

# OUR WORSHIP CELEBRATION

## NOVEMBER 22, 2020

### **Prelude**

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

### **Welcome - Matt O'Sullivan, Youth Director**

### **\*Call to Worship - Psalm 89:1-4**

~God's invitation for us to engage in worship in the Holy Spirit

### **\*Weekly Congregational Response**

~Our humble response to God's call to worship

### **\*Prayer of Invocation**

~The giving of thanks for God's promised presence and work among us

### **\*Song of Preparation and Praise - *Great is Thy Faithfulness***

~Our celebration of God as our good and faithful Abba Father

### **\*Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - I John 1:1-10**

~Our admission of our failures and need for Christ as Savior

### **\*Prayer in Response to Our Assurance of Pardon**

### **\*Song of Comfort - *O Come Divine Messiah***

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

### **Pastoral Prayer**

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

### **Sermon - A New Beginning** Matthew 1:1-17

### **\*Song of Response - *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus***

~Our commitment to apply God's Word in and through our lives

### **\*Announcements**

~Weekly opportunities to live out the Word read, confessed, prayed, sung, and preached

### **\*Benediction - Colossians 1:11-14**

~God's parting blessing as we are sent out on His redemptive mission

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# "A NEW BEGINNING"

## MATTHEW 1:1-17

### CHRIS BLACKMAN

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**Key Truth: God's plan for the world is to make all things new through His son Jesus the Messiah.**

***Q: How many of you wish you could hit the 'restart' button on the year 2020? Or go ahead and begin 2021 already?***

### **I. Our New Beginning Through God's Fulfilled Promises (V1)**

***Q: What is the hardest part about waiting?***

"God has a two-thousand year long perspective on the way he will keep his promises. Therefore we need to learn not to insist that he will keep his promises to us in our way, at our beckon call, in our time, and, preferably, now."

Sinclair Ferguson *Matthew*

### **II. Our New Hope For Christ's Uncommon Family (V2-17)**

***Q: How have you lost hope that Jesus can renew broken relationships in your family?***

"The very first words of the book in its original Greek text, *Biblios geneleos* (Literally, 'book of genesis'), are reminiscent of the first book of the Bible... This imitation of Genesis suggests that Matthew (like John, see *John 1:1*) is announcing a new Genesis, a new beginning, a new creation. The Old Testament had promised this (see *Isaiah 65:17-25*). The New Testament will close with the same announcement: 'Behold, I am making all things new' (*Rev. 21:5*)... Is it really possible that all things can be made new? Can our lives be made new? Can the world be made new? Matthew and the New Testament answer these questions with an unequivocal 'Yes!'"

Mark E. Ross *Matthew*

***Q: How does the reconciliation we have in Jesus Christ give you hope for family renewal?***

### **Application:**

**Matthew 1:1-17** teaches us that:

- God is worthy of trust because He has already fulfilled His promises in Jesus Christ.
- Jesus renews our hope in the reconciling power of the gospel in our families and churches.

**Benediction: *Colossians 1:11-14***