



# We are CHURCH

# Ephesians 3:1-13

This morning we will journey together in Scripture to hear voices of “Christmas Past,” “Christmas Present,” and “Christmas Future.” We will consider how we fit into God’s program throughout history and how richly blessed we are to celebrate Christmas together in our day as Christ’s church!

Notes:



### Action Steps:

Receive Jesus / Relate with God and each other / Risk like Paul

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### Questions for Reflection:

- (1) What stood out to you the most from the message on how “We are Church”?
- (2) What is something you learned or thought about during this message that you had not before?
- (3) What questions do you have about God’s program in history after hearing this message?
- (4) Read Ephesians 3:6. How would the revealing of this “mystery” been so radical in Paul’s day? What difference should this mystery make in our lives today? (See also Colossians 1:24-29)
- (5) Read Ephesians 3:10-11. What do you think of the idea that the church is, as we discussed, “a university for angels”? What do you think about the church being an idea that magnifies the wisdom of God?
- (6) What is one way you think our church is pleasing God in the way we relate together? What is one way you think we can improve upon as a church in this area?
- (7) Read v. 13 and recall Paul’s great suffering for the gospel. Paul has risked his life for this gospel that brings all people together in Christ. What is one risk you have taken for the sake of the gospel? Explain.
- (8) What is one risk worth considering to take in order to advance the gospel? What might it look like for you to take this risk in the coming year?

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, thank you for fully including me in your family. I recognize and remember that I was once far off, excluded from your promises, without hope and without God. I celebrate that Jesus, through His death and resurrection, secured a way for me to join your family by trusting in Christ as my Savior. Thank you for your peace that makes it possible for your family to join together as one. I ask that you would tear down any walls in my heart so that I might extend your peace others, especially those who are from a different background than me. Help me to see others as you see them and to love others as you love them. Show me who I can affirm and encourage today. I ask that you would tear down any walls in my church that we might be a healthier body and a holier temple. Please continue to make our church a “house of prayer for all nations” and a powerful witness of your peace to our world. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. In Jesus’ name, Amen!