

Monthly Reflection

DECEMBER



Opening Prayer

Eternal God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:
You have called us to be spiritual leaders
of your body, this church.
Help us to surrender
our hearts and minds to you;
To humbly seek your voice;
To boldly do your will;
To compassionately share your love;
To faithfully be your servants;
And to reverently lead your people
Bless all that we do,
So that we can do what you bless.
In Christ's name we pray.
Amen.

Heinrich Arnold, *Discipleship*

Faith in Christ means the willingness to believe in mysteries that we can neither see, feel, nor understand with our stupid intellects....

God needs a place on earth where God can break in. Such a place was there in Mary, whose willingness made it possible for Christ to be born in Bethlehem. If God can enter in even one place, whether in Bethlehem, China, Russia, Vietnam—in a human heart anywhere—it is like the opening of a door. If the door to a room is opened even a little, light can come in. And if God's light enters and moves the hearts of just two or three people on earth, it will affect all the rest. It will even affect presidents, prime ministers, generals and soldiers.

Reflection Questions

- What do you hear God saying to you through this passage?
- What does this say to you about how we need to be with God as a church?