

Dear Church Family,

Wow! What an amazing public launch on Sunday! Wasn't it wonderful to receive those words of blessings and encouragement from our bevy of former pastors? I know they were really touched to be included in our inaugural service at CAIS. The Choir gave us a taste of what's to come on December 18 at the Christmas Cantata and while there were some technical hiccups, they did a great job pivoting, and kudos to the congregation for cheering them on and being so



encouraging! It was so great to see the church body rallying together in a situation that could have been less than ideal. **Special thanks to Matthew and Elizabeth for leading the choir with grace and warmth!**

Speaking of technical difficulties, we were not without some others and as you might have found out, we were unable to send out our Livestream last week. While we are working on that for this coming weekend, I want to especially encourage you that I believe this is a special measure of God's grace. While we should always strive for excellence as unto the Lord, what's even greater is striving for an authentic community built on grace and I really give thanks that I saw that on display on Sunday morning. God is at work in and through AIC. And even when things don't go exactly as we plan, God is still greater than those mishaps. Let us continue to seek first God's presence and serve and love others through His grace and strength which is always made perfect in our weakness.

This Sunday is the second week of Advent and we are focusing on PEACE. Take time this week to allow the Holy Spirit to grow His Shalom in your soul. If that means slowing down, or keeping the sabbath, do that. If you need to surrender control or certain outcomes to God, make that decision now. Wherever we are, whatever we are wrestling with, we can face it when we have God's peace in our hearts.

God bless you! Pastor Henry





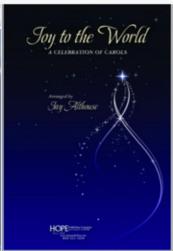
AIC Christmas Cantata

Following last year's momentous Christmas Cantata, AIC Choir would like to present a cantata again as part of our celebration this Christmas on Sunday, **December 18** during our worship service. The cantata "Joy to the World" is a celebration of familiar Christmas carols, telling the story of the birth of Jesus Christ and focusing on the wonder of that first Christmas night. All are welcome to join. Bring your friends along, especially those who need to hear this message of joy and hope most!

AIC Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

AIC will carry on the tradition of having a Christmas Eve Service on **December 24**, at 6:30 PM @ Manna. Invite your friends, your visiting guests, and your loved ones. This is a once-a-year occasion for a special service of readings, Christmas carols, and candle lighting to celebrate the birth of our Savior. We will end the Advent season on this night and so we are completing our anticipation and waiting for Jesus' arrival.









PRE-SERVICE

2003/FAlliance Hall Balcony

Join us for extended praise and prayer on Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm. This is a special time we set apart at AIC to seek the LORD in unity for the ministry of AIC and other needs.

Pre-Service Prayer Every Sunday

The popular pre-service prayer is back for those wanting to spend a few minutes in prayer before the service. There is no specific format for this meeting and this is an open invite for all people.

All ages and alumni are welcome! You can come and go as your schedule allows.

The Zoom meeting ID is 893 3618 8104 and Password 114410

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