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### *Relax*

Make yourself at home & feel free to participate in as much or as little as you feel comfortable. Listening devices for the hearing impaired are available at the sound booth in the back of the Worship Center.

### *Got Kids?*

E-Kidz @ 9am & 10:45am is a safe, quality & fun experience for newborns - 5th grade. Middle & high school students will be challenged through Embark student ministry. Middle school service @ 9am & 10:45am in the Middle School Venue behind the church. High school service @10:45am in the High School Venue [see the map below].

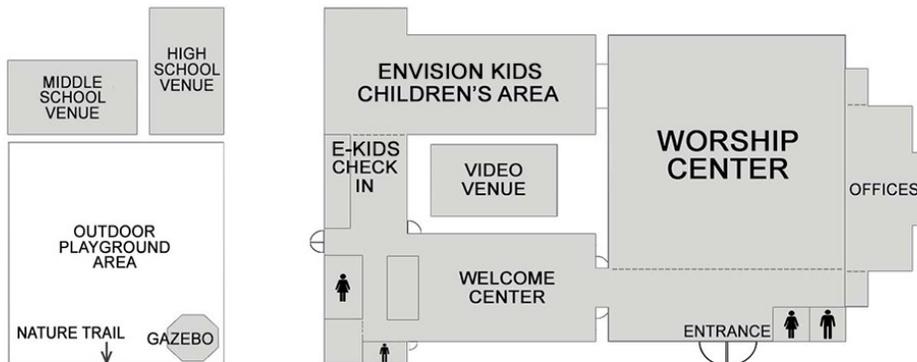
### *Connect Card*

Please take a moment to complete the Connect Card found inside your Worship Packet. Fill in as much information as you feel comfortable giving, and drop the card in the offering bucket which will be passed around at the end of the service.

### *Pick-up your free gift!*

If today is your first visit to Emmanuel, swing by the table in the lobby located beneath the TV monitor and pick-up your free gift!

*Please silence all devices in preparation for worship.*



*Welcome!*  
*We're glad you're here!*

December 15, 2019

### *Our Mission:*

Emmanuel exists to give you the best opportunity to become a fully-developing follower of Jesus.

### *Our Core Values:*

- We Value Jesus
- We Value People
- We Value Generosity
- We Value Connection Groups
- We Value Growth
- We Value Service
- We Value Relevance
- We Value Unity & Diversity
- We Value Application of Scripture

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# Christmas ~~PRESENTS~~ Presence



## The Gift Peace

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*Now the Word became flesh and took up residence among us. We saw His glory...*

John 1:14 NET

*Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others – the armies of heaven – praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased.”* Luke 2:13-14 NLT

### Christmas Peace Pickpockets:

- \_\_\_\_\_ will steal your peace

### Pathways to Peace

#### 1. Relational peace is found \_\_\_\_\_.

*If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.* Matthew 6:14-15 NLT

*If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.*

Romans 12:18 NIV

*But the wisdom from above is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and the fruit of good deeds. It shows no favoritism and is always sincere.* James 3:17 NLT

**Action:** Attend \_\_\_\_\_

#### 2. Emotional peace is found through \_\_\_\_\_.

*You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in You, all whose thoughts are fixed on You!*

Isaiah 26:3 NLT

*Each one of you is part of the body of Christ, and you were chosen to live together in peace. So, let the peace that comes from Christ control your thoughts. And be grateful.*

Colossians 3:15 CEV

*Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all He has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.* Philippians 4:6-7 NLT

**Action:** Join a \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ on a ministry team.

#### 3. Financial peace is found by following God's \_\_\_\_\_.

*Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”* Luke 6:38 NIV

*Honor the Lord by giving Him the first part of all your income, and He will fill your barns with wheat and barley and overflow your wine vats with the finest wines.*

Proverbs 3:9-10 TLB

**Action:** Join \_\_\_\_\_ beginning January 5<sup>th</sup>.

#### 4. Spiritual peace is found through \_\_\_\_\_.

*I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So, don't be troubled or afraid.* John 14:27 NLT

*Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us.* Romans 5:1 NLT

*...God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in Him...* Romans 15:13 NLT

**Action:** Make a \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus today, and register for \_\_\_\_\_.

### Memory Verse:

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Romans 12:18 NIV

### Next Steps:

- I will invite others to join me for the Christmas Eve services .
- I will volunteer Christmas Eve.
- I will give sacrificially to the Annual Christmas Offering.