



“Light of the World”

Sun Dec 21, 2025

I. **John 1:1-12**

A. The Light Shines in Darkness

1. From the time of Adam until Jesus, the world lived in complete darkness.
2. The Bible says that when Jesus revealed Himself....a simple candle of light in a dark world...He came into His own, and the world did not receive Him. Why? Darkness had ruled for so long, the light was difficult to bare; much like walking outside after being in a dark room and looking into the sun...your eyes take time to adjust.
3. The World today is in a darker place than ever before; Satan has worked tirelessly to try to keep the world and even God's people in a place of darkness concerning the truth of the Gospel of God.

B. So Let Your Light Shine

1. When Jesus was born....can you imagine the joy, the excitement...Christ, our Savior, the light of the world was born.
 - Good Tidings...Great Joy...This is what the world needs today; in a time where depression, confusion, illness and pain seem to dominate the hearts of minds of this time...people need to hear, NO, they need to see the light!
 - Peace & Good Will – God isn't angry with you; He loves you!
2. **II Corinthians 4:3-6**
 - Someone must carry the light, the mantle that Jesus left....
 - The only Jesus that people will see is in you.

II. You are the Salt...You Are the Light

A. **Matthew 5:13-16**

1. Don't be ashamed to speak....**ONE WORD FROM GOD CAN CHANGE A LIFE FOREVER!**
2. Don't ever forget...people are watching. Be the path that leads to the true light of this world.

B. Candlelight....

1. As darkness tries to prevail in these last days (*sanctuary lights slowly fade down and then total darkness*)....a little glimmer of hope (candle) can stop the darkness.
2. Listen carefully....when you make the step of faith to be His representative, be His light....others will come, others will join and the light will be stronger, brighter than ever before (Children come, one light at a time)....**Luke 2:1-14** One can put a thousand to flight....Join me today and let your light so shine.

Volunteer at WVC!

Our church thrives because of the hearts and hands of people like you.

Whether you love greeting guests, serving children, praying with others, or helping behind the scenes, there's a place for your gifts. Volunteering isn't just a role — it's building community, growing spiritually, and making a meaningful impact.

Interested in serving?

We would love to help you get connected! Reach out to our Outreach Team Leaders, Nathanael and Kailee Machen to learn more about serving opportunities in any of these areas:

Worship Team
Media Team
Security Team
Usher Team
Greeter Team
Children's Ministry Team

Thank you for considering being part of what God is doing at WVC!

"As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." — 1 Peter 4:10 (NKJV)