

The image shows the exterior of a church building at night. The building has light-colored horizontal siding and several windows. Two windows are illuminated from within, showing some interior details. A sign for 'Dick's' is visible on the left wall. A metal scaffolding structure is attached to the right side of the building. In the foreground, a dark SUV, a dark pickup truck, and a white SUV are parked in a parking lot. The ground appears wet, reflecting some of the light. The overall scene is lit by two bright outdoor lights mounted on the building's facade.

Welcome to  
Skykomish  
Community  
Church

a Word preaching, people  
loving community



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Communion: January 4<sup>th</sup>
- Potluck Today: December 21<sup>st</sup>
- Women's Bible Study: Wednesdays @ 10AM  
@ Parsonage (108 Reginald Street) Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>
- Christmas Eve Service @ 5 PM
- Offering: place in box on the north wall in the rear of the sanctuary, use PayPal donate button on website, Venmo QR-Code where available, or mail to:

**Skykomish Community Church**

**PO Box 56**

**Skykomish, WA 98288**



# Prayer Spotlight

Tim & Kelley Kirschner, USA District  
Representatives, Great Lakes District (2025)

We just completed our first year as District Representatives. We love being “pastors to pastors and their families.” Our district covers Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and New York. We get to invest in the lives and ministry of front-line missionaries!



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## PRAYER REQUESTS:

Pray that we would walk in God's Spirit as we join our amazing missionaries on this incredible journey.

Pray that our focus would remain on Christ.

Pray for grace and safety for us as we drive long distances and spend a lot of time in heavy traffic.



# The Christ Story

*John 1 and other various*

*Scriptures*

John 1:1-5 (NASB)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him not even one thing came into being that has come into being. In Him was life, and the life was the Light of mankind. And the Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not grasp it.

Genesis 1:1-2 (NASB)

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. And the earth was a formless and desolate emptiness, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.

Genesis 1:26 (NASB)

Then God said, “Let Us make mankind in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the livestock and over all the earth, and over every crawling thing that crawls on the earth.”

Psalm 100 (especially verse 3) (NASB)

Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with jubilation;

Come before Him with rejoicing.

Know that the Lord Himself is God;

It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

Psalm 100 (especially verse 3) (NASB)

Enter His gates with thanksgiving,

And His courtyards with praise.

Give thanks to Him, bless His name.

For the Lord is good;

His mercy is everlasting

And His faithfulness is to all generations.

Genesis 3:15 (NASB)

And I will make enemies  
Of you and the woman,  
And of your offspring and her  
Descendant;  
He shall bruise you on the head,  
And you shall bruise Him on the heel.”

Jeremiah 23:5-6 (NASB)

“Behold, the days are coming,” declares the Lord,

“When I will raise up for David a righteous Branch;

And He will reign as king and act wisely

And do justice and righteousness in the land.

Jeremiah 23:5-6 (NASB)

In His days Judah will be saved,

And Israel will live securely;

And this is His name by which He will be  
called,

‘The Lord Our Righteousness.’

Isaiah 53:1-12 (NASB)

Who has believed our report?

And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

For He grew up before Him like a tender shoot,

And like a root out of dry ground;

He has no stately form or majesty

That we would look at Him,

Isaiah 53:1-12 (NASB)

Nor an appearance that we would take  
pleasure in Him.

He was despised and abandoned by men,

A man of great pain and familiar with  
sickness;

And like one from whom people hide their  
faces,

Isaiah 53:1-12 (NASB)

He was despised, and we had no regard for Him.

However, it was our sicknesses that He Himself bore,

And our pains that He carried;

Yet we ourselves assumed that He had been afflicted,

Struck down by God, and humiliated.

Isaiah 53:1-12 (NASB)

But He was pierced for our offenses,  
He was crushed for our wrongdoings;  
The punishment for our well-being was laid  
upon Him,  
And by His wounds we are healed.  
All of us, like sheep, have gone astray,  
Each of us has turned to his own way;

Isaiah 53:1-12 (NASB)

But the Lord has caused the wrongdoing of us  
all

To fall on Him.

He was oppressed and afflicted,

Yet He did not open His mouth;

Like a lamb that is led to slaughter,

And like a sheep that is silent before its  
shearers,

Isaiah 53:1-12 (NASB)

So He did not open His mouth.

By oppression and judgment He was taken away;

And as for His generation, who considered

That He was cut off from the land of the living

For the wrongdoing of my people, to whom the blow was due?

Isaiah 53:1-12 (NASB)

And His grave was assigned with wicked men,  
Yet He was with a rich man in His death,  
Because He had done no violence,  
Nor was there any deceit in His mouth.  
But the Lord desired  
To crush Him, causing Him grief;

Isaiah 53:1-12 (NASB)

If He renders Himself as a guilt offering,  
He will see His offspring,  
He will prolong His days,  
And the good pleasure of the Lord will  
prosper in His hand.

Isaiah 53:1-12 (NASB)

As a result of the anguish of His soul,  
He will see it and be satisfied;  
By His knowledge the Righteous One,  
My Servant, will justify the many,  
For He will bear their wrongdoings.

Isaiah 53:1-12 (NASB)

Therefore, I will allot Him a portion with the great,

And He will divide the plunder with the strong,

Because He poured out His life unto death,

And was counted with wrongdoers;

Yet He Himself bore the sin of many,

And interceded for the wrongdoers.

John 1:6-13 (NASB)

A man came, one sent from God, and his name was John. He came as a witness, to testify about the Light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the Light, but he came to testify about the Light.

John 1:6-13 (NASB)

This was the true Light that, coming into the world, enlightens every person. He was in the world, and the world came into being through Him, and yet the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own people did not accept Him.

John 1:6-13 (NASB)

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name, who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of a man, but of God.

Luke 1:5 (NASB)

In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, of the division of Abijah; and he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth.

Luke 1:26-45 (NASB)

Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the descendants of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming in, he said to her, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was very perplexed at this statement, and was pondering what kind of greeting this was.

Luke 1:26-45 (NASB)

And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and give birth to a son, and you shall name Him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end.”

Luke 1:26-45 (NASB)

But Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?” The angel answered and said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; for that reason also the holy Child will be called the Son of God.

Luke 1:26-45 (NASB)

And behold, even your relative Elizabeth herself has conceived a son in her old age, and she who was called infertile is now in her sixth month. For nothing will be impossible with God.” And Mary said, “Behold, the Lord’s bond-servant; may it be done to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

Luke 1:26-45 (NASB)

Now at this time Mary set out and went in a hurry to the hill country, to a city of Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. And she cried out with a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!

Luke 1:26-45 (NASB)

And how has it happened to me that the mother of my Lord would come to me? For behold, when the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby leaped in my womb for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what had been spoken to her by the Lord.”

Luke 2:1-20 (NASB)

Now in those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus, that a census be taken of all the inhabited earth. This was the first census taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all the people were on their way to register for the census, each to his own city. Now Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David which is called Bethlehem, because he

Luke 2:1-20 (NASB)

was of the house and family of David, in order to register along with Mary, who was betrothed to him, and was pregnant. While they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Luke 2:1-20 (NASB)

In the same region there were some shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock at night. And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood near them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened. And so the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; for today in

Luke 2:1-20 (NASB)

the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly army of angels praising God and saying,

Luke 2:1-20 (NASB)

“Glory to God in the highest,  
And on earth peace among people with  
whom He is pleased.”

When the angels had departed from them  
into heaven, the shepherds began saying to  
one another, “Let’s go straight to Bethlehem,  
then, and see this thing that has happened,  
which the Lord has made known to us.”

Luke 2:1-20 (NASB)

And they came in a hurry and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby as He lay in the manger. When they had seen Him, they made known the statement which had been told them about this Child. And all who heard it were amazed about the things which were told them by the shepherds.

Luke 2:1-20 (NASB)

But Mary treasured all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds went back, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, just as had been told them.

John 1:14 (NASB)

And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us; and we saw His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 3:1-21 (NASB)

Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews; this man came to Jesus at night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know that You have come from God as a teacher; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.” Jesus responded and said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless someone is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

John 3:1-21 (NASB)

Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a person be born when he is old? He cannot enter his mother’s womb a second time and be born, can he?” Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which has been born of the flesh is flesh, and that which has been born of the Spirit is spirit.

John 3:1-21 (NASB)

Do not be amazed that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it is coming from and where it is going; so is everyone who has been born of the Spirit.”

John 3:1-21 (NASB)

Nicodemus responded and said to Him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered and said to him, “You are the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know and testify of what we have seen, and you people do not accept our testimony.

John 3:1-21 (NASB)

If I told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven, except He who descended from heaven: the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes will have eternal life in Him.

John 3:1-21 (NASB)

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but so that the world might be saved through Him.

John 3:1-21 (NASB)

The one who believes in Him is not judged; the one who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the Light; for their deeds were evil.

John 3:1-21 (NASB)

For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light, so that his deeds will not be exposed. But the one who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds will be revealed as having been performed in God.”

1 Corinthians 15:3-10 (NASB)

For I handed down to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

1 Corinthians 15:3-10 (NASB)

After that He appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep; then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles; and last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared to me also.

1 Corinthians 15:3-10 (NASB)

For I am the least of the apostles, and not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me.

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NASB)

He made Him who knew no sin to be sin in our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Romans 8:31-34 (NASB)

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things? Who will bring charges against God's elect? God is the one who justifies; who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, but rather, was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.



Numbers 6:24-26 (NASB)

The LORD bless you, and keep you;  
The LORD cause His face to shine  
on you, and be gracious to you; The  
LORD lift up His face to you, and  
give you peace.