

Message Notes:

Carols

Message Title:

“The Greatest Present Is Presence”

Text:

Matthew 1:23

“Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel (which means ‘God with us’).” Is. 7:14, NLT

“The word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood.” John 1:14, MSG

“I want the presence of God Himself, or I don’t want anything at all to do with religion...I want all that God has or I don’t want any.” A.W. Tozar

Immanuel – God with us.

1. God was with us.
 - a. “I took you from tending sheep in the pasture and selected you to be the leader of my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you have gone...” 1 Chronicles 17:7-8, NLT
 - b. “But the Lord was with Joseph and showed him mercy, and He gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison.” Gen. 39:21, NKJV
2. God is with us.
 - a. “...and they will call him Immanuel, which means ‘God with us.’” Matthew 1:23, NLT
 - b. “The angel greeted Mary and said, ‘You are truly blessed! The Lord is with you.’” Luke 1:28, CEV
3. God will be with us.
 - a. “And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:20, NLT
 - b. “‘I am the Alpha and the Omega,’ says the Lord God, ‘who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.’”