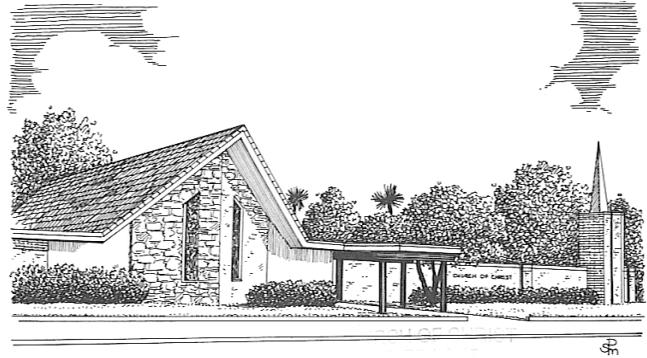


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## Merry Christmas

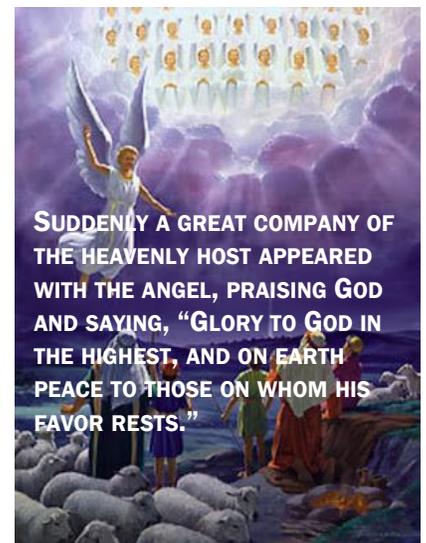
Christmas is here! It is Christ's mass, the Catholic-determined day of Jesus' birth. December 25 was chosen to stand in place of winter solstice, the yearly date when the length of daylight begins to increase until summer solstice. It has a host of traditions from around the world that are a blend of Catholicism and paganism. It mixes man-made traditions with Bible history.

From a Biblical and historical perspective, Christmas is not really a Christian holy day. But from a personal point of view, Christmas can be seen as a day of family togetherness, of long pleasant memories, of giving and receiving gifts, and even a time of recalling the real story of Jesus' birth. When all things are considered, the celebration of Christmas, or not, is a personal decision based on a personal opinion.

Every society has its holidays. Special days are not a matter of faith. As Paul wrote, **"One man considers one day more sacred than another; another man considers every day alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind"**(Romans 14:5). Paul's directive to Christians about personal opinions was to leave it to each person to do what he thinks is best without binding that opinion on anyone else. He went on to say, **"So whatever you believe about these things keep between yourself and God"** (Romans 14:22).

So, what is your opinion? Sorry I asked! We'll handle Christmas in our own personal way and respect those who might think differently. Wishing you a happy holiday.

Rick Cunningham, Big Spring, TX



**We have a commitment, empowered by the Holy Spirit,**  
**To give glory to God**  
**To be unified in reaching others**  
**To be living witnesses for Christ**

*Welcome to the  
Palm Springs Church of Christ*



Welcome friends! May the good tidings of great joy resonate in our hearts as we share our hearts with God and our friendship with one another.

**“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people. (Ephesians 6:18)”**

**Pray for our Church family:**

Pray for those who mourn: David and the Winings family; Wanda Goodenough and family; and Jeff Mercer. We ask that you pray for the improved health of: Mae Britton, Kerry Britton, Sue Collins, Phyllis Francis, Wanda Goodenough, Delores Jensen, Betty Johnson, Brenda Jones, John Leonard, Roy & Lucy McDonald, Jeff Mercer, Jerry Munn, Dail Paramore, and Francis Pati.

**Pray for family & friends:**

Please pray for Lynette as she continues to recover from surgery, Jerry and Camelia’s daughter Christy who is suffering with severe back problems and Russ and Barbara Galbreath’s daughter-in-law Carla who has a tumor on her brain and has recently been placed on hospice care. Pray for the improved health of: Mary Fields, Keith & Lisa Britton, Delores’ brother Len, Marjorie Counts, Kathy’s husband Kevin, Brianna Schaldweiler, Robert Gray, Derek Fields, Dail’s friends Marie and Teddy Kovack who is recovering from cancer surgery, Brenda’s son Uriah, Rossie Stansbury, and Wanda’s daughter Lynette.

**First responders:** Please keep those who are serving their communities in your prayers: Phyllis Francis’ extended family member Alisha K. (EMT). Dail Paramore and Stuart Huggins’ family members: Joanna Carter (Nurse), Luther Carter (Naval Officer), Jody Huggins and Jory Huggins (both are MI Patrol Officers). Jerry Munn’s sister, Dr. Janice Massey of N.C. If you have family members or friends you would like to add to this prayer list, please let Kathy know.

**Military:**

Jeff Mercer’s son-in-law Brandon Deusenberry, Glenn Fields, and Kathy’s family friends T. Burgess and T. Cairo.

**Prayer Warriors Corner**

Dear Lord thank You for all that we have in our life. We are truly blessed. Help us to always keep You in our hearts. Help us to look for opportunities to help others. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Power For Today: Paul Darety, December 2021

Read: Luke 7:1-10

**News:**

**Reminder:** Our new email address is: [pscoc@outlook.com](mailto:pscoc@outlook.com). Please discontinue using the @hotmail address as this it is no longer in use. Thank you.

*Individually wrapped communion supplies* are available for those who are not comfortable with in-person worship service and/or during temporary closures.

**In Search of the Lord’s Way:** Watch excellent Bible-based messages every Sunday, 7:30 a.m., on KCWQ, VHF channel 2 or UHF channel 26. Also Available ANY TIME online with You Tube. Just enter: SearchTVMinistry and pick a sermon.

**Scripture reading:  
Luke 2:8-20**

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.” When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.” So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them, But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

**Sermon Title:**

**“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”**

**Birthdays:** Jeff Mercer: 12/8

**Wedding Anniversaries:** J & C Munn: 12/28

**Worship service: Sunday @ 10:30 a.m.**

**Unvaccinated individuals are required to wear a mask or cloth face covering**

**Please bring your own bible**

While we will be having in-person worship service on Sunday mornings, we understand that there are still many of our number that are still not comfortable attending. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you, and that you are truly missed.

In the meantime, the expenses of maintaining the building, yard care, property insurance, utilities, etc. continue. If you can continue your financial support, please mail it to:

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God bless us all and bless our families and loved ones too.

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