THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS OFFICE OF THE FIRST PRESIDENCY

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To: General Authorities; General Officers; Area Seventies; Stake, Mission, District, and Temple Presidencies; Bishoprics and Branch Presidencies; Stake and Ward Councils

<u>First Presidency's Christmas Devotional 2023</u>

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

We invite Church members and their families and friends to participate in the First Presidency's annual Christmas devotional, which will be held on Sunday, December 3, 2023. The devotional will include messages from Church leaders as well as music performed by The Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra at Temple Square. In-person attendance at the Christmas devotional will be limited due to the extensive construction taking place on and around Temple Square. Decisions about gathering to watch the Christmas devotional in meetinghouses will be left to the discretion of local leaders.

The devotional will be broadcast live on the Church satellite system, ChurchofJesusChrist.org, and other media. The broadcast schedule is enclosed. Soon after the live event, the broadcast will be made available on ChurchofJesusChrist.org and added to the Gospel Library mobile app for subsequent viewing.

Sincerely yours,

Russell M. Nelson

The First Presidency

Church Broadcast Schedule:

First Presidency's Christmas Devotional

December 3, 2023

Program length: 1 hour



General Information

Choosing a Viewing Time

Please determine the viewing date and time that best serve the members in your area. The devotional may be recorded and then viewed at a later time. It may also be accessed from broadcasts.ChurchofJesusChrist.org. You may use all or part of the devotional with local Christmas programs.

Note: Broadcast dates, times, and languages are subject to change. See events. Churchof Jesus Christ.org for updates in English. For updates in other languages, contact the assigned administrative office.

Information for the Stake Technology Specialist

For instructions on preparing for a satellite broadcast or calling for technical assistance, refer to *Satellite Equipment Information for the Stake Technology Specialist*. This document should be located near the satellite receiver.

For technical information about satellite, internet, or other equipment used to receive Church broadcasts in a meetinghouse, go to servicenow. Churchof Jesus Christ.org/support. If your language is something other than English, Spanish, or Portuguese, the assigned administrative office can provide assistance.

Closed-Captioning

Closed-captioning for the hard of hearing is available on the Church satellite system in many areas. Where available, it is provided in English on closed-caption channel 1 (CC1), in Portuguese (Brazil) on closed-caption channel 4 (CC4), and in Spanish on closed-caption channel 3 (CC3). If closed-captioning is available in your area, please set up a television monitor for those who need this service. For technical assistance, follow the instructions in *Satellite Equipment Information for the Stake Technology Specialist*.

Closed-captioning in English, Portuguese (Brazil), and Spanish is also available on the internet for electronic devices that support it.

Video Reproduction

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First Presidency's Christmas Devotional, December 3, 2023

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This devotional will also be archived on broadcasts. Churchof Jesus Christ.org and in the Gospel Library mobile application.

Church Satellite System

Worldwide Satellite Broadcasts

The devotional will be available on the Church satellite system as indicated below.

Note: Program start times are listed in mountain standard time (MST) and coordinated universal time (UTC). MST is the time in Salt Lake City, Utah. UTC is the international time standard.

Live broadcast

MST: Sunday, December 3, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

UTC: Monday, December 4, 2023, at 0100

Rebroadcasts

MST: Sunday, December 3, 2023, at 8:00 p.m.

UTC: Monday, December 4, 2023, at 0300

UTC: Sunday, December 10, 2023, at 1400

MST: Sunday, December 10, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

UTC: Sunday, December 10, 2023, at 1600

MST: Sunday, December 10, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.

UTC: Sunday, December 10, 2023, at 1800

MST: Sunday, December 10, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

UTC: Sunday, December 10, 2023, at 2100

MST: Sunday, December 10, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.

UTC: Sunday, December 10, 2023, at 2300

MST: Sunday, December 10, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

UTC: Monday, December 11, 2023, at 0100

MST: Sunday, December 10, 2023, at 8:00 p.m.

UTC: Monday, December 11, 2023, at 0300

Languages available for the live broadcast and all rebroadcasts on the Church satellite system:

American Sign Language (ASL), Arabic, Cambodian, Cantonese, English (closed-captioned), Farsi (Persian), French, German, Guarani, Haitian, Hmong, Japanese, Kekchi, Korean, Kuna, Laotian, Mandarin, Marshallese, Navajo, Papiamento, Portuguese (Brazil, closed-captioned), Portuguese (Portugal), Quiche, Russian, Samoan, Spanish (closed-captioned), Tagalog, Thai, Tongan, Vietnamese.

Note: ASL broadcasts focus on the signer; the speakers from the meeting are displayed in a small window on the screen. English audio is broadcast along with ASL. On the Church satellite system, ASL is available only in the United States and Canada. If you need to start receiving ASL by satellite, please contact your facilities management group at least two weeks before the broadcast; additional equipment may be required.

Livestreaming

The devotional will be streamed live on ChurchofJesusChrist.org, YouTube, and the Gospel Stream app as indicated below.

Live broadcast

MST: Sunday, December 3, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

UTC: Monday, December 4, 2023, at 0100

Languages available live on Churchof Jesus Christ.org:

American Sign Language (ASL), Arabic, Cambodian, Cantonese, Cebuano, Croatian, English (closed-captioned), Farsi (Persian), Fijian, French, German, Guarani, Haitian, Hindi (Fiji), Hmong, Indonesian, Japanese, Kekchi, Korean, Kuna, Laotian, Mandarin, Marshallese, Mongolian, Navajo, Papiamento, Portuguese (Brazil, closed-captioned), Portuguese (Portugal), Quiche, Russian, Samoan, Spanish (closed-captioned), Tagalog, Tahitian, Thai, Tongan, Ukrainian, Urdu, Vietnamese.

Languages available live on YouTube:

American Sign Language, Cantonese, English (closed-captioned), French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin, Portuguese (Brazil, closed-captioned), Russian, Spanish (closed-captioned).

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Languages available live on the Gospel Stream mobile application for Android and iOS devices, Roku, Apple TV, Android TV, and Amazon Fire TV:

English, French, Portuguese (Brazil), Spanish.

Video on Demand and Audio Files

Recordings of the devotional will be archived for on-demand viewing and listening on broadcasts. Churchof Jesus Christ.org and the Gospel Library online and mobile app. Video and audio-only recordings for most languages, as well as text files of the talks in English, French, Portuguese (Brazil), and Spanish will be available by December 10, 2023.

Available languages:

Albanian, American Sign Language (ASL), Arabic, Armenian, Bislama, Bulgarian, Cambodian, Cantonese, Cebuano, Croatian, Czech, Danish, Dutch, English (closed-captioned), Estonian, Fijian, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Guarani, Haitian, Hindi (Fiji), Hmong, Hungarian, Icelandic, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Kekchi, Kiribati, Korean, Kuna, Laotian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Mandarin, Marshallese, Mongolian, Navajo, Norwegian, Papiamento, Persian (Farsi), Polish, Portuguese (Brazil, closed-captioned), Portuguese (Portugal), Quiche, Romanian, Russian, Samoan, Spanish (closed-captioned), Swedish, Tagalog, Tahitian, Thai, Tongan, Ukrainian, Urdu, Vietnamese.

Other Delivery Options

Television and Radio

This devotional will be available live where possible on various television and radio stations throughout the world, including broadcast, cable, satellite, and internet stations and Latter-day Saints Channel HD Radio. Check local program listings for availability in your area, or visit byutv.org or ksl.com for more information.

DVD or MP4

Outside the United States and Canada, a recording of the devotional will be available through the assigned administrative office to units that do not receive satellite or internet broadcasts. Leaders should arrange to show the recording to these units. Please check with the assigned administrative office for available languages.