



## Snow Creek Christian Church

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JANUARY 2022

# Reflections

Happy new year's! The old year was certainly an interesting one at Snow Creek Christian Church. As with the rest of the world, the church spent much of that year struggling to keep the COVID-19 virus at bay. Unfortunately, that struggle does not appear to be one that will be left behind in 2021. However, after spending much of the year worshipping in the parking lot, we were able to celebrate the resumption of indoor worship services this past month.

And what a celebration it was. On December 19, the youth put on a rousing performance of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, reminding us that Christ calls us to be a little less Scrooge-like in our Christmas futures. This was followed by two services before and after Christmas where we came together to worship God and relive all the ways that God has come into our lives as we celebrated the coming of the Christ child into the world. Highlighting this was the return of our candlelight service on Christmas Eve where we heard again the story of Christ's birth and praised him together in song.

The celebration will continue on the other side of the new year. On January 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will join together in our first worship service of the year to give thanks for the hope that God offers in 2022. The following Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, brings another significant event as Ricky Norris will be baptized into the church.

2022 brings its own set of challenges as well though. As COVID-19 continues to spread and mutate it will continue to cause disruptions in many facets of our lives. At our next board meeting on January 9<sup>th</sup> we will need to make some tough decisions about how the church can best continue to provide meaningful worship for everyone in light of both concerns about new strains of the virus and the success of vaccinations at preventing or neutralizing that virus. If anyone has any questions or concerns in that regard, please feel free to come share them at the board meeting or contact me ahead of time.

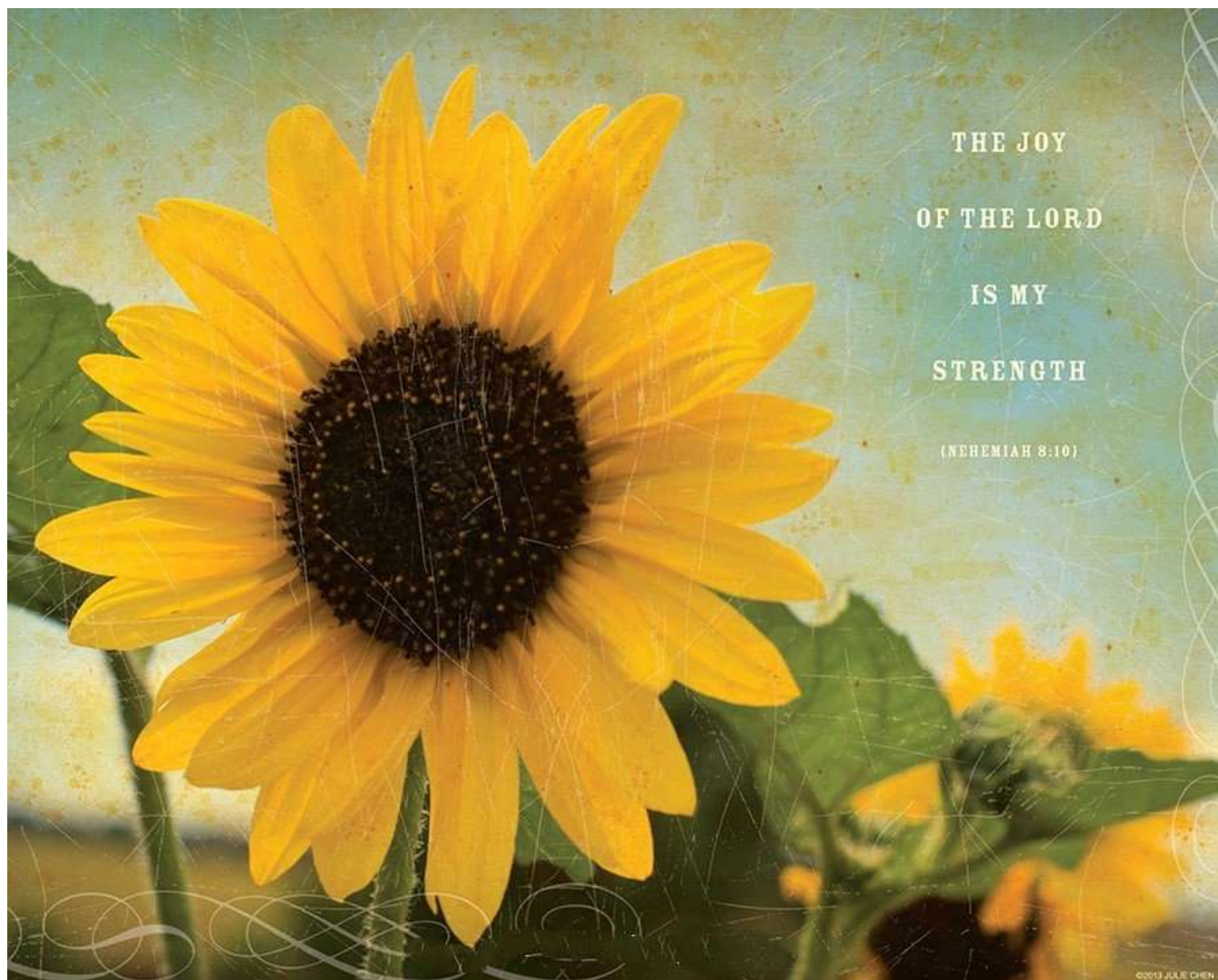
In the meantime, cases have begun to rise in Virginia and it already seems clear that this new strain will be more contagious than previous ones. In places in the world where it has

already spread, past infections do not seem to provide the same level of immunity against this new strain as they have previously. Up-to-date vaccinations do however still seem to be highly effective at either preventing infections or lessening the effects of the disease. I would strongly encourage everyone to get either vaccinated or a booster shot as this is the most effective way to protect both yourself and the rest of those who come to worship with you.

Thus, we know some of both the joys and concerns that 2022 will bring. There will certainly be many more unexpected ones of either type to follow. Let us strive to meet all of them with a steadfast faith in God, a hope for God's world, and love for each other. I look forward to an exciting and blessed 2022 with all of you.

God be with you.

Scott



## January Lectionary Readings

Sermon topic in *italics*

January 2 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Christmas Day)

- *Jeremiah 31:7-14*
- Psalm 147:12-20
- Ephesians 1:3-14
- John 1:1-18

January 9 (Baptism of the Lord)

- Isaiah 43:1-7
- Psalm 29
- Acts 8:14-17
- *Luke 3:15-17, 21-22*

January 16 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany)

- Isaiah 62:1-5

- Psalm 36:5-101 Corinthians 12:1-11
- *John 2:1-11*

January 23 (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany)

- Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
- Psalm 19
- *1 Corinthians 12:12-31a*
- Luke 4:14-21

January 30 (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany)

- *Jeremiah 1:4-10*
- Psalm 71:1-6
- 1 Corinthians 13:1-13
- Luke 4:21-30



**SPECIAL THANKS AND PRAISE** to Minister Scott Oliver for helping with the coordination and handling of the many events of the Christmas season to make it special for the Church family.

He sent email advent daily devotionals during the advent season and helped the kids with the hanging of the greens. He provided inspiring sermons during the season and at the Christmas Eve Service. Scott delivered fruit baskets and visited with some of the Church family. He also participated in the Church group of parents and kids for caroling to homes of some of the Church family. Also, Scott assisted with the Church Christmas play. These are just a few of the events that Scott was involved during the holiday season.





# A Christmas Carol















**A BIG THANKS** TO ALL OF THOSE INVOLVED IN THE CHRISTMAS PLAY  
"A CHRISTMAS CAROL" by the great writer Charles Dickens. This includes the  
Producers/Directors Whitney Eanes and Patti Amos, the kids, the parents, and Scott  
for all the hard work and long hours working on the play. You guys did a great job!  
Also a special thanks to Patti Amos and Jennifer Brown for providing these  
fantastic pictures. They can be viewed at the Gallery on our church website;  
<https://snowcreekcc.com/photos.html>

# Christmas Caroling















**LET'S CELEBRATE**



**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

- 2 Krystal Washburn
- 3 Ed Ingram
- 4 Tyler Jordan, Ryan Haynes
- 8 Nancy Compton,
- 8 Patricia Brown
- 9 Vickie Washburn
- 12 Michelle Via
- 13 Lisa Shepherd
- 16 Haley Morris
- 16 Ashlee Washburn Dalton
- 17 Nancy Martin
- 20 Taylor Amos
- 22 Jonathan Mitchell
- 23 Donald Via
- 24 Colton Haynes
- 26 Heather Amos
- 29 Curtis Washburn
- 30 Barrett Pruett
- 31 Lacey Mitchell

**JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

- 20 Mike & Pam Doyle

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

- 2 Misty Martin
- 6 Steve Jordan
- 11 Phil Winn
- 11 Evan Mitchell
- 12 Veronica Doyle
- 14 Oaklyn Washburn
- 15 Baylee Dalton
- 15 Tony Plybon
- 16 Silas Amos
- 22 Heather Via,
- 22 Susan Gardner
- 23 Del Smith
- 25 Ruby Mae Oakes,
- 25 Phillip Haynes

**FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

- 5 Davy & Lynn Mitchell
- 15 Jim & Nancy Compton

Please email me any additions or corrections to the birthday or anniversaries list.



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