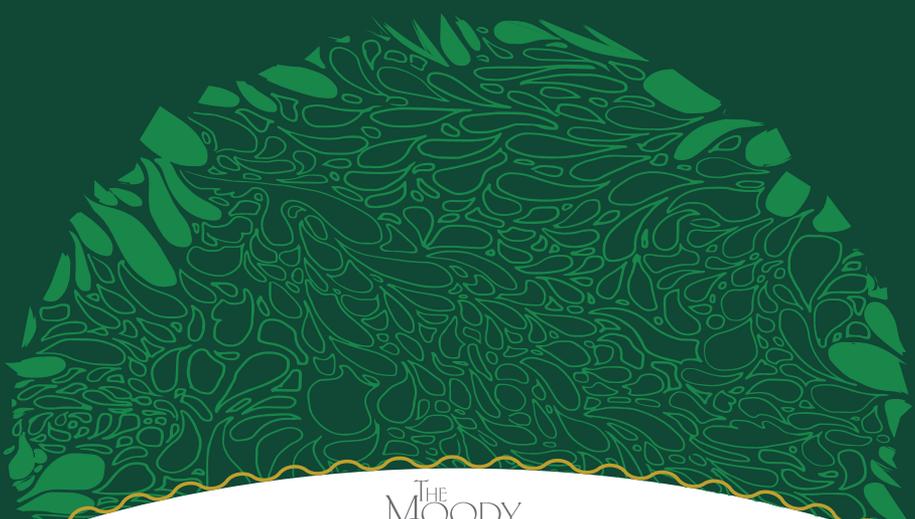




**the Greatness of
Christmas**



THE
MOODY
CHURCH
November 28, 2021

WELCOME

Thanks so much for worshiping with us today, whether you're joining us in person or online! We're a family committed to knowing, loving, and serving Jesus. If there is any way we can serve you, please let us know by emailing us at info@moodychurch.org. If you have questions about our current schedule, please check our [weekly calendar](#).

We consider it a privilege to pray for you. If you have a prayer request, please email prayer@moodychurch.org. If you would like to pray with a member of our Prayer Team after the service, Prayer Partners are standing by at the front of the Sanctuary or at 312.319.1570.



Philip Miller
Senior Pastor

PASTOR TO PEOPLE

I know we're barely past Thanksgiving, but today is the first week of Advent. The season of Advent is a time for the church to reflect and prepare our hearts for the significance of the coming of Jesus. Too often Christmas sneaks up on us and the stress of all we have to do dominates our hearts and minds. Advent is an invitation to slow down and meditate on the meaning of Christmas.

During this season, we'll be walking through four vignettes from the Gospel of Luke that surround Jesus' coming, in a series we're entitling *The Greatness of Christmas*. For those of you who would like to read along, here's our schedule:

- November 28: "Great Expectations" (Luke 1:26–38)
- December 5: "Great Things" (Luke 1:39–56)
- December 12: "Great Joy" (Luke 2:1–20)
- December 26: "Great Light" (Luke 2:22–38)

Oh, and since we're speaking of Christmas ... remember to mark your calendars!

- Our Christmas Concert will be December 12 at 6:00pm.
- Our Children's Chorus Christmas Program, *It All Happened in the Country*, will be December 19 at 10:00am.
- Our Christmas Eve Service will be December 24 at 6:00pm.

You won't want to miss these amazing opportunities to celebrate Christmas (and to invite a friend!). Christmas is a time when many people will come to church if you invite them. So let's make the most of that opportunity!

Let's pause and reflect on the wonder this Christmas! Jesus' coming means we are loved, more than we know.

BEYOND THESE DOORS

We give out of our abundance because God has been so generous with us through the love of Jesus Christ. We love because He first loved us!

Through the rest of 2021, our **Beyond These Doors** campaign will bless four of our ministry partners: *As Our Own, By The Hand Club For Kids, Kids Alive,* and *World Relief*. Each of these organizations is doing incredible work beyond our church doors—in our city and around the world. Every dollar given will go directly to these four ministries. As in years past, we're praying for an additional \$500,000 beyond our regular giving. This is an opportunity for us to show and share the love of Christ in a tangible way. **Will you join us?**

Whether you give online, mail in a gift, or use an offering envelope at one of our services, simply designate "Beyond These Doors." Would you prayerfully consider how the Lord is leading you to participate this year?

Info: moodychurch.org/btd



KIDS JAM

Friday December 3, 9:30am in Room 108

All children age five and younger (and parents/caregivers!) are invited to join us for Kids Jam. Come enjoy music, dancing, and rhythm together as young children gain an appreciation for music in this interactive learning environment. Each class time is followed by a snack with fellowship for the grown-ups while children play.

If you'd like a place to connect with other parents and enjoy music with your child, this is the place for you. Invite a friend and join in the fun!

The cost is just \$5 per family per visit and can be paid weekly at the door.

Info: moodychurch.org/kids-jam

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome Pastor Tim Stafford

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

“Immanuel”

Advent Reading “The Candle of Hope” The Next Chapter Community
Jay & Leanne Alverson, Harold & Phyllis Dahlstrand, and Oz Adame

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

“Come Adore the Humble King”

Come adore the humble King, lowly in the manger.
Fall before His majesty, hail the little Savior.
Hope what hope no tongue could tell, God has come with us to dwell.
His name is Emmanuel! O praise the humble King.

Come adore in humble state He the song of angels;
Join the wise who call His name, and with all creation.
Who, oh who would condescend? God unknown now calls us friend.
Love that none could comprehend! O praise the humble King.

Come adore the King who came to our world to save us;
Born to heal our prideful race, crown us with forgiveness.
Fall, oh fall before the one who in mercy left His throne.
Christ the Lord, God's only Son: His glories now we sing,
O praise the humble King.

Come adore, come adore, come adore the King.
Bow before, come adore the Name above all names.

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Pastoral Prayer Pastor Josue Reyes

“Fullness of Grace”

Message Pastor Philip Miller

Song of Response

Benediction Pastor Philip Miller

Live Prayer Team Please dial 312.319.1570 for prayer after the conclusion of the service.

SERMON NOTES

THE GREATNESS OF CHRISTMAS

Great Expectations

[Luke 1:26–38](#)

Pastor Philip Miller

The Savior of the World

The King of Israel

The Son of God

Takeaways: What must God be like...

- that He would choose such confinement?
- that He would slip in incognito?
- that He would arrive amidst scandal?

Watch this sermon again at moodychurch.org/sermons.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT *

Sundays beginning November 28

During the Advent season, we prepare our lives for the coming of the Lord. We begin with the tension of anticipation, reflected in songs like “O Come, O Come Emmanuel.” As the season progresses and more candles are lit, the music gets brighter and more joyful until Christmas Eve when we celebrate the coming of Jesus, the Light of the World, with hundreds of lit candles and many songs of joy. Throughout we are reminded to gratefully affirm that Christ has come, is present in the world today by His Holy Spirit, and will come again to reign on the earth.

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Saturday December 11, 11:00am in Clarkview

Invite friends and family to a Christmas event filled with wonderful fellowship, a delicious luncheon, beautiful Christmas music, and a clear presentation of the true meaning of Christmas. Tickets \$10 online or at the Women's Ministry Kiosk.

Info/Register: moodychurch.org/women

50TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT *

Sunday December 12, 6:00pm

Celebrate the Christmas season with The Moody Church at our annual Christmas Concert! This event is the highlight of our Christmas season, with classic carols and holiday favorites. Reserve your free tickets on our website. Join us!

Info: moodychurch.org/christmas

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM *

Sunday December 19, 10:00am

Is there really a big difference between the country and the city? Well, some city kids are about to find out! Join them as they come across some country cousin hospitality, experiencing new Christmas traditions and discovering just what happened on that Christmas night so long ago.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDELIGHT SERVICE *

Friday December 24, 6:00pm

Join us as we focus our attention on the real meaning of the season. We'll read from the Scriptures, sing favorite carols accompanied by a string ensemble, and reflect on Jesus' entry into the world. At the end of this simple and beautiful service, the entire Sanctuary will be filled with candlelight as we sing “Silent Night.”

Info: moodychurch.org/christmas-eve

**translated into American Sign Language (ASL)*

TODAY AT A GLANCE

8:30AM COMMUNITIES

[Fourth Watch](#): Room 103

[Light & Life](#): Room 107

[Sisters in Christ](#): Room 303

8:30AM

[Deaf Bible Study](#): Room 301

9:45AM

[TMC Kids \(infants to Pre-K\)](#): 2nd floor

10:00AM

[Sunday Morning Service](#): Sanctuary

[ASL Translation](#): Facebook

[Transmisión en Español](#): Facebook

10:30AM

[TMC Kids \(K–Grade 2\)](#): 2nd floor

11:15AM

[Connection Center](#)

11:30AM ADULT COMMUNITIES

[ATM](#): Room 305

[Fusion](#): Room 103

[International Friends](#): Room 112-D

[Veritas](#): Sankey Hall

3:00pm

Building closes

MEMBERSHIP CANDIDATES

Katrina Bruce

Elaina Chelstrom

Harold Dahlstrand

Phyllis Dahlstrand

Marlene Djossou

Tasha Griggs

Karl “KJ” Johnson

Nidia Johnson

Gregory Mitchell

Jonatan Abner Aquino Rivas

Chusdeep “Deep” Sharma

Shina Tognibo

Caleb Tolleson

The publishing of these names will verify the approval of the church body if no notice to the contrary is received via any of the Pastoral Staff as soon as possible.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY

[Women's Prayer Meeting](#): 7:00am, Zoom

TUESDAY

[Women's Prayer Meeting](#): 7:00am, Zoom

[Women's Precept Class](#): 9:30am, Room 108

[Fusion Prayer Meeting](#): 7:30pm, Zoom

WEDNESDAY

[Women's Prayer Meeting](#): 7:00am, Zoom

[AWANA](#): 6:30pm, 2nd floor & Sankey Hall
note: pre-registration required

[Thrive \(Jr High\)](#): 6:30pm, Room 309

[Revolution \(HS\)](#): 6:30pm, Room 308

[Prayer Meeting](#): 6:45pm, Zoom

[Int'l Friends Bible Study](#): 7:00pm, Zoom

[Reunión de Oración](#): 7:00pm, Zoom

THURSDAY

[Women's Prayer Meeting](#): 7:00am, Zoom

[College & Career](#): 6:30pm, Room 303

[Veritas](#): 6:30pm, Room 103

[Int'l Friends Bible Study](#): 7:00pm, Zoom

FRIDAY

[Women's Prayer Meeting](#): 7:00am, Zoom

[Kids Jam](#): 9:30am, Room 108

[First Friday Service](#): 6:30pm, Room 103

[Estudio Bíblico](#): 7:30pm, Zoom

SATURDAY

[Men's Praise & Prayer](#): 7:30am, Room 103

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