



Soup & Socks Interactive Christmas Eve Service 5 PM



No. We will not be putting the socks in the soup. However, each person is invited to bring a pair of Christmas socks that they will be gifting to someone else. Each household is invited to bring a favorite Christmas soup to share as well. Some of you will remember doing something similar for Christmas Eve 2022. Each person's participation is expected. In fact, that's how you'll receive your Christmas socks.

The incarnation tells us that God got a body. But what does that mean? This is where you come in. Yes, we want the youngest children and the oldest adults to all participate. We need your help reflecting on what it means that God got a body.

Choose one of the following body parts:

God got knees.

God got toenails.

God got shins.

God got toes.

God got ankles.

God got feet.

God got hips.

God got quads.

God got a butt.

God got a digestive system.

God got a belly button.

God got a back.

God got abs.

God got a belly.

God got body hair.

God got pecs.

God got lungs.

God got shoulders.

God got arms.

God got hands and wrists.

God got fingers.

God got thumbs.

God got fingernails.

God got a neck.

God got a jaw and chin.

God got a smile...and a frown.

God got a voice box.

God got hot, cold, and sweaty.

God got ears.

God got a mouth, tongue, and teeth.

God got a nose.

God got eyes.

God got a forehead.

God got hair.

God got skin.

God got a brain.

God got an immune system.

God got a heart.

God got a nervous system.

Don't choose the same body part as someone else in your family chooses

People wonder what God is like. They get funny ideas about God. But it is the incarnation that tells us what God is like. The incarnation is when God got a body. That's when we see what God is like. As the apostle John says, *"No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known."* (John 1:18 NRSV)

There's no way we can overemphasize how important it is that God got a body! God became human. God became one of us. God with us! Immanuel. The word became flesh and dwelt among us. This is the incarnation, the enfleshment of God. After Jesus, God will forever be human. Jesus ascended to the heavens as a human. Forever after, God's got a body just like us.

We are so used to having a body that we may hardly think about having a body. Others get squeamish talking about bodies. This Advent Season you are invited to think about the significance of having a body as a way of helping us all think about what it means that God's got a body...forever!

Be prepared to respond to the following prompt using the body part you chose from the above list:

"God got (body part). I have (body part). Here's what it's like to have (body part):"

Here are some suggestions to help spark ideas about how you will answer:

- It's ok to be honest about human bodies and the way they function.
- Every body part gives us abilities and also limits us in some way.
- Tell us what it's like to have this body part?
- What kinds of everyday things do you do with this body part?
- What would you not be able to do if you didn't have this body part?
- What abilities does this body part give you?
- How does this body part limit you? In what way is this body part weak or susceptible to human struggle?
- If God's got (this body part) what does that tell you about God?

Here's where the socks come in: Once you've answered the prompt, someone will give you the pair of Christmas socks they brought. Then they get to be the next person to share their answer to the prompt. At the end of the evening, we hope to have a beautiful and well-rounded picture of the significance of God having a body. Our Christmas Eve celebration will include passing the light of Christ and singing carols, and then we will share a potluck style Christmas Eve meal of soup and fellowship! Please plan on joining us!