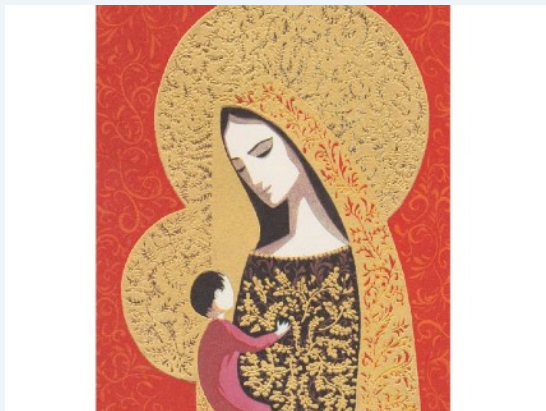


for UNTO US A SON IS given

WISHING YOU A BLESSED ADVENT AND A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS SEASON

*Among the many gifts God has given
to us, forgiveness is the most prized.*



“Peace on Earth” the angels proclaimed, but we see only strife and violence. Peace and reconciliation must begin with forgiveness—from God and for others. This is the Spirit of Christmas.

From Eugene Peterson

Artists, poets, musicians, and architects are our primary witnesses to the significance of the meaning of *virgin* in the virgin birth as a “summons to reverence and to worship.” (Barth) Over and over again they **rescue us from a life in which the wonder has leaked out**. While theologians and biblical scholars have argued, sometimes most contentiously, over texts, sexual facts, and mythological parallels, our artists have painted Madonnas, our poets have provided our imaginations with rhythms and metaphors, our musicians have filled the air with carols and anthems that bring us to our knees in adoration, and our architects have designed and built chapels and cathedrals in which we can worship God.

Christmas Praises for 2018

- * Granddaughter's Marriage
- * Publication of “I Choose to Forgive: Expanded Edition”
- * Completion of “Original Abstract Artist”
- * Expansion of ArtsCharlotte
- * Growth of Glenn's ministry, Coram Deo

- * Spiritual growth of people in my ministry
 - * Glenn's mother's recovery
 - * My brother's marriage
 - * Continued screenings of the film, **Abstraction**
 - * *And so much more . . .*
- Merry Christmas!*

Dianne and Glenn