**Sermon Notes | December 24, 2023  
Promises Kept**

**1. Christmas \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God works his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ through the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

1 This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah[b] the son of David, the son of Abraham…Thus there were fourteen generations in all from Abraham to David, fourteen from David to the exile to Babylon, and fourteen from the exile to the Messiah. - **Matthew 1:1, 17**

**2. Christmas reveals God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to be with us**

Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, “Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us” Matthew 1:22-23

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**3. When we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Bible, we can \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ everywhere**

2 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem 2 and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”3 When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. 5 “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:6 “‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.’[b]”

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**4. As the Bible \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Christ’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, so it predicts his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**21**Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,”[a] for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. **2**I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. **3**And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. Revelation