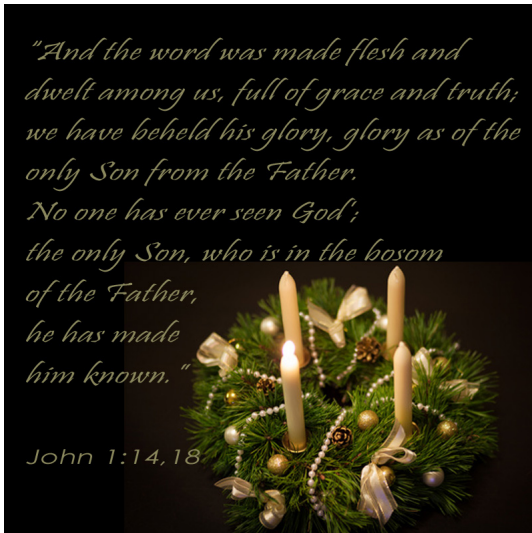


## Confessing the Faith

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### **This time of year offers a unique opportunity for confession of our faith**

The Advent season. . . allows the church a unique time to confess the faith and be broadened in that confession.

"For unto us a child is born unto us a son is given."

"The Word became flesh and dwelt among us."

"His name shall be called Jesus for he will save his people from their sins."

"When the fulness of time came, God sent forth his son, born of a woman."

"I believe . . . .in Jesus Christ. . . who was conceived by the Holy Ghost and born of the Virgin

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Mary.

### Let us also remember to confess Jesus: God made embryo among us

Max Lucado writes in his book, [\*God Came Near:\*](#)

*It all happened in a moment--a most remarkable moment--the omnipotent in one instant made himself breakable. He who had been Spirit became pierceable. He who was larger than the universe became an embryo. And he who sustains the world with a word chose to be dependent on the nourishment of a young girl. God as a fetus. Holiness sleeping in a womb. The Creator of life being created. God was given eyebrows, elbows, two kidneys and a spleen. He stretched against the walls and floated in the fluids of his mother.*

Christ between conception and birth. Is this a truth we confess? How far does the incarnation go? How did his flesh begin? When was he given the name Jesus? How was he sent forth? And what does this mean for the church and the world?

Confessing Christ, the Scriptures, and holy living is causing the earth to move under our feet. May it also cause the church to move in a confession that embraces all of life experienced by Christ, taught in the Scriptures, and expressed by holy living.

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