

# WELCOME TO PURPOSE CHURCH!

**Are you new to Purpose Church?** We are so glad you are here! We want to meet you, answer any questions you might have, and help you get connected. Come to the Connect Center located in the Lobby after the service to meet our friendly team!



Dec. 3

Christmas Services Begin I Communion & Baptism Regular Service Times - 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am

Dec. 10

Great Joy for All, A Christmas Concert

New Service Times - 10:00am, 3:00pm, 5:00pm

Dec. 17

Family Christmas Celebration & Snow Day Regular Service Times - 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am

Dec. 24

Candlelight Christmas Eve Services

New Service Times - 10:00am, 3:00pm, 5:00pm



New Year's Eve Services
Regular Service Times - 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am

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### **PRAYER**

We would love to pray with you! Please stop by the prayer room after the service or submit a prayer request online. purposechurch.com/prayer

#### GIVING

We believe that generous people transform the world! Offering boxes are available in the lobby on Sundays or you can give online. purposechurch.com/give

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## TITUS AND PHILEMON - JESUS: OUR GENEROUS GOD November 19, 2023 / Pastor Eric Holmstrom

**Titus:** Written to Titus between 63-65 AD, this letter is one of Paul's pastoral epistles (1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, and Titus) because Paul wrote it directly to a pastor, in this case Titus, though it was most likely also read in front of the congregations in Crete that Titus was pastoring. Crete was a fertile, agricultural island (largest in modern day Greece) located in the southern Aegean Sea. Paul's goal was to encourage and coach Titus as he was pastoring the young Cretan church of mostly Gentiles and some Jews.

Philemon: Written to Philemon between 60-62 AD, Paul wrote this letter during his first imprisonment in Rome. Philemon, a Christian living in Colossae, was probably a man of some wealth and his home was used as a gathering place for the church. This is a personal letter concerning Philemon's runaway slave, Onesimus, who had come to Christian faith through Paul's ministry. Paul's main purpose in writing was to restore Onesimus to Philemon, not as a slave, but as a brother in Christ. He asked Philemon to extend forgiveness and love to this former slave.

Paul: A Jewish-Roman citizen from Tarsus, Paul became a prominent and highly educated Jewish religious leader, and then was dramatically converted to Christianity in 35 AD. He was the primary apostle to the Gentiles, and was imprisoned on several occasions for his work in sharing the gospel. Eusebius, an early church historian, claimed that Paul was beheaded around 68 AD at the order of the Roman emperor Nero. Paul's martyrdom occurred a few years after much of Rome burned in a fire—an event that Nero secretly caused so he could rebuild Rome in his image and blamed on the Christians which provoked mass persecution of the church.

**GOD IS** 

WITH EVERYONE

Titus 3:3-7

**GENEROSITY IS** 

**FOR EVERYONE** 

Titus 3:8-10

**GENEROUS** 

SAY: "CHARGE IT TO ME"

Philemon 1:15-18

Fill in the blanks: generous, profitable, people

# JESUS ON EVERY PAGE READING PLAN

November 19-25
Titus & Philemon - Jesus: Our
Generous God

Week 47 - Day 1 Titus 1:1-4
Week 47 - Day 2 Titus 1:5-16
Week 47 - Day 3 Titus 2:1-10
Week 47 - Day 4 Titus 2:11-15
Week 47 - Day 5 Titus 3

Week 47 - Day 6 Philemon 1:1-9
Week 47 - Day 7 Philemon 1:10-25

November 26 – December 2 Hebrews - Jesus: Our Greater Sacrifice

Week 48 - Day 1 Hebrews 1 Week 48 - Day 2 Hebrews 5 Week 48 - Day 3 Hebrews 6 Week 48 - Day 4 Hebrews 8

Week 48 - Day 5 Hebrews 9:11-28 & 10:19-39

Week 48 - Day 6 Hebrews 11 Week 48 - Day 7 Hebrews 12

