

# HomeTouch

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Orange Coast Church



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**Sunday, December 23, 2007**

**Scripture Reading: Matthew 1:18-25**

**TODAY'S THOUGHT: I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year. —Ebenezer Scrooge in A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens**

Did you ever have the experience of needing a motel room and not being able to find one? Think back to when you had an opportunity to travel. Perhaps it was with the family and the children were small. You were trying to get to your destination, but daylight had faded, and now in the early darkness of evening, you searched for a place to rest. But the night clerk at every motel had the same response. There were no rooms available.

Do you remember the unease and small level of panic when that happened? Imagine Mary and Joseph's anxiety with a baby on the way! In fact, Jesus Christ came into this world uninvited. It didn't matter that there was no room at the inn. God in Christ came to us anyway!

Indeed, it often appears that there's no room in the world, let alone in the inn! Sometimes it's also probably true that, sadly, there's no room in our lives, as well. We tend to crowd out the Christ child, push Him aside, ask Him to return at a more convenient time.

Fortunately, Jesus comes to us, even when he's uninvited! He comes to us even when we'd rather He didn't. As we celebrate Christmas this week, let's give thanks that the incarnate Son of God is with us! Let's acknowledge His presence and sing as the angels sang: "Glory to God in the highest heaven!"

**Prayer: Lord Jesus, thank you for coming to this needy world! Thank you for loving us so much that you were willing to become one of us. Amen.**

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Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: Proverbs 15-18

Monday: Proverbs 19-21

Tuesday: Proverbs 22-24

Wednesday: Proverbs 25-28

Thursday: Proverbs 29-31

Friday: Ecclesiastes 1-3

Saturday: Ecclesiastes 4-6

Verse to Remember

Directions: Write the letter that's missing from each set on the line. Then read the answer that is taken from Psalm 103:1.

A J C R Q  
C K D T R  
D M F U T

R F C  
S G D  
U I F

K N P B  
M P Q C  
N Q S E

N L W  
P N X  
Q O Z

R M T K  
T N V M  
U P W N

Z L C  
B M E  
C O F

Y J K  
Z K M  
B M N



R F Z S  
S G B U  
U I C V

H Q  
J R  
K T

U G R G G M  
V H S I H O  
X J U J J P

L D  
N F  
O G

A J C R Q  
C K D T R  
D M F U T

G G R  
I H T  
J J U

G M K W  
I N M X  
J P N Z

M Z L C  
O B N D  
P C O F

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

