



A Letter From Jim

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Dear McEachern Members and Friends,

To all God's beloved, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Well, the great day is almost here; this will be my last letter to you before Christmas Day.

For some people this is not a season of joy, but a season of sorrow. If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, a relationship, a job, or the death of a dream, I would like to encourage you to attend our Service of Comfort. This special service will be held this Sunday, December 23rd, at 6 p.m. in the Chapel.

Which Christmas Eve service are you attending? Remember that we are holding services at 5 p.m., 7 p.m., 9 p.m. and 11 p.m. Our 5 p.m. service is a family service, with the re-enactment of the Nativity Story. All services will have the traditional candle lighting service, with communion served at the 9 p.m. service. All Christmas Eve services will be held in the sanctuary.

Our worship service schedule will be slightly different on Sunday, December 30th. We will still hold our 8:15 and 9:30 services at their normal places. Our 11:00 services, however, will be a "blended" service. The Transformation and Traditional services will join together for worship in the sanctuary. This is largely in response to the repeated requests that we have had to hold more services of this type. You may remember that we held these services together when Robin preached his last service, and when I preached my first sermon here. The Sunday after Christmas is traditionally not well attended, so this will give us the opportunity to have a full house by combining the two services; that always makes worship more exciting. There will be participants from both services leading our combined service.

Most of us have probably heard that 90% of the people who make a profession of faith in Jesus Christ do so before their eighteenth birthday. But did you know that 84% of that 90% made their profession at a church camp? I would like to encourage you to consider sending your children to our camping ministry at Camp Glisson in Dahlonega. You can find more information at www.campglisson.org.

Almighty God, we give thanks for the great gift of yourself in Jesus Christ, whose birth we celebrate and whose coming we anticipate. Thank you for the season of Advent and the opportunity we have had to prepare for His coming. Grant us grace and strength in the days ahead to live as your disciples; may be only bring glory to your kingdom by our actions and words. We ask this in the name that is above all names; Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

God Bless,