



SEASON OF CHRISTMAS



## Second Sunday of Christmas

“In The Beginning”

*John 1:1-9, 10-18*

*Christ is the one name for everything.*

### **It's still Christmas!**

*The Season of Christmas is a time to reflect on the implications of the Incarnation—God with us.*

**Today, we will explore the preamble to John’s Gospel, which retells the Creation story with Christ at its center.**

### **CHRIST IS THE ONE NAME FOR EVERYTHING**

#### **John 1:1-9, 10-18**

- “In the beginning” - The Genesis of everything starts with “The Word.”
- Logos: Creative Expressive Word of God, Blueprint, Christ.
- This takes a broader view than the Manger - cosmic, timeless, universal.
- “Took on flesh” - the word speaks to a connectedness with all things.
- The light that “came into our neighborhood,” a light from before time.

**We long for the world to change, and we seek God’s presence as if it were hidden. But the Word is all around us. The light shines in the darkness.**

**God really does so love the world...**

**There’s a lot to worry about in the world around us. The news is troubling. But Christ plays in 10,000 places, and the light cannot be put out, no matter how powerful the darkness seems.**

#### **Some Important Questions**

1. What practices can we embrace to help us experience Presence more?
2. How can we reframe our fears and worries to become expressions of light?
3. Will we find the courage this new year to stand against the darkness both within and without?

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## SERMON EXTRAS & FURTHER READING

### FOR FURTHER READING:

#### **Honest Advent**

*Scott Erickson*

#### **Watch For The Light**

*Various Authors*

#### **Advent And Christmas Wisdom**

*Henri Nouwen*

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