

Emmanuel

— GOD WITH US —

DECEMBER 17, 2023 | 9:30 AM WORSHIP

Over 2000 years ago, Jesus was born and named Emmanuel, meaning God with us. This isn't just a story from the past, and the presence of God isn't limited to a specific time or a chosen few. The baby born in Bethlehem is among us now. We rejoice in the daily presence of the King of Peace who turns darkness into light. He is now and forever, beginning and end, alpha and omega, Emmanuel—God With Us.

The Advent season is a time of anticipation and celebration of Jesus' birth. The term "advent" originates from the Latin word *adventus*, which means "arrival" or "coming." This sacred season symbolizes the promise of something extraordinary to come and encourages us to prepare for our greatest gift. As we lead up to Christmas, we light the candles of the Advent wreath on Sundays. These candles represent that Jesus is the Light of the World, and the evergreens serve as a reminder that He is life and brings life to all of us.

Third
Sunday of
Advent

O Come
**ALL YE
FAITHFUL**

Today we are joined by CPkids and CPLittles during the service as they lead us in worship singing "O Come, All Ye Faithful." We are thankful for the 135+ kids who attend these programs weekly!

TODAY AT CP

CPkids for K-6th | Fellowship Hall
CPLittles nursery ages 0-5 | Nursery
Sunday Study | 11 AM Worship Center
Christmas Choir | 11 AM Music Room
Rooted Sign Up | Lobby table
Winter Camp Info | Lobby table



IN THE LIBRARY

The CrossPoint library is open every Sunday!
Explore our large selection of Christmas books.

- Keeping Christmas / Remembering Christmas - Two novels by Dan Walsh
- A Christmas Memory: A novel by Richard Evans
- Christmas at Carnton by Tamera Alexander
- An Irish Country Christmas by Patrick Taylor
- Winter Solstice: A novel by Rosamunde Pilcher
- Silent Night: The true story behind the most popular Christmas carol - DVD
- Christmas after All: The diary of Minnie Swift - a novel for young readers by Kathryn Lasky
- God Gave Us Christmas / While Shepherds Watched - picture books for children

HIGH
SCHOOL



9TH-12TH
GRADES

WINTER CAMP



WHERE: MILE HIGH PINES

WHEN: JANUARY 19-21, 2024

CROSSPOINTCHINO.ORG/YTH

COST: \$150

SAVE THE DATE

Loft House Build in Ensenada, Mexico

Prebuild: February 10

Trip dates: February 23-25

Registration coming next week!



**CARRYING ON
THE VISION**



The Vision Campaign has received \$448,665 in pledges to date. We are deeply grateful for the wholehearted generosity of our community!

We have reached out to over 450 families outside of our current congregation who are currently connected (GEMS and Cadets families) or have been connected to CrossPoint. We are committed to extending this giving opportunity to as many people as possible.

We welcome a variety of contributions, including, but not limited to, monetary donations. If you are considering alternative forms of support such as stocks, land, or estate giving, we encourage you to reach out. Generosity can take many forms, and we are grateful for any contribution that aligns with your giving and financial goals.

As we look ahead to the new year, we are excited to see what God has in store for us. We invite you to join us in prayerfully considering a pledge to the Vision Campaign before January 1.

Find pledge cards in the seat pockets in the worship center and pledge today at the Vision Center or online at crosspointchino.org/pledge.

ROOTED NEW YEAR...SAME GOD

Being a disciple in the upcoming year means taking a fresh perspective on your faith journey. Rooted is a lot of wonderful things wrapped up into one. It's a Bible study. It's a small group. It includes a service experience and a prayer experience. It's great for people who are new to our church. It's great for people who have been here for a long time.

Almost one-third of our congregation has been through Rooted, but if you haven't had had a chance to do this and can't find a small group or a Bible study that's right for you during the week, then Rooted is the place for you. See Pastor Lon after the service, and join us for the next session of Rooted in the new year.

crosspointchino.org/rooted

**WINTER SESSION
BEGINS JANUARY 7**



Christmas at CrossPoint

Christmas Celebration Service
December 24 | 9:30 AM

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
December 24 | 5:00 PM

Invitation cards are here!

People are more likely to accept a personal invitation to church during Christmas than at any other time.

Take some invitation cards to carry with you this week and look for opportunities to invite people to Christmas at CrossPoint!

Welcome
Guests

Welcome to CrossPoint! We are excited to have you here and would love to meet you. Please visit Connection Point in the main lobby after the service, or fill out our Connection Card in your seat or via the QR code on the back page. Thank you for joining us for worship today!



The Presence | Don Porter, Lead Pastor

John 16:6-16

Jesus promises the continued presence of God through the _____.

The Holy Spirit ministers to you by...

1. Making you _____ alive. John 3:5-8
2. _____ you. John 16:8-11
3. _____ you. John 16:12-13
4. _____ Jesus in and through your life. John 16:6-16

“But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.

John 16:7

READINGS	M	John 10:1-10
	T	John 10:11-21
	W	John 10:22-40
	Th	Luke 1:26-38
	F	Luke 1:39-56
	Sa	Luke 1:57-80
	Su	John 10:1-30

- What was something in the Scriptures or message that made an impact on you? Explain.
- Read John 16:5-16. What do you think Jesus meant in verse 7? How is life better for us because of the Holy Spirit?
- Read John 15:5-16. What do you learn about the work of the Holy Spirit in your life?
- The message talked about how the Holy Spirit corrects us. Do you tend to be open to correction? How might you work alongside the Spirit in this area of your life?
- The message discussed the Holy Spirit's guidance. Share a moment when you felt guided by the Spirit. How you plan to collaborate with the Spirit in your life?
- The message highlighted four important statements about the Spirit's guidance. Can you recall these statements, identify the one that resonates with you, and share one way you plan to apply it to your life this week?