

NOTES



I AM THE VINE; YOU ARE THE BRANCHES. WHOEVER ABIDES IN ME AND I IN HIM, HE IT IS THAT BEARS MUCH FRUIT, FOR APART FROM ME YOU CAN DO NOTHING. **JOHN 15:5 ESV**

WELCOME

Christmas Party

This upcoming Friday, December 20th, 6:30pm at the Matthews' residence, join us for hot cocoa, snacks & caroling! To sign up or learn more, please visit the connect desk.

Partnership (Roots Class)

Considering joining the church? Our next class will be held immediately after service Sunday, January 12. Lunch is provided and sign ups are mandatory to help with our planning. To sign up or learn more, please visit the connect desk.

Pastor's Coffee

We are so glad you're here! If you are new to Branches your first step is Pastor's Coffee, coming up on January 19th. This is where you can learn more about us. To sign up or learn more, please visit the connect desk.

Branch Groups

Every Christian should be in Christian community. Branch groups kicks off again in January. To sign up or learn more, please visit the connect desk.

Join a Team

Every member should be part of a serving team at Branches. We are a family on a common mission. To sign up or learn more, please visit the connect desk.

Contact Us

You may also contact us or sign up by email at office@branchesfullerton.com or on our website at www.branchesfullerton.com

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CALL TO WORSHIP

People of God, worship the living God today! Remember that out of nothing God created the heavens and earth. Remember that God raised Jesus from the powerlessness of death to the power of His right hand. Remember that not even the gates of hell can stand against God's purposes. Behold Your God, who reigns now and forever! You call us to be fully alive with Your life abundant, ready to listen and respond with heart, soul, strength, and mind. We listen, alive to the Word of God. You call us to be always watchful for Your Word of wisdom, sometimes startling and unexpected, sometimes still and quiet, but always dwelling among us. We watch and wait for the Word of God.

CREED

Question:

What is God?

Answer:

God is the Creator and sustainer of everyone and everything. He is eternal, infinite, and unchangeable in His power and perfection, goodness and glory, wisdom, justice, and truth. Nothing happens except through Him and by His will.

- New City Catechism

Psalms 86:8-10, 15

⁸There is none like You among the gods, O Lord,
nor are there any works like yours.

⁹All the nations You have made shall come
and worship before You, O Lord,
and shall glorify Your name.

¹⁰For You are great and do wondrous things;
You alone are God.

¹⁵But You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

CONFESSION

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be Your people. You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world. Yet, we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving. Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove the obstacles preventing us from being Your representatives to a broken world. Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of Your indwelling Spirit. This we pray in Jesus's powerful name. Amen.

ASSURANCE

When you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with Christ, when He forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross.

- Based on Colossians 2:13-14

SONGS

- Sing we the song of Emmanuel (by Matt Boswell and Kristyn Getty)
- Come behold the wondrous mystery (by Matt Boswell and Kristyn Getty)
- God made low (by Sovereign Grace)
- Grace (by CityAlight)
- Sing we the song of Emmanuel (by Matt Boswell and Kristyn Getty)

QUESTIONS

- What do you believe the Lord is doing in your heart today?
- How does this passage move you to know Jesus?
- How does this passage stir you to mature?
- How does this passage impact your life on mission?