



FIRST ALLIANCE
CHURCH

The Christmas Tree

An Advent Guide



*A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.
- Isaiah 11:1*

Check out our Advent Guide!

Available next Sunday



Sunday, Dec. 24

Christmas Eve *Candlelight Services*



9:30am, 11:00am,
3:30pm & 5:00pm

All services are identical. Nursery open up
to age two. No other programming.

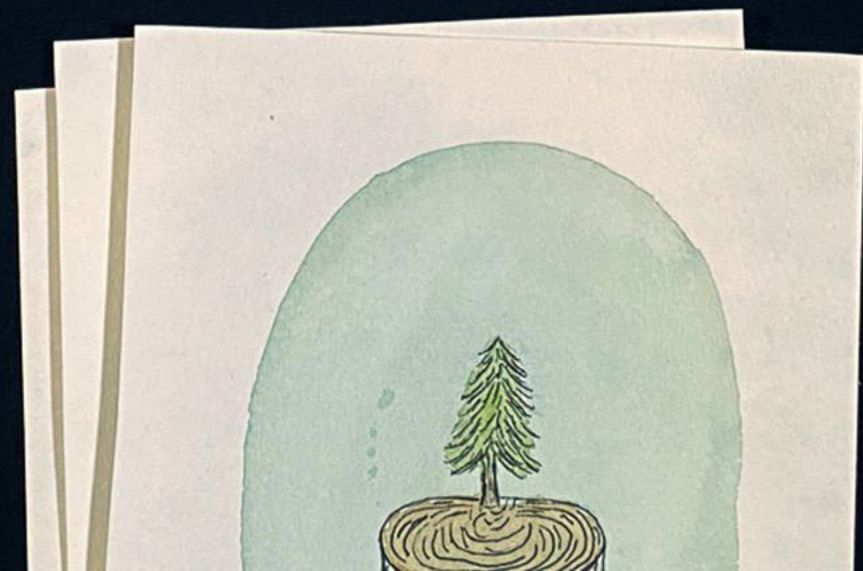




FUELING GOD'S WORK

HERE, THERE, & EVERYWHERE

*The
Christmas Tree*







“Think for a moment of the implications of the incarnation. The One who inhabits eternity dwells in space and time without ceasing to be eternal. The Creator comes to us a creature in the world that he has made, while remaining creator and sustainer of all things.



The Source of all human beings becomes a particular human being, while continuing to be a divine being. God the Son became human without ceasing to be divine. He became what he was not, while remaining what he always was."

-Steve Seamands



Jesus did not come to us
independent from a family,
but in the context of a family.



Big Idea:

God uses imperfect people
to be part of his perfect plan.



Matthew 1 is God declaring
He is offering humanity
a new beginning.



Genesis is the opening of the Bible, so too is Matthew 1 the opening of the Gospel. Just as Genesis is full of genealogies and introduces the main characters and themes in the story, so too, Matthew 1 begins with an introduction to the main characters and themes of the Gospels.



One of the first words that Matthew uses is *genesis*. Matthew 1:1 reads “The book of the generation [Greek = *genesis*] of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham”, clearly calling to mind for readers the first book of the Old Testament.”

-T. Haverson



Matt. 1 → Gen.

Matt. 2 → Ex.

Matt. 3 → Le.

Matt. 4 → Num.

Matt. 5 → Deut.



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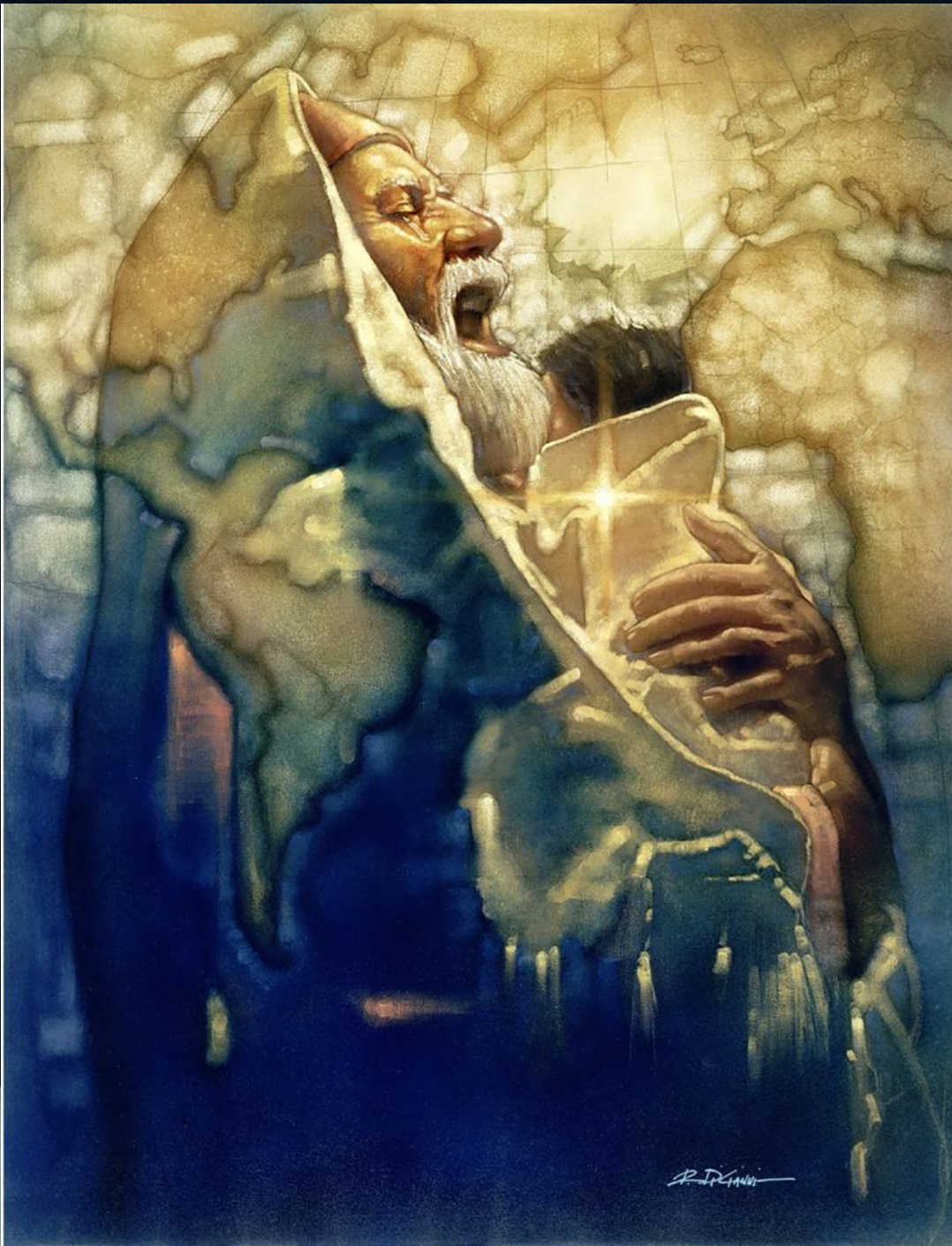
400 years of silence





Just because God is not speaking
does not mean that He is not
working for your good.





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Matthew's intent was not to give a perfect genealogy, but to deliver life giving Theology.



Abraham vs. 2

5 Women

King David vs. 6

Joseph vs 16



Jesus is not only savior but
rightful king of both Jew and
Gentile.



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All of human history moved
toward the coming of Jesus,
and from the coming of Jesus.



If it's the men who communicate
Jesus's qualification as King, it is the
women who communicate the
essence and nature of his Kingdom.





Tamar

Rahab

Ruth

Bathsheba

Mary



Tamar:



Tamar:



Judah recognized them and said, "She is more righteous than I, since I wouldn't give her to my son." And he did not sleep with her again. Gen 38:26

Rahab:



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*"for the Lord your God, He **is God** of heaven above and earth below"*

Joshua 2:11

Ruth:



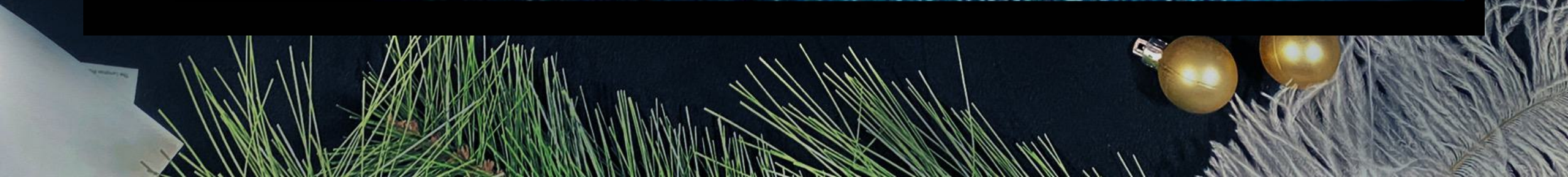
Ruth:



"Your people will be my people and your God my God."

Ruth 1:17

Bathsheba:



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*"She gave birth to a son, and they named him Solomon.
The LORD loved him..."*

2 Samuel 12:24

Mary:



Mary:

“I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May your word to me be fulfilled.”



What is the essence and
nature of Christ Kingdom?



It is made up of both
MEN and WOMEN



Made up of both
JEW and GENTILE



Made up of both
SAINTS and SINNERS



It's a people marked by
humility, intelligence,
boldness and courage.



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God uses imperfect people
to be part of his perfect plan.



The heritage you have is not
as important as the legacy
you can leave.



The human failure of others
did not define Jesus, and it
does not need to define you.



All of human history moved
toward the coming of Jesus,
and from the coming of Jesus,
and towards the second coming
of Jesus.





