welcome

We hope and fully expect that you'll encounter God this morning and even meet a few warm-hearted people as well.

You can expect the service to last around an hour and a half.

reservoir families

We're excited about your kids! We have designed special programs and services just for them that happen concurrently with the 9:30am service. Kids are also always welcome in the main services.

today's service

OPENING SONG

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERMON Ivy Anthony

WORSHIP

An opportunity to take Communion, receive prayer in the Chapel, and participate in musical worship.



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December 18, 2016

9:30am & 11:30am

Luke 1: 11-20, 59-65, 67-79 (NLT)

¹¹While Zechariah was in the sanctuary, an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing to the right of the incense altar. 12 Zechariah was shaken and overwhelmed with fear when he saw him. 13 But the angel said, "Don't be afraid, Zechariah! God has heard your prayer. Your wife, Elizabeth, will give you a son, and you are to name him John. 14 You will have great joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, ¹⁵ for he will be great in the eves of the Lord. He must never touch wine or other alcoholic drinks. He will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even before his birth. ¹⁶ And he will turn many Israelites to the Lord their God. ¹⁷ He will be a man with the spirit and power of Elijah. He will prepare the people for the coming of the Lord. He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and he will cause those who are rebellious to accept the wisdom of the godly."

¹⁸ Zechariah said to the angel, "How can I be sure this will happen? I'm an old man now, and my wife is also well along in years."

¹⁹Then the angel said, "I am Gabriel! I stand in the very presence of God. It was he who sent me to bring you this good news! ²⁰ But now, since you didn't believe what I said, you will be silent and unable to speak until the child is born. For my words will certainly be fulfilled at the proper time."

- ⁵⁹ When the baby was eight days old, they all came for the circumcision ceremony. They wanted to name him Zechariah, after his father. ⁶⁰ But Elizabeth said, "No! His name is John!"
- ⁶¹ "What?" they exclaimed. "There is no one in all your family by that name." ⁶² So they used gestures to ask the baby's father what he wanted to name him. ⁶³ He motioned for a writing tablet, and to everyone's surprise he wrote, "His name is John."

- ⁶⁴ Instantly Zechariah could speak again, and he began praising God.
- 65 Awe fell upon the whole neighborhood, and the news of what had happened spread throughout the Judean hills.
- ⁶⁷ Then his father, Zechariah, was filled with the Holy Spirit and gave this prophecy:
- ⁶⁸ "Praise the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has visited and redeemed his people.
- ⁶⁹He has sent us a mighty Savior from the royal line of his servant David,
- ⁷⁰ just as he promised through his holy prophets long ago.
- ⁷¹ Now we will be saved from our enemies and from all who hate us.
- ⁷² He has been merciful to our ancestors by remembering his sacred covenant— ⁷³ the covenant he swore with an oath to our ancestor Abraham.
- ⁷⁴We have been rescued from our enemies so we can serve God without fear,
- ⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness for as long as we live.
- ⁷⁶ "And you, my little son, will be called the prophet of the Most High, because you will prepare the way for the Lord.
- ⁷⁷You will tell his people how to find salvation through forgiveness of their sins.
- ⁷⁸ Because of God's tender mercy, the morning light from heaven is about to break upon us.
- ⁷⁹ to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide us to the path of peace."

"Kumbaya in the Christmas Story" Third in the Series "Light In The Darkness" Ivy Anthony Notes: For Christmas this year, consider: Holding "______" as your Christmas 1. Looking for ______, or being a 2. this Christmas, where you can. Converting and into 3.