



JOIN US AT WPCB!
Sundays 9:30am & 6:30PM
Christmas Day 9:30am



Seeing **JESUS**
at **CHRISTMAS**



“Good news of great joy”

Readings:

Luke 2:4-14

John 15:1-13

PRESENTS...

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Grinch #1: Idols instead of Jesus

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Grinch #2: Sin instead of obedience

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Grinch #3: The present instead of the resurrection

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