



MISSION MATTERS: *December 2023*

JOY TO THE WORLD! It's that time of year again.

Commercial after commercial touting must-have products, long lines in every store, traffic backed up and we won't even talk about parking lots. (This is beginning to sound like an advertisement for Amazon Prime, for which many of us thank God and Jeff Bezos.)

What if we just didn't do this? Seriously, what if, instead of buying a bunch of junk that no one needs or probably even wants, we spent that money on something that would impact a person or persons (or any of God's creatures) for a lifetime? In the back of our sanctuary, there are [Presbyterian Giving Catalogs](#). They offer the opportunity to make an impact in any area that you care most about. I, personally, would be thrilled if someone donated a pig in my honor.

The Christmas Joy offering will be accepted on Christmas Eve. This offering helps pastors and church workers who may be experiencing financial difficulties. It also helps our future pastors with their educational needs. You will hear much more about this in our Minute for Mission presentations between now and Christmas Eve.

Imagine Christmas without the frustration, exhaustion, and financial deficit. Christmas could be a time of wonder, peace, beautiful music, and Nativities celebrating the birth of Jesus, the gathering of people everywhere to honor the Prince of Peace, culminating in the beauty of a Christmas Eve service.

Joy to the world! Our Lord has come!

The IPC Mission Committee

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