

Living the journey together.

Advent '18-'19



JOHN 1:14

And the Word became flesh  
and dwelt among us, and we  
have seen His glory...

# THE DNA OF HARVESTDOWNTOWN |

We are a Christ-centered circle of believers with an outward focus.

 **COMMUNITY** | Always invited

 **WORSHIP** | Always worshipping

 **MISSION** | Always sent



**COVER** | "The Nativity" by Gari Melchers, circa 1891.

Bible references are in the English Standard Version, unless noted otherwise.

**WELCOME!** Thanks for joining us at HarvestDowntown! Whether you are new to the church, or have been a part of the church for a long time, I want to invite you into our community known as HarvestDowntown. We are a Christ-centered community that wants to see our city and world transformed by the power of Christ working through His Church.

We believe that everyone is invited into the Community of Christ and into relationship with God through Jesus. We believe that humanity is always worshiping someone or something—it's just a question of what or whom. We also believe that the follower of Jesus is always sent into the world to live in such a manner that others will see their lives and glorify our Father in heaven.



We value our children and want to provide a safe environment for them to also grow in their faith and if you remain a stranger, it will make it hard on them! If you want to know more or you are just intrigued, please introduce yourself to us. We would love to get to know you and help you find the right church that will inspire you to be a participant in the Body of Christ—His Church.

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Life Network..... [www.elifenetwork.com](http://www.elifenetwork.com)  
Springs Rescue Mission..... [www.springsrescuemission.org](http://www.springsrescuemission.org)  
International Students Inc..... [www.isionline.org](http://www.isionline.org)  
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# ROMANTICISM AND CHRISTMAS

Why is Christmas so romantic? What about Christmas screams, "Propose to her?"

Some say it is the snow – though it hardly ever snows on Christmas Day. Others say that it is all the twinkle lights – but there are lots of lights on Halloween and nobody seems to propose on that day. You might say it is because of all the family activities – but do I need to remind you that Christmas is the loneliest day of the year.

Why do we think Christmas is so romantic? Romanticism.



We like to remember things better than they were. Nostalgia. We like to imagine that it will one day be like that again. Romanticism. I would suggest that nostalgia and romanticism are killing the meaning of Christmas. Don't get me wrong – I appreciate the lights, the decorations, the family activities, and the gifts. I especially love watching kids light up when they are exposed to the wonder of it all.

But are we stifling the wonder of Christmas with romanticism and nostalgia? Why would any kid want to live in Bedford Falls, Pennsylvania? Or worse, visit Norman Rockwell? Do we really have to create a sense of wonder around Christmas with flashing lights, costumes, myths, and fancy paper?

Isn't the Incarnation itself enough to create a sense of wonder? Isn't the story of the first Christmas amazing enough without having to create a mythical fantasy to make girls and boys be good? Why can't the wonder of the Christmas Story stand alone? Romanticism.



I would argue that romanticism leads to sacramentalism. We put ridiculous pressures on one another because we think one day is more important or even holier than the others – “You better be home for Christmas!” What would happen if we put half as much effort into our families and significant relationships the other 364 days of the year as we do at Christmas?

Jesus did not come to exist as a human for a mere night – He came for a whole lifetime. He didn’t take on some romantic experience of peace and serenity – He lived in squalor, poverty, and pain. Not to romanticize pain, but Jesus did not hide from any part of the human condition. Incarnation. Incarnationalism is about



believing that the very presence of Jesus makes that place, time, and relationship holy. When the presence of Jesus is no longer there, you can’t keep running back to your nostalgia and try and repeat the holiness. We must continually engage in relationship with Him – He is continually knocking on the door of our hearts to come and be with us.

## INCARNATIONALISM IS ABOUT BELIEVING THAT THE VERY PRESENCE OF JESUS MAKES THAT PLACE, TIME, AND RELATIONSHIP HOLY.

I believe that it is important to remind one another of the events and significance of the first Christmas so that each person can experience the wonder of the Incarnation. When we see God of very God come and dwell as Man of very man – we are moved to a sense of awe. This is not an awe based upon nostalgia or romanticism, but an awe based upon the values of the Incarnation: God loves mankind. God entered mankind. God endured mankind. God gave Himself for mankind. God redeems mankind. God pursues mankind.

May your Christmas be filled with the presence of Jesus Himself and may His presence make your Christmas holy.

–Kurt Trempert

## COALESCING OR FADING AWAY

Wandering about the sculpture garden, I find myself meditating on the statues and monuments so meticulously placed about the premises. An artist's life's work and worldview portrayed so thoughtfully and carefully, to even perceive it seems an intrusion. Amongst the crafted beasts both real and mythic are several sculptures which seem unfinished—the artist notes that some people see in the twisted forms a master's hand forming something new, while others see entropy at work—something once important being unmade.



Wondering about my own pessimisms and doubts, my thoughts turn to the work to which I've been called: the empowering of fellow Christ-followers to translate the Bible into their own mother tongues. I just finished a month in Zambia, teaching Textual Criticism—the science of figuring out what was originally written in the books of the Bible—and I start to think about the nature of God's revelations and incarnations.

I also start to think about the inflammatory articles and posts flung about on social media. What do these online arguments say about how we view God and His Word? Is it true that modern translations are taking away from the real Bible? Is the KJV the only Bible with truth? Why is Biblica removing parts of the Lord's Prayer, or the story of the Eunuch, and even undermining the divinity of Christ himself?! Even outside of the textual issues of the Bible, have scholars liberalized the truth so as to make God Himself unrecognizable? Have we lost our saltiness? Are we lukewarm and being spat out the mouth of God?!



Is the truth of God something that is being eroded with time—fading into nothingness? The church a monument to lost faith?

When I think about one of our translation projects—a Bible, for the first time being read in a truly understandable way by a people who have never understood it—I simply cannot see it as a deconstruction. Our God is living and active—His Word, living and active. When a people embrace Jesus Christ in new ways—



understand who He is, in new ways—they are a part of something that is alive and active. The Incarnation is not just something that happened once. It is not something needing to be remembered darkly as our collective memory fades. Jesus is not a was—He is an is. He is!

In Ephesians 1, Paul declares that we followers of Christ are the fullness of Him who fills all in all—this beautiful statement reveals our present state as an incarnation of Jesus Christ Himself. When you seek God and are obedient to His guidance in your life, you are living in unity with God Himself, and you are a part of the abundant life God is breathing into the people all around you.

Do not lose heart—just as new translations of the Bible play a part in the ongoing formation of the Kingdom of God, so you too are a fresh expression



of Christ with the potential to be love, and mercy, and reconciliation. Your very life is a statement of truth being fashioned by God and spoken to everyone you meet. Let the Creator continue to form your life, and even while you are being shaped, you reveal the perfection of our Heavenly Father.

-Joel Brown

## COMPASS GROUPS

We want to connect every person and family to a Compass Group. Compass Groups are small groups that journey through life together. They meet regularly to visit with one other, study the Word, and pray for and serve others. We have several located around the city to center you on True North. Contact the leader of the group for the location and more details.

### DOWNTOWN

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### FOUNTAIN

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### NORTHEAST

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To have 120% of the church's monthly attendance engaged in Compass Groups

## THE VISION OF COMPASS GROUPS

If you are interested in starting up or hosting a HarvestDowntown Compass Group or if you have any general questions about our Compass Groups, please contact Victor Matos at victor@harvestdowntown.org.

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### LADIES' DAYTIME GROUP

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### LADIES' EVENING GROUP

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## THE PURPOSE OF COMPASS GROUPS

To love and invite our neighbors into a closer relationship with Christ.

## FRIEND OF SINNERS

“Look at Him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!” (Matthew 11:19)

In an attempt to defame Jesus, people observed something profound. They called him “a friend of sinners.”

God became flesh, dwelt among us, and even befriended us! What good news!

It gets even better. Because Christ lives in believers, God continues to befriend sinners through us. The same God who invited tax collectors in and ate with them is inviting high schoolers into HarvestDowntown every Wednesday at lunchtime for a bite of pizza and some conversation.



An incredible opportunity has been given to our church.

Just last week I was speaking with a high schooler that I have had the privilege of seeing on a couple occasions. Striking up small talk, I asked him what he would like to do after high school. He explained that he was interested in forensic science. This brought me to ask if he was okay with being around dead bodies. He said casually that he is quite comfortable with death. In fact he has seen death firsthand. Depression runs in his family and he has seen multiple family members commit suicide.

This sounds like someone who needs a friend. But not just any friend. He needs Jesus.

I hope that like Jesus, I can be called “a friend of sinners.”

Thank you, Lord, for allowing this church the honor of befriending these young people, hanging out just outside our church’s doors.

-Ben McFarland

# FELLOWSHIP DURING ADVENT

It is hard to believe, but the Christmas season is already upon us. From holiday music playing on the radio to merchandise displays at the stores, the holiday season is in vogue. However, as believers, we know that the Christmas or the Advent season encompasses a meaning deeper than giving and getting gifts, or enjoying a few days off from work or school. As a matter of fact, most Compass Groups will be taking a well-deserved break through the holiday season. However, whether you celebrate Christmas with your Compass Groups, neighbors or family members, make a point to incorporate the Advent season in your fellowship. Here are a few suggestions to help you celebrate Christ in community\*.

Have fun!

- Go caroling
- Do a white elephant gift exchange.
- Do an ornament exchange.
- Have a potluck with your favorite Christmas dish.
- Have a "favorite book" exchange.

Serve!

- Do you know of any families or individuals that may be in need? If so, serve them food and gifts.
- Contact your local Salvation Army and sign up to ring the bell.
- Contact other organizations in town and find out how you may help them.
- Write letters to service members who are deployed.

Regardless of what activities you choose to pursue remember that the younger generation should be included in your endeavors, and as appropriate invite their input. You will be amazed at the depth that our children possess. Lastly, as you celebrate the season, I encourage you to use Jesus' definition for family, "For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother," (Matt. 12:50). Let us celebrate the advent of Christ with the family of Christ, and make everyone feel that they are invited.

-Victor Matos

\* Reed, Ben. *15 Christmas Ideas for Your Small Group*. n.d. Blog. 18 11 2016.

# JESUS' REINCARNATIONS

We all know how God humbled himself by becoming human incarnate as a baby in a manger. As the incarnate God, He walked among us as Jesus for many years before being crucified. While many other belief systems would view this death as temporary, one of their solutions is the idea of reincarnation. Jesus didn't need rebirth because He was resurrected from the dead and eventually ascended into Heaven. So, while other religions say they have their significant figure still living today via an iterative reincarnation, where does that leave us as Christians?

Reincarnation isn't a new idea, and it was even around during Jesus' day. Many heard Jesus' teachings and thought to themselves, "Hey, this guy sounds a lot like Moses," or "Didn't Elijah do something similar?" Even John the Baptist got this treatment, mostly due to the idea of "spiritual successors." When a person embodies the concepts and ideas of someone before them, it can be an easy leap of logic for some to imply reincarnation is the reason for this similarity. After all, it's easy to grasp these concepts when we can put a familiar face and name to them.



There's still one huge limitation with reincarnation, though: it's a 1-for-1 transaction. If one person dies, they can't come back as multiple people at once. They can only come back as one person. This is where Christianity has the upper hand. Because the Holy Spirit lives in each of us, and the Holy Spirit is a part of God—just like Jesus is a part of God—then, in reality, we are all reincarnations of Jesus when we ask him into our lives. Granted, this isn't the physical "same person born into a new body" idea behind reincarnation but rather the spiritual "born again" idea that we've all heard from Jesus' teachings (John 3:1-14).

This "reincarnation" of Jesus, so to speak, was so extreme that, when the Christians were spreading out across the world, the term "Christian" was coined as a slur to refer to the individuals who were so countercultural as to be a nuisance to the rest of the world. They would turn the other cheek when accosted. They would love their enemies. They would even die for these beliefs. So much of Jesus' teaching goes against our human-based common sense that it can be easy to find these "reincarnations" of Jesus today.



“And when [Barnabas] had found [Saul], he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people. And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians.”

(Acts 11:26)

So, when people today either say that Jesus is dead, or that He’s just up in heaven, you can tell them that He’s still physically around. Of course, it helps to make this argument when the Church is the physical embodiment of Jesus’ teachings and ideas. Just like the people in Jesus’ time saw the similarities between two people who lived centuries apart, we should strive to live our lives in such a way that we are the incarnate representation of Jesus to our friends, neighbors, and community.

During the Christmas season, it’s easy to remind everyone that Jesus was born as a human and lived his life on this Earth millennia ago. He wasn’t just a baby in a manger, though. He was radical and embodied God’s love for His creation. We can remind those we encounter that Jesus can be experienced through each and every one of his followers. We don’t need to trek to Tibet to visit the 11th iteration of the one-and-only Jesus. We merely need to be the reincarnation of Jesus ourselves to experience that deep and overpowering presence of incarnate God and incarnate humanity through the power of the Holy Spirit. We need to be a multitude of lights in a dark, dark world.

-Benjamin M. Weilert



# THE WALLS OF JERUSALEM

Nehemiah's efforts to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem were successful as recounted in the first six chapters of the Book of Nehemiah. The workers completed the rebuilding tasks in 52 days. Following the construction tasks, he set about the next and perhaps more important portion of his mission-- revival in the city. Nehemiah recorded:

**"When all our enemies heard about this, all the surrounding nations were afraid and lost their self-confidence, because they realized that this work had been done with the help of our God."  
(Nehemiah 6:16, NIV)**

To recap from the previous column:

- Nehemiah sought God's assistance and favor
- He displayed physical and moral courage in the face of challenges
- He gathered resources and support
- He organized and planned carefully
- Finally, he acknowledged God as the provider and protector of the city

This column recounts how Nehemiah and Ezra rallied the citizens of the city to return to true worship, which Nehemiah saw as the true outcome for his work.



The more important portion of his work was accomplished along with the priest Ezra, who was a recognized expert in the Law of Moses. This task at hand was the revival of a spirit of worship and obedience within the population of Jerusalem. As it turns out, Artaxerxes, who had provided support for the building of Jerusalem's walls, also gave support for the repopulating of the city. He allowed any

people of the twelve tribes living in Babylon to return to Jerusalem. Ezra chapter 8 recounts the names of the many that traveled back with Ezra and Nehemiah. Chapter 7 notes that there were over 42,000 citizens who returned.

Upon reaching Jerusalem, the large company praised God for their safe passage, by way of burnt offerings. What Ezra learned upon his return to

the city was most distressing--the remnant of people who had lived in the city and surrounding area had intermarried with the indigenous people against the commandments of God. The distraught Ezra tore his clothes and hair and prayed for forgiveness for his people (Ezra 9). The people, seeing his contrition, realized their guilt for this and other sins.

The leadership decreed an assembly of all the family heads in the nation, and the people called for Ezra to bring out the Book of the Law of Moses to read from it. The assembly was part worship, part repentance, and part education. Nehemiah instructed, "This day is holy to the Lord your God. Do not mourn or weep." (Nehemiah 8:9) This first revival meeting lasted from daybreak until noon. For the seven days following, Ezra read from the Law and the people celebrated a revival in spirit.

By the end of the same month, the population gathered to repent of their sins. Those of Israelite descent had separated themselves from foreigners. For a quarter of the day, they read from the Law, and for another quarter they engaged in confession and worship. The Levites proclaimed psalms of praise and confession and the people were moved to confession and repentance.



Nehemiah, as governor, drew up a proclamation of repentance and promise of obedience to God's Laws. "We will not neglect the house of our God." (Nehemiah 10:39)

What can we learn from the actions of Nehemiah and Ezra?

- First, no great undertaking should begin without asking the blessing of God
- Next, God's power is apparent even to those who do not worship Him (like Artaxerxes)
- Small groups working together can accomplish a lot (recall that heads of families or neighborhoods were assigned a portion of the wall or a gate to rebuild)
- Finally, the people (us) need to periodically assess, confess and repent

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# THE WALLS OF JERUSALEM cont...

Notes on the "Walls of Jerusalem" at 411 N. Weber:

-Work is complete on stained glass with the expectation that it will last another 100 years or so

-Outdoor lights and sprinkler system were repaired (with thanks to Bill Phillips who did the work)

-The Church needs someone to become an expert in fixing the theater seats and be willing to repair them. The training should take about 10 minutes and the repairs aren't required very often

-The Church needs a Compass Group or two to undertake small half-day projects

-The Church needs someone from the first service who is willing to shovel snow in preparation for services if it snows on Saturday night/Sunday morning

-William Bayles



# WHAT'S UP WITH THOSE BANNERS?

## THE VINE AND THE BRANCHES

The banner depicting the Vine and the branches takes its primary inspiration from John 15 where Jesus states, "I am the Vine and you are the branches." This famous passage of scripture addresses His responsibility, our responsibility, the role of the Holy Spirit, and the Father's role. Certainly one can tell the kind of tree by the fruit it produces, and our tendency is to try and produce the right kind of fruit in order to not be cut off. However, it is not our responsibility to bear fruit – it is our responsibility to remain connected to the Vine. The production of fruit is a promise to all who abide in Him and who welcome the pruning work of the Father.

The second inspiration for this banner is the stained glass of the large round windows. Note that the continuous circle of the vine



that symbolizes the abiding responsibility of the church. The stained glass also demonstrates our interconnectedness as branches. The red circle in the middle captures the Life-blood of the Church – the sacrifice of Jesus.

The God-Man

## WHAT IS THE REASON FOR THE HOPE THAT IS WITHIN YOU?

The banner of the hand with the crossed fingers takes its inspiration from Colossians 1, Philippians 2, and the Gospels. The index finger represents the divinity of Christ while the middle finger represents His humanity. The two fingers are intertwined to demonstrate that He was one Person with two intertwined identities – the God-Man. The other description of this ancient symbol of Christ is that God's love and justice met in one event – the cross.

The three other fingers are positioned to form one circle representing the three Persons of the Godhead in perfect unity for all eternity.



## HARVESTDOWNTOWN

### NEIGHBORHOOD BRIDGES/DOWNTOWN EVENTS

#### INTERACTIVE NATIVITY

The Interactive Nativity is a longstanding Christmas bridge event of Harvest. Every year between December 21-23 Harvest invites people to witness the first Christmas by interacting with Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus, and all the live animals for a proper petting zoo.

For years people from all over Colorado Springs have come to Harvest during the Christmas season as part of their holiday traditions. We hope to engage the visitors and introduce them to the church community. The Interactive Nativity this year will run from 5-7 p.m.

Join us for one of two nostalgic Christmas Eve candlelight services at HarvestDowntown. The service times are 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

#### NOSTALGIC CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

#### HARVESTBOWL XXXVII

All ages and athletic abilities are invited to play touch football on HarvestBowl Sunday, February 3rd, 2-4 p.m. We will play across the street from church on the Palmer High School practice field next to the tennis courts.

Come on over to Harvest every Thursday to pray for our city. Prayer starts at 7:00 a.m. Switchback coffee will be served.

#### PRAYER FOR THE CITY THURSDAYS 7 AM





Sunday, February 3, will be Harvest's Annual Member Meeting. If you are a member or invested in the ministry at HarvestDowntown, please come with a dish to share. This Sunday will be a combined service. We'll have a breakfast potluck together at 9:30 a.m. After some eating and fellowship, we will begin the meeting at 10:30 a.m. We will wrap up and flow into a normal worship service.

## ANNUAL MEETING

### JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH COMPASS GROUP SUNDAYS @ 5 PM

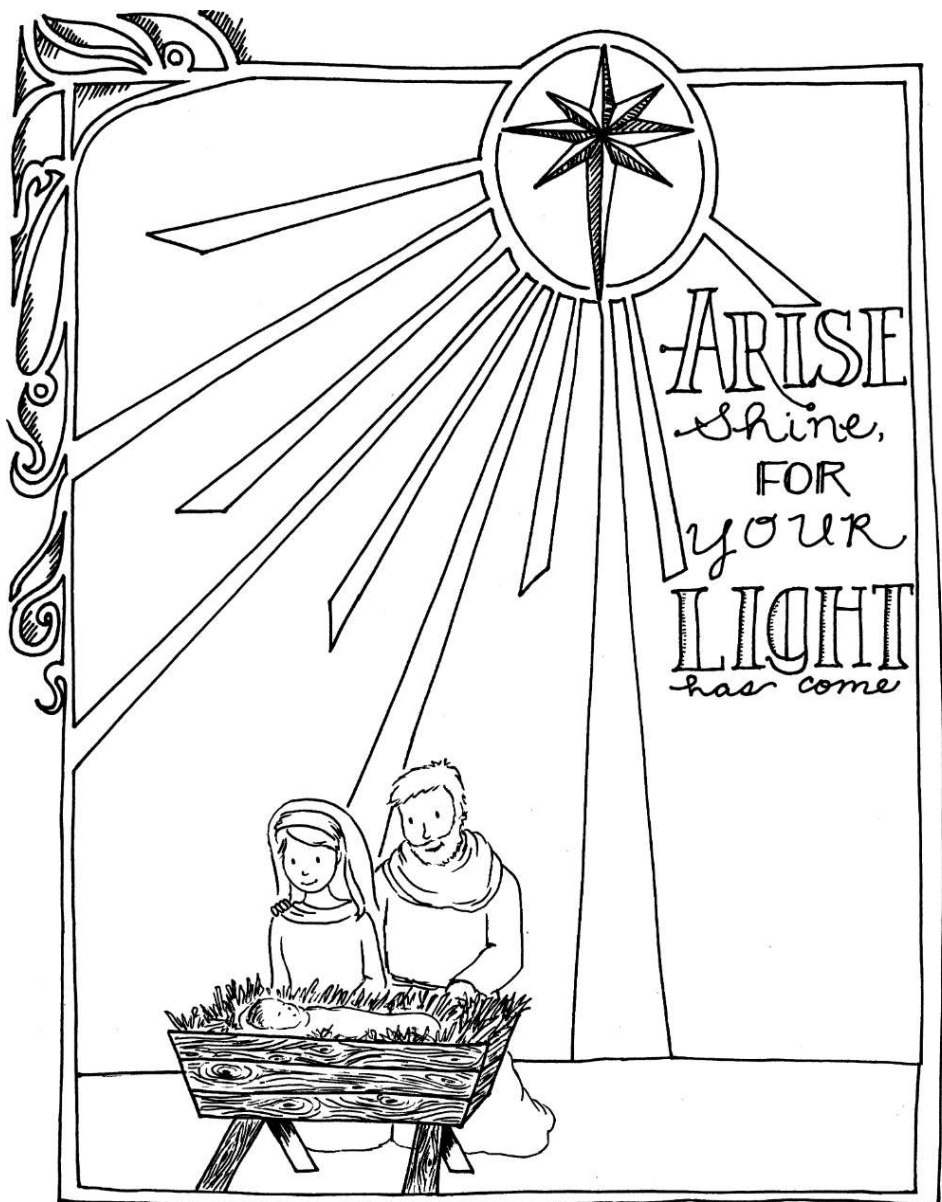
Come join HarvestDowntown Jr High Youth Sundays at 5:00 p.m. in the multi-purpose room, downstairs in the annex.

The Affirmation/Ordination service for Brandon DelGrosso and Compass Church will be a combined service here at Harvest on January 6. We will have a potluck breakfast together at 9:30 a.m., followed by the service at 10:30 a.m.

## AFFIRMATION SERVICE

### CHESS KNIGHTS EVERY 3RD SUNDAY 6 PM

Are you interested in Chess? Do you know how to play or want to learn? If you answered yes to either or just one of those questions then you are invited to "Chess Knight". All are welcome. Please invite your friends, family, co-workers, and anyone else you can think of. Bring your chess board if you have one. We will meet in the sanctuary at HarvestDowntown.



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### Kids Own Worship

At Harvest, we are always worshipping, and on Sunday morning its no different. During the 10:40 service, you are invited to bring infants and toddlers to the Annex for worship before the service. School-age children are invited to participate in singing and a special kids sermon before heading back.

### Kids @ 9

At Harvest, we are always worshipping, and on Sunday morning its no different. During the 9:00 service, all kids are welcome to join in worship with the whole church. We don't mind if they run around a bit and make some noise. If they are getting really loud (like crying) you can step out for a moment to calm them down. No need to feel bad about it. They're kids, and we love them!

### Nursing Moms

Sometimes moms like a private space to nurse with their little ones but don't want to miss the sermon. If that's you, there is a room in the balcony in the corner behind the sound tables. It's comfortable and private, and you can still hear what's being said. Feel welcome to make you and your baby comfortable in there.

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SUNDAY SERVICES

9:00 a.m.  
10:40 a.m.

KIDS OWN WORSHIP

Pre-K - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
*dismissed during service*  
10:40 a.m.

CHILDCARE

Newborns through  
3-year-olds  
10:40 a.m.

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