

**December 24, 2023**  
**Sermon Notes - Pastor Robert Johnson**  
*"Emmanuel, God With Us"*  
Matthew 1:18-23



**Intro: Christmas Lights In World of Darkness**

**First, GOD With Us (18-23)**

**Second, God WITH Us (21 & 23)**

**Third, God With US (23)**

December 24, 2023

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Thad Davis

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Isaiah 9:6-7*

**HPC CHOIR**

*Come To Us, O Promised One*  
with Children's Nativity

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES**

Rachel Archer

**SONGS OF WORSHIP**

*Joy Has Dawned*  
*Angels We Have Heard On High*

**PRAYER OF INTERCESSION**

**GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS**

*\*Please fill out the friendship folder found at the end of the row.*

*\*\*No Children's Church. We will resume back on Sunday, January 14.*

**SONG OF PREPARATION**

*Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery*

**SERMON**

*"Emmanuel, God With Us"*  
*Matthew 1:18-23*

Robert Johnson

**SONG OF RESPONSE**

*O Come O Come Emmanuel*

**BENEDICTION**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE TONIGHT AT 6:00 PM IN THE SANCTUARY.**

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL OR CHILDREN'S CHURCH** on Sunday, December 31 or January 7, 2024. We will resume back on Sunday, Jan. 14, 2024.

**MIDWEEK ACTIVITIES** will start back on Wednesday, January 10.

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED** on the following days: December 25, 26, and 29, as well as January 1, 2024.

*The office is open on Wednesday and Thursday, December 27 and 28.*

**PRIMETIMERS:** Due to unforeseen circumstances and church construction we will not meet in January. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 16, 2024.

**HPC 101:** Save the date - February 23-25. This class is for those who are interested in joining the church or learning more about HPC.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL FEEDBACK:** We want Sunday School to reflect our values of being biblical, Christ-centered, and reformed. All are invited to give feedback as it will be used for planning. Please help us understand how best to do that by providing some feedback through this form: <https://forms.gle/hGzwpvWavbKqA73R8>



**ADULT SPRING SUNDAY SCHOOL:** (14 Jan.—24 Mar.) Do you wake up wondering what next, or begin the bedtime routine worried what chaos will erupt tonight? As we begin a new season of life, we realize that being more purposeful with our habits helps to direct our heads, hearts, and hands. This study based on the book, Habits of the Household, will look at 10 habits from waking to bedtime for how to practice the story of God in everyday rhythms of family life. Go from getting through the day to parenting with purpose and finding meaning in discipleship at home. [www.habitsofthehousehold.com/](http://www.habitsofthehousehold.com/)

**2023 YEAR-END GIVING:** Year-end contributions must be made by Sunday, Dec. 31. You can give by adding your contribution to the tithing plate on Sunday mornings, mailing your check to the church office (must be postmarked by Dec. 31) or pay online by midnight on Dec. 31 at <https://www.hixsonpres.org/give>. If you have any questions, please contact Gary Suttle at 423-987-0053. Thank you.

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