

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

People: Heavenly Father, we confess our sin and our need for your grace this day. As we enter a new season, we long to be prepared to receive you with glad and open hearts. But we struggle with darkness, uncertainty, doubt, and fear. We are afraid of commitment. We are too centered on ourselves and not on the needs of others. Forgive us, dear Lord. Grant us your grace. Renew us in this season and prepare our hearts to be your home. Amen.

Scripture Readings November 30, 2008

2 Chronicles 6: 14-21

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God!

Acts 2:42-47

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John 1: 1-14

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God!

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I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Sermon Outline ~ November 30, 2008 "Room at the Inn" - Residence Inn John 1:1-14

Introduction: God's "checking in!"

What happens when God checks in?

- _____

"The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it." v. 14

- We begin to "get it."

The _____ shows up.

"He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him." v.10-11

- Finally, something will get done!

God builds His _____.

"Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God -

children born not of natural descent, nor human decision or a husband's will, but born of God." v. 12-13

- Grace upon grace.

We see God "_____".

"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." v. 14 John 13:10

- We are witnesses of His glory - and are never the same.

Answers to Sermon Outline: light into darkness, owner, family by faith, "at home."

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

People: **And the people took the blessing and held it in their hearts.**

Leader: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**