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"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**"

John 1:1-5

Especially now, it's hard to deny the darkness around us. In the midst of so much violence in our world today, from war in the Middle East and Ukraine to the suppression of democracy in Guatemala and unjust imprisonment in El Salvador. But for the Christmas season we still pause to celebrate a God of life whose light shines ever brighter in the darkness. There is still hope and joy this holiday season, there are still people working to shine this love, and there are still amazing organizations and churches celebrating the light of a God called Emmanuel, God with us.

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