

ADVENT

*let every heart
prepare him room*

Welcome to
RESERVOIR VIRCH!

December 6, 2020

We'll get started at 10:03!

Grab your breakfast, your cup of coffee/tea/juice, your people, and enjoy some music until we get started!



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NEWS & INVITATIONS



Reservoir calendar at [reservoirchurch.org/news-events/news](https://www.reservoirchurch.org/news-events/news)

- **The Beloved Community Fund to Provide Short-Term Assistance**
<https://www.reservoirchurch.org/reservoir-introduces-the-beloved-community-fun>
- **Boston Globe Article Highlights Reservoir's Advent During Covid**
<https://www.bostonglobe.com/2020/11/24/metro/advent-begins-churches-look-socially-distant-ways-celebrate-season/>
- **Artist-in-Residence Series Kicks Off**
<https://www.reservoirchurch.org/news/new-artist-in-residence-series-featuring-female-artists-of-color/>
- **Give Online to Reservoir**
pushpay.com/g/reservoirchurch or text Reservoir to 77977

Pictures of the Week



*“Vibin” by Gretchen
LeFebvre (left)*

*From our youth’s Advent art themed on
“Hope”*

*“Night” by Kai Iwasaki
(below right)*



EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

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Members Meeting!

TODAY, 12/6
1:00 - 2:30 PM
ZOOM



Let's celebrate our community together!

Join and be glad you did.

Link in chat.

Advent Gifts For All of Us

TODAY, 12/6 @Reservoir
11:30-1:00pm



Pick up a gift for Advent! of hope, light, and sweets to warm and open our hearts to Jesus's coming.

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Police Accountability Bill and Faith Into Action Events



Contact Governor Baker re:
Police Accountability Bill (see gbio.org)

Thursday, 12/10, 6-9p: Power Organizing 101
bit.ly/gbiotraining

Sunday, 12/13: 11:15a: FIA December Mtg

Christmas Eve Service

Thursday, 12/24
6:00 - 7:00
5:30 kids story
Online



A very special choir compilation and DIY candlelighting will highlight our storytelling and meditations this year. Set aside this hour to celebrate with us! Families and friends invited.

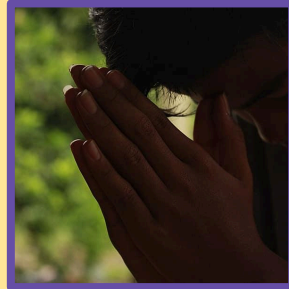
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Ask for Prayer

Sundays, 10-11am



Email steve@reservoirchurch.org anytime during our Virch service, and share your concern. Include your phone number for a brief phone call from a prayer team member today to pray over the phone.

Beloved Community Fund



A new resource to support individuals

within Reservoir's community, for

- short-term financial assistance
- long-term networking in Reservoir and beyond.

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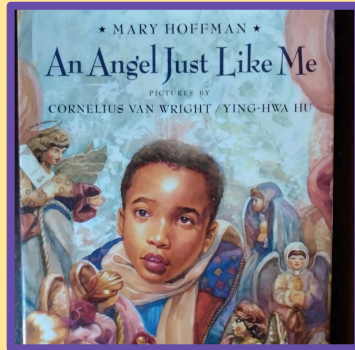
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PreK and K Welcome Guest Reader

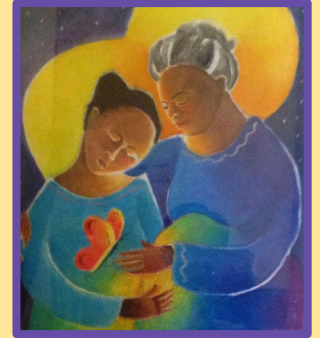
Sunday, 12/13
9:30 - 10:00 am



Marilyn Paschal returns to share "An Angel Just Like Me" written by Mary Hoffman, illustrated by Cornelius Van Wright & Ying-Hwa Hu. [Kim & Will Messenger](#) and Angel Jackson host with Marilyn.

Elementary Kids Church Next Sunday

Sunday, 12/13
9:15 - 10:00 am



We enter into the story of the angels' interactions with Zechariah and Mary about the births of John and Jesus. Art making is encouraged as kids zoom in from home for conversation, worship, prayer and storytelling. [Dan Archibald](#) and his team host this gathering for first through fifth graders.

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Members Meeting

Sunday, 12/6

1:00 - 2:30 PM

On Zoom

Let's celebrate Reservoir style!
We're skipping the potluck
but not the super company.
Reflect together as we start Advent
and a unique holiday season.
Link in chat.



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Advent Gifts for Our Congregation

TODAY, 11:30am - 1pm @Reservoir Sanctuary
170 Rindge Avenue, Cambridge

A way to collectively prepare our hearts room across this Reservoir community, and beyond (you'll see!).

We hope you'll come and pick up your gift of hope & light (and some sweets).



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Police Accountability Bill

Join the MA House and Senate in asking the Governor to sign and help lead the nation for justice.

-includes independent, community-inclusive Peace Officer Standards and Training

ALSO: Faith Into Action December Meeting

Sunday, 12/13 @11:15AM

Storytelling training and events debrief. Save the date: details coming.

THE 191ST GENERAL COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Bills & Laws Budget Legislators Hearings & Events

★ **BILL S.2963**
191st (Current)

AN ACT RELATIVE TO JUSTICE, EQUITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN LAW ENFORCEMENT IN THE COMMONWEALTH

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Want to Get Plugged In?

Take a step forward and connect more at Reservoir!

- Ask for personal prayer from our team: [**steve@reservoirchurch.org**](mailto:steve@reservoirchurch.org)
- Try one of our 30+ community groups: start with [**this form**](#).
- Give financially: **text Reservoir to 77977** or [**pushpay.com/g/reservoirchurch**](https://pushpay.com/g/reservoirchurch)
- Keep up with online platforms like Cambridge Reservoir Church (Facebook), @reservoirchurch (Instagram), or [**www.reservoirchurch.org**](https://www.reservoirchurch.org).
- Fill out a [**“New or Feeling New” form**](#).

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LUKE 1:28, 35-38, 46-55
FROM THE COMMON ENGLISH BIBLE

²⁸ When the angel came to Mary, he said, “Rejoice, favored one! The Lord is with you!”

³⁵ The angel replied, “The Holy Spirit will come over you and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the one who is to be born will be holy. He will be called God’s Son.

³⁸ Then Mary said, “I am the Lord’s servant. Let it be with me just as you have said.” Then the angel left her.

LUKE 1:35-38, 46-55

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⁴⁶ Mary said, “With all my heart I glorify the Lord!

⁴⁷ In the depths of who I am I rejoice in God my savior.

⁴⁸ He has looked with favor on the low status of his servant.

Look! From now on, everyone will consider me highly favored

⁴⁹ because the mighty one has done great things for me.

Holy is his name.

LUKE 1: 28, 35-38, 46-55
FROM THE COMMON ENGLISH BIBLE

⁵⁰ He shows mercy to everyone, from one generation to the next,
who honors him as God.

⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm.

He has scattered those with arrogant thoughts and proud
inclinations.

⁵² He has pulled the powerful - taken princes - down from their
thrones and lifted up the lowly.

LUKE 1:35-38, 46-55

FROM THE COMMON ENGLISH BIBLE

⁵³ He has filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty-handed.

⁵⁴ He has come to the aid of his servant Israel,
remembering his mercy,

⁵⁵ just as he promised to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to Abraham's descendants forever.”



"Rebuild" by Cozbi A. Cabrera