



CHRISTMAS

AT HARMONY

READING PLAN

Monday, December 21

- Matthew 1:18-25
- Luke 1:26-56

Devotional Video: Pastor Andrew Wiese

Tuesday, December 22

- Luke 2:8-20

Devotional Video: Pastor Matt Mitchell

Wednesday, December 23

- Matthew 2:1-15

Devotional Video: Pastor Clay Baker

The devotional videos will be posted on harmonybiblechurch.org/christmas, Harmony's [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages, and pushed through our mobile app by 9 a.m. on their respective days!

Thursday, December 24

- Luke 2:1-7
- Isaiah 55:1-7

We're looking forward to celebrating with you tonight! We're holding three in-person services at our Danville Campus, all socially distanced. Join us at 2, 4, or 6 p.m. to worship and celebrate Jesus together! In addition to these in-person services, we're offering two livestream options. If you decide to join us virtually, you can do so on [Youtube](#) or [Facebook](#) at 4 or 6 p.m. Childcare is available for 10 month-4 year olds.

Friday, December 25

- John 1:1-18

Devotional from Pastor John DeLuca:

Merry Christmas! I imagine when you think of Christmas a number of different images and emotions come to mind. If you're like me, I would guess for many of you, things like Christmas trees, wrapped presents, lights, a big family meal, stockings, hot chocolate, a nativity scene, etc. can overwhelm the mind. Perhaps those images come with feelings of joy, hope, happiness, anticipation, or perhaps they come with feelings of sorrow as the holidays can so often be tied to difficult memories for many people.

As I consider Christmas 2020—a year that has provided many surprises along the way and has been a clear sign that mankind needs hope—I can't help but think about the surprise and the hope of what it is we celebrate today.

The surprise that the greatest gift of all time was not wrapped in fancy Christmas paper adorned with bows and ribbons laying under a beautiful Christmas tree, but was instead wrapped in humble swaddling cloths and laid in a manger. The surprise that Christ did not come as a conquering political leader and king with a legion of angels, but instead, "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us." He "dwelt among us" with the humblest of beginnings... an infant in an animal feeding trough.

Despite the surprise of this wonderful and gracious gift, the hope that we celebrate in it is truly beyond what any of us can imagine. Jesus Christ is the hope of the world. He is the greatest gift! There is no greater gift anyone can ever receive. Christmas is a reminder of the hope we have in Him! The hope that, "for by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God."

So today, brothers and sisters, remember and have hope. Remember the gift that was wrapped in swaddling cloths, that lived a perfect life on your behalf, and that died so you and I might live. Merry Christmas!

