray for PCM:

- \* \$15K still needed for the brick wall project in Bielsk Podlaski.
- \* Wilanow church plant as they seek a new meeting place.
- \* The CSM school of music/worship as they seek a building of their own.
- \* Pat Howard, the chairman of PCM's Board of Directors, as he is being treated for Transverse Myelitis



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## KCC is partnered Poland in several ways:

- \* David Hatfield from PCM visited with us and spoke to KCC this past summer.
- \* Mark Cialek is organizing a trip to Poland through PCM in 2021 to share in celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> year of the Christian Church in Poland.
- \* On December 6, the KCC Mission Team will sponsor a Polish Christmas Dinner called "Wigilia" at The Friendship Mission. Please come and join us. Contact Randy at 398-4563.



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12.1 ELDER'S WORKSHOP (5:30PM)

12.8 CHRISTMAS TEA (AGES 2-KINDER)

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12.14 VMV SNEAK PEEK (10AM-12PM)

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12.21 YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY  
(MS: 5:30PM-7:30PM & HS: 7:30PM-9:30PM)

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12.22 FAMILY SUNDAY

12.22 EVENING SERVICES DISMISSED

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12.24 CANDLELIGHT SERVICE (5:30PM)

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12.25 EVENING SERVICES DISMISSED

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12.29 EVENING SERVICES DISMISSED



# *Announcements*



**CANDLELIGHT  
SERVICE**

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**Thanking God for the growth of His Kingdom!  
Travis Cecil was baptized on November 13th, 2019**