

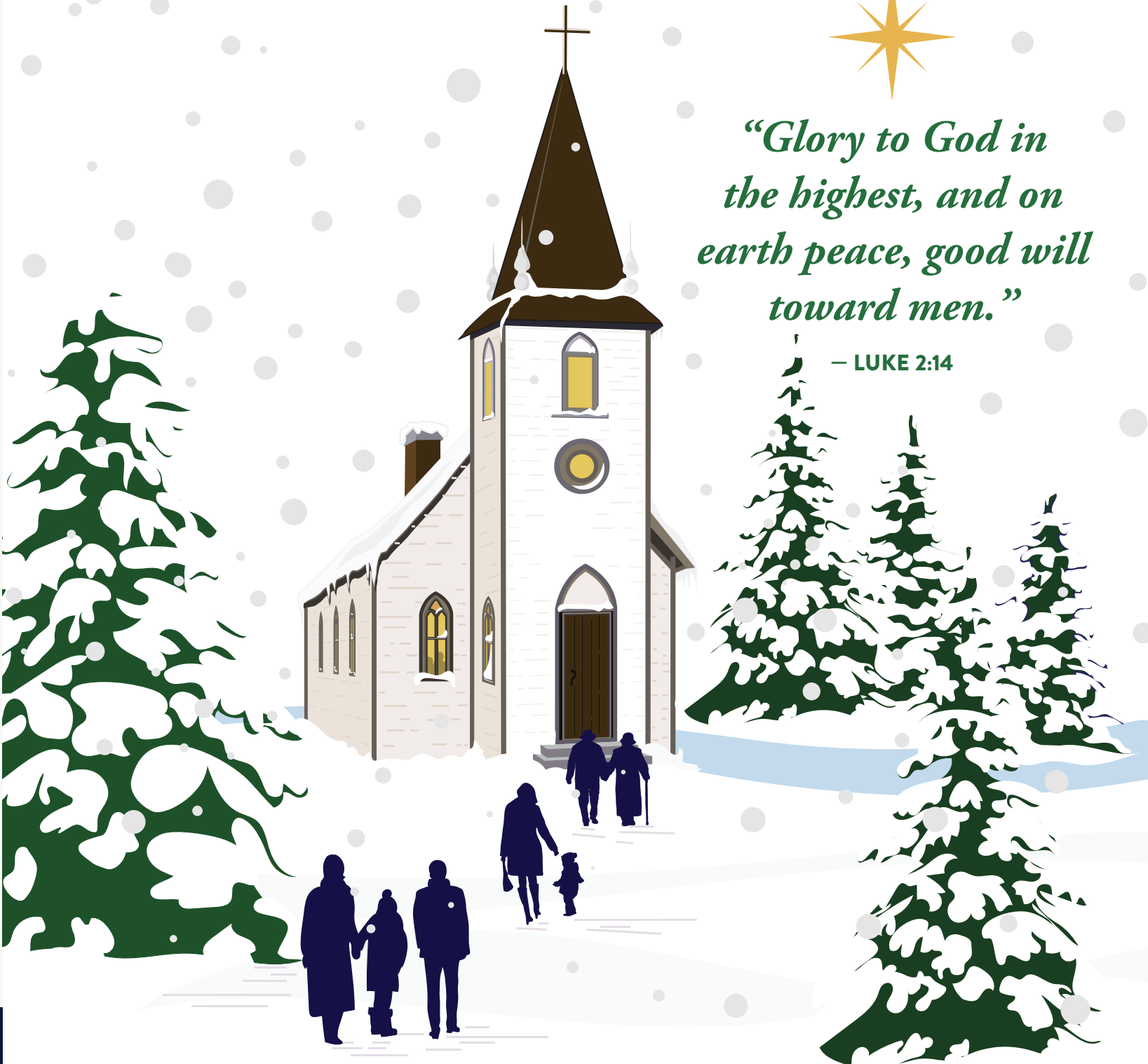
# THE VOICE

HOPE AND A FUTURE



*“Glory to God in  
the highest, and on  
earth peace, good will  
toward men.”*

— LUKE 2:14



WISHING YOU A CHRISTMAS FULL OF PEACE AND JOY!



## You help make Christmas memorable for women and children!



Many of the women and children who stay at Harvest Home haven't experienced a joyful Christmas in years. That's why we go above and beyond to make this special season a celebration to remember.

From little traditions to big activities, December is full of festivities that bless Harvest Home guests and remind them of Christ's everlasting hope. Mothers and their children look forward to a "North Pole Adventure" with a train ride, cookies and cocoa, games, and so much more. It's a special outing that families who once faced homelessness will remember for years!

During the Christmas season, Harvest Home throws a big party with

crafts, holiday games, decorations, and a dinner served by our staff. Everyone enjoys a devotional together, followed with gifts and goodies for the mothers and children.

Knowing that many of the boys and girls who come with their mothers to Harvest Home have experienced so much disappointment, we work extra hard to make them feel special. Thanks to your giving and God's grace, these kids will experience a real blessing.

Come Christmas morning, Harvest Home guests will wake to personalized stockings and gift bags under the tree. Kids will even receive presents from their mothers. Because of the many donations from friends like you, mothers are able to pick out and wrap gifts for their children.

*Thank you for sharing the love of Jesus Christ with these families who have been devastated by homelessness, hunger, or abuse. You remind them there is hope and a bright future for their lives!*

*Thank you for blessing mothers and children at Christmas!*





# Dave is living a restored life this Christmas — thanks to you!

For Dave, Christmas was a day just like any other — spent struggling with addiction or behind bars. “I’ve been in and out of jail for most of my life and attempted suicide many times,” he says.

Dave would have periods of sobriety, but another loss or prison sentence would send him right back to using alcohol or drugs to numb his pain. It wasn’t until he came to Haven of Rest that he found what could fully heal his heart — a relationship with Jesus.

“I can only give glory to God for the change in my life. I had walked away from Him, but now I let Him use me everyday,” Dave says. He got baptized, is now living in his own home, and plans to help struggling men turn their lives around — just like he did.

“This is a life changing program that brings Christ to people and brings people to Christ,” Dave says.



## Restoring men's hope

Many other men like Dave are working hard to rebuild their lives. Christmas for them has been a reminder of all they’ve lost — but you help make it a reminder of all that Jesus can restore!

In this season of hope, men who are a part of the Conqueror’s Recovery Program will receive gifts, enjoy a meal together, sing carols, read a devotional, and share their gratitude. Resident men also shop for presents to send to family.

This Christmas, these strong men are restoring their lives, their relationships, and their hope — thanks to you!



## Keeping Christ at the center



REV. JEFF KAISER  
CEO

Jesus is the center of everything we do here at Haven of Rest.

From large holiday celebrations to small daily acts,

we want to care for our guests with a Christ-like love.

At Christmas, there’s no better time to abundantly bless our neighbors and introduce them to the redeeming love of Jesus!

Maybe a glimpse of that love begins with an encouraging word, a thoughtful gift, or a warm hug. My prayer is that every man, woman, and child who spends Christmas with us will begin to see their God-given value and receive the hope Christ came to give.

**Will you join me in praying for the many weary souls we will bless this holiday season?**

Your prayers and generosity are no small act. You make a lasting impact in so many lives right here in our community.

Thank you for standing alongside those who need gospel hope. God bless you and your loved ones with joy!

Jeff



## DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT

*with employer matches!*

This Christmas, you can give twice as much vital help and hope through a corporate matching gift!

If your workplace participates in corporate gift matching, your employer will match your gift to Haven of Rest, providing even more life-transforming care to neighbors in deep need.

When you send your gift, you request a matching gift from your employer, who then sends their own gift of the same amount. Your company may even match the hours you spend volunteering at Haven of Rest with a financial grant!

This Christmas season is a great time to find out if your workplace participates in employer gift matching. Contact your human resources department or Jennifer Hugg at 330-535-1563 or email her at [jenniferhugg@havenofrest.org](mailto:jenniferhugg@havenofrest.org)

## Give the gift of restoration

*Make Christmas transformational  
for a neighbor in deep need!*

One home-cooked holiday meal, one night of shelter, one set of clean clothing, or one encouraging word could be the first step to restoring someone's life.

Vital services at Christmastime mean so much to our neighbors facing homelessness, hunger, poverty, or addiction. But what means even more is the gospel hope and love of Jesus that's expressed through the compassionate care you provide.

Your gift today will provide life-transforming care that can open the door to restoration and salvation — transitional housing, biblical counseling, skills and job training, recovery programs, and so much more.

Won't you let God use your generosity to be a turning point for a weary soul this Christmas? Thank you for standing with Haven of Rest and for every life that will be made new as a result of your compassion. God bless you!



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