

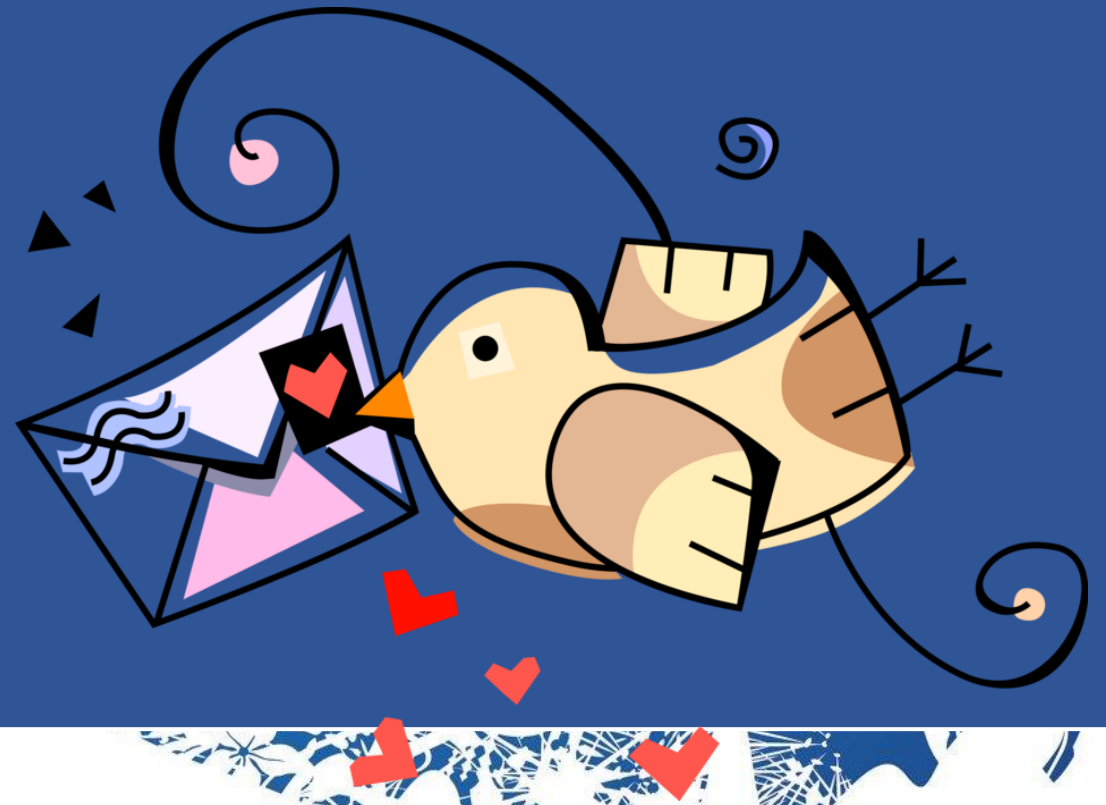


Welcome to  
Homestead Park  
United Methodist Church



Announcements  
~ This Week ~

Prayers and thoughts go out to  
Judy Pomnian.  
Please send her a  
card! Her address  
is in the directory.





**The Parkview Towers cookbooks will be available today after worship service. The cost is \$10. All proceeds will benefit tenant activities and events.**



**Today**

**- Worship**

**- Third Sunday of Advent - JOY**



**Tuesday - 12/14/21 - 7 pm Tuesday**  
**In the Word “Women in the Bible -**  
**The Widow of Zarephath”**  
**(Annex Fellowship Room upstairs)**

**Thursday 12/16/21 11 am**

**- Video and discussion Bible Study  
on How to Read the Bible for All Its  
Worth. (Sanctuary)**

**Saturday 12/18/21 9:30 am**

**- Homeless Lunch Prep**



# Announcements ~ Upcoming Events ~





**Sunday 12/19/21**

**- Homeless Lunch Delivery**

**Friday 12/24/21 7 pm**

**- Christmas Eve Candlelight  
Service**

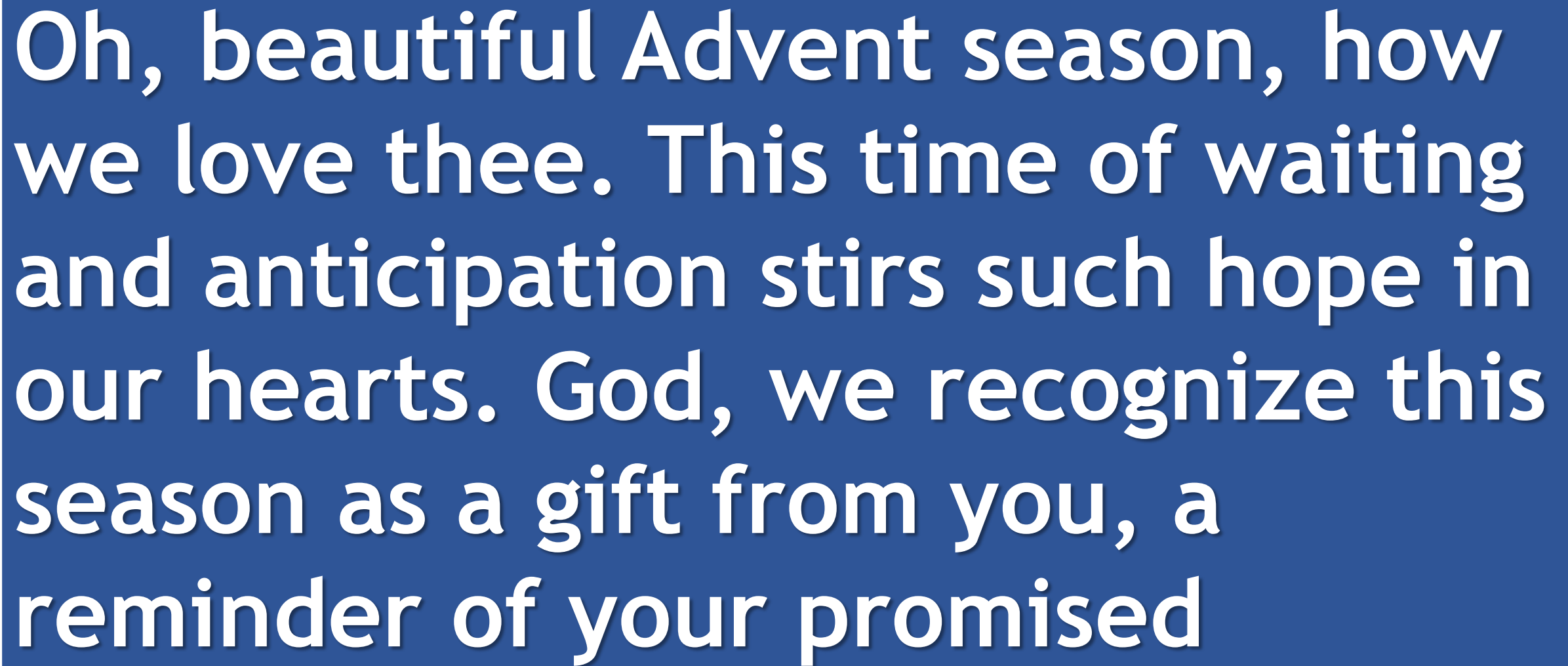


# Other Announcements



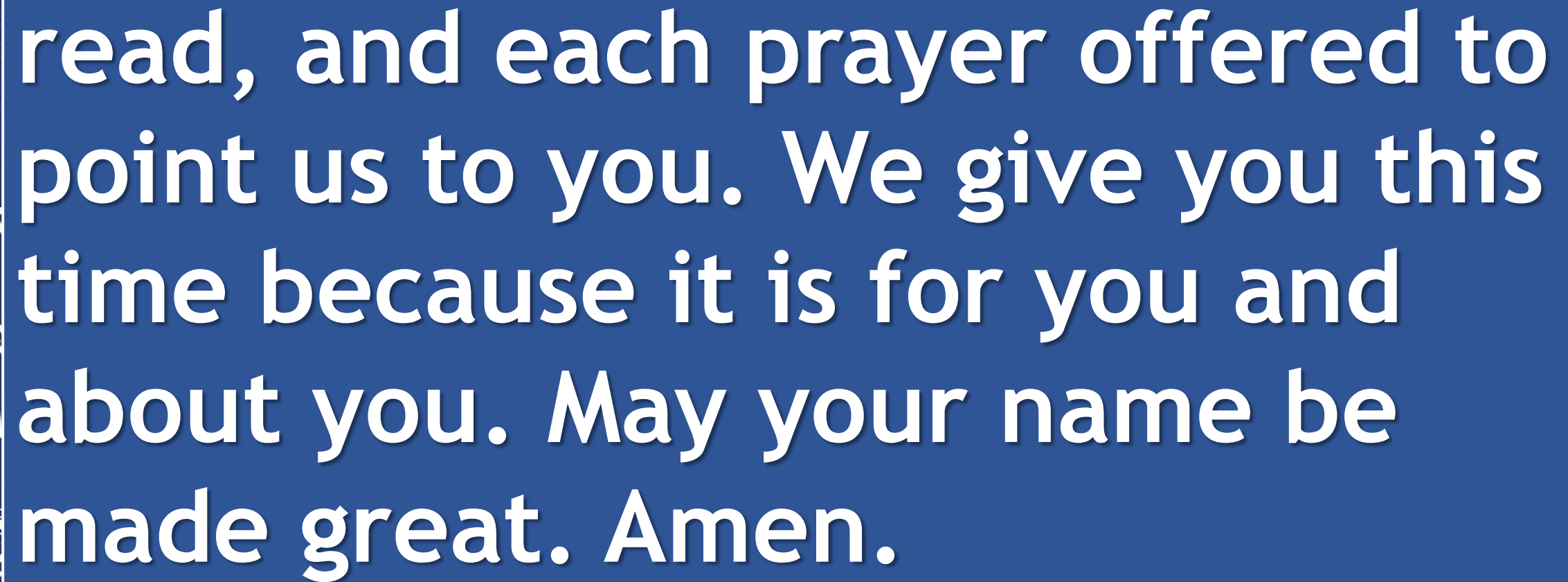
# Opening Prayer (unison)

(Please stand as you are able)



Oh, beautiful Advent season, how we love thee. This time of waiting and anticipation stirs such hope in our hearts. God, we recognize this season as a gift from you, a reminder of your promised

**Messiah come to save us. As we enter into worship today, fill us with exceeding great joy. Holy Spirit, guide our words, our songs and our actions. Allow each song that is sung, each Scripture that is**

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read, and each prayer offered to point us to you. We give you this time because it is for you and about you. May your name be made great. Amen.



# Call to Worship (responsive)

(Please stand as you are able)

Pastor: Come, joy,

People: Lighten our spirits.

Pastor: Come, hope,

People: Lift us from despair.

Pastor: Come, peace,



**People: Ease our frantic worry.**

**Pastor: Come, love,**

**People: Shine in all we do.**

**Pastor: Come, Jesus,**

**People: Be born in us.**

Pastor: Come, Lord,

People: Set us free.

Pastor: Come, God,

All: Rule in our hearts and teach  
us to sing with joy!



# Songs of Praise





# Lighting of the Advent Wreath

# ADVENT

HOPE PEACE JOY





# Children's Message



Church Center App



# Offering

Online Giving -  
[homesteadpark.churchcenter.com](http://homesteadpark.churchcenter.com)






# Doxology

(Please stand as you are able)

**Praise God from Whom all  
blessings flow. Praise Him all  
creatures here below. Praise  
Him above, ye, heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy  
Ghost. Amen.**



# Our Time of Prayer



# Prayers & Praises



# The Lord's Prayer


Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom  
come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in  
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread  
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive  
those who trespass against us. Lead us not  
into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.



# Song of Praise







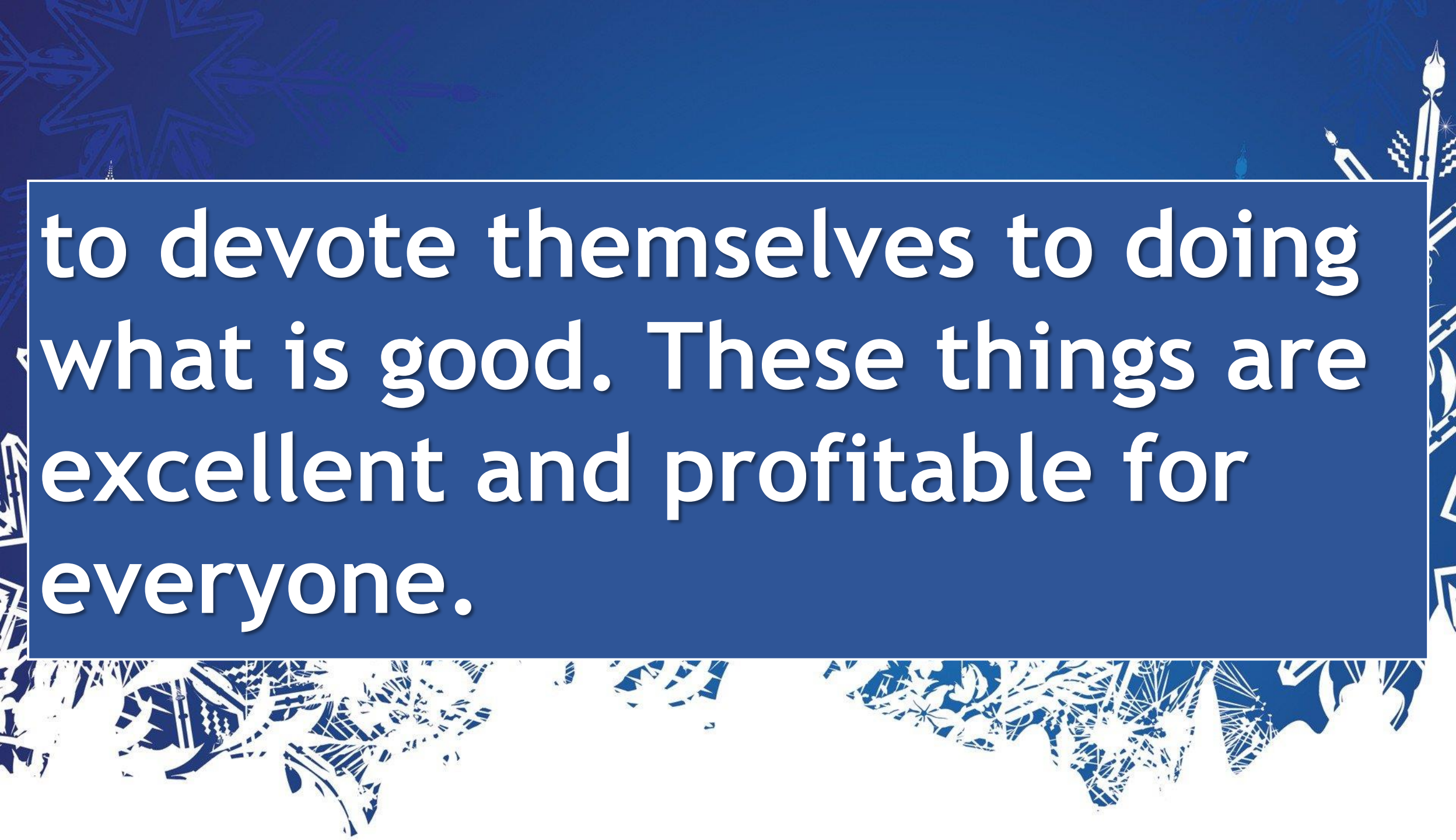
Our Scripture  
Titus 3: 3-8 NIV

<sup>3</sup> At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another.

<sup>4</sup> But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, <sup>5</sup> he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through

the washing of rebirth and  
renewal by the Holy Spirit,  
<sup>6</sup>whom he poured out on us  
generously through Jesus  
Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup>so that,  
having been justified by his

grace, we might become heirs  
having the hope of eternal life.  
8 This is a trustworthy saying.  
And I want you to stress these  
things, so that those who have  
trusted in God may be careful



to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone.

Message

The Most Important  
Christmas Fruit!

Pastor Don Kephart



Hymn #219  
What Child is This?



What child is this who, laid to  
rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with  
anthems sweet, while  
shepherds watch are keeping?

**This, this is Christ the King,  
whom shepherds guard and  
angels sing; haste, haste to  
bring him laud, the babe,  
the son of Mary.**

Why lies he in such mean  
estate where ox and ass are  
feeding? Good Christians, fear,  
for sinners here the silent  
Word is pleading.


**This, this is Christ the King,  
whom shepherds guard and  
angels sing; haste, haste to  
bring him laud, the babe,  
the son of Mary.**

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own him; the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.

**This, this is Christ the King,  
whom shepherds guard and  
angels sing; haste, haste to  
bring him laud, the babe,  
the son of Mary.**



# Benediction



Thank you for joining  
us in worship!