## MESSAGE NOTES | DECEMBER 18



It's nearly Christmas and we are talking about the crucifixion. Not only that, as we consider this horrific scene of torture, we are declaring God's peace! How can that be?

- 1. The greatest gift was given.
- 2. This gift brought forgiveness.
- 3. This gift <u>reconciled</u> us to God.
- 4. This gift provided eternal *peace*.

"For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross." Colossians 1:19-20 ESV

# TAKE IT TO **HEART**. TAKE IT **HOME**. TAKE IT TO THE **WORLD**.

- 1. Fully embrace the *cross* this Christmas.
- 2. Point others to the *passion* of the *Christ*.
- 3. Give thanks!

### **FRIDGE** NOTES



#### Dec. 24, 25 + Jan. 1

Grab a postcard from the lobby and invite friends or family members to our holiday worship experiences on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.



#### Feb., 24-25 | Green Lake

Marriage is a divinely-inspired art form. Pastor Daryl, Elaine and the Marriage Mentor Team is hosting *The Art of Marriage* retreat. Each couple receives a night in a hotel, three fine-dining meals and materials for \$275. Register by Jan. 3.



#### Dec. 22

The fourth Thursday of the month is a day of prayer and fasting at Oakwood. Who's on your heart this holiday? Lift them up in prayer from where you are, or come to the Oakwood Library 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. for quiet time.



#### NOW-Dec. 31

All 2022 giving needs to be received at Oakwood by Dec. 31. (Gifts can be postmarked Dec. 31.) The office will be closed Dec. 23-Jan. 3, so please plan accordingly. Online giving is available, as well.





FINANCIAL UPDATE FISCAL YEAR TO DATE [AUGUST - NOVEMBER 2022]		
BUDGET	ACTUAL EXPENSES	GIVING
\$404,541	\$388,382	\$374,583