

Pastor's Message
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"Christmas as going
and giving"



Life is always "to go." And God always goes with us. He is with us. He is journeying with us. Truly Christmas is Jesus going to us. He is among us. This is the central sign of Christmas: *the humble baby in the manger who is truly the Son of God, God with us. God remains with us.*

This was the sign foretold by the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 7:10-14) and indicated by the angels to the shepherds at Jesus' birth (Luke 2:8-14). All other signs of Christmas (lights, food, revelry, costumes and gifts) must be rooted in and draw their meaning from the core Sign: *the humble person of the Son of God who emptied himself to become one of us. Divine glory is seen in a child's weakness; heavenly radiance is made manifest in humility; and God's justice is revealed as compassion.*

Let us not forget the Christ-child. Beholding, contemplating and adoring Jesus, who is truly God's presence among us, let us be transformed into signs of His coming. Christmas 2024 should be a Christmas of solidarity and communion. But this will happen only with serious soul-searching, review of values, reordering of priorities, and commitment to God, neighbor, country and creation.



We wish you all a Blessed Christmas. May God surprise us anew with the sign of His love!