

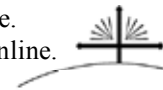
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Dec. 11 and 12, 2010 | Third Sunday in Advent

“What’s not Right about Christmas - Family”

Bringing
Jesus Christ
to people for
the first time
and
for a lifetime.



This weekend we continue with our message series as we look at how the King of Kings was born without any evidence of royalty and yet from his birth to his death, he demonstrated that he was truly the Savior of mankind. By not living according to the cultural expectations of royalty, he forged a godly example of humble service to mankind. His purpose for coming to earth was soon revealed—to rescue mankind from their sin.

This Sunday: Christmas Throughout the Ages

Christmas Program: Sunday, Dec. 12 at 3 and 5 p.m. in the Family Life Center

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Hebrews 13:8

Invite your neighbors, friends and family as we observe Christmas celebrations in different eras. Preschoolers will portray the first Christmas; children in grades K-2 will illustrate how pioneers celebrated Christmas while the older elementary children will have a “sock hop” for a ‘50s Christmas rendition. The youth will provide the transition to each era with music and narrative.



Cantata - Hark the Herald

Sunday, Dec. 19 at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Join us next Sunday as we celebrate the wonder of Christmas through music in the Cantata, “Hark the Herald.” You’ll experience a spectrum of Christmas songs that exemplifies the joy of the birth of our Savior through beautiful customized popular choral and instrumental pieces, and a narrative concerning Jesus’ birth.



Tiny Treasures Christmas Program

Monday, Dec. 20 at 5:30 p.m. for 3-year-olds

Monday, Dec. 20 at 6:30 p.m. for 4/5-years-olds and PreKs

Love Came Down at Christmas. The entire congregation is invited to watch our children from Tiny Treasures tell about the Good News of Jesus’ birth through this simple, yet powerful Christmas program.



Christmas Caroling



Join us as we spread Christmas cheer to our neighbors Saturday, Dec. 18 from 2-4 p.m.

See page 4 for more details.

Midweek Advent

Let’s continue to prepare for the birth of Jesus during our Advent worship services, Wednesday, Dec. 15 from 12:15-12:45 p.m. and 6-7:15 p.m.

Christmas educational times

Weekend education times will not meet:

Dec. 11-12, 25-26 and Jan. 1-2

All educational times will be held Dec. 18-19.

Midweek educational times will not be held: Wednesday, Dec. 22, 29 and Jan. 5

All educational times resume:

Jan. 8-9 and Jan. 12, 2011

Christmas Eve Services - Friday, Dec. 24

“What’s Right About Christmas-Jesus”

Join us at one of our six Christmas Eve services as we celebrate the most important truth throughout the ages—the birth of God’s Son, the love of God in human flesh.

Traditional Candlelight Worship: 3, 4:30, 6 and 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

H3 (Family) Worship: 4 p.m. in the Family Life Center

Contemporary Worship: 5:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center

Stewardship Notes

Giving statements mailed. Year-to-date giving statements were mailed Dec. 3 to those who made a 2010 giving pledge. This is a record of all giving through Dec. 3 and will give an accurate total of giving with less than one month left in the year. A final record of giving will be mailed after the first of the year for income tax purposes. If your year-to-date statement was not received or if you have questions, please call Shari Smith at 276-1700, ext. 202.

Simply Giving. It is not too late to sign up for the Simply Giving program. Simply Giving is a program through Thrivent which allows you to have your offerings automatically deposited in the church's bank account on a schedule you choose. It is an efficient and accurate method that also saves the church time and money in counting, recording and depositing funds. For those already using the program: if you have changed your pledge amount for 2011, please remember to turn in an updated Simply Giving form.

Gifts of stocks and other securities. There is still time to make donations of stocks and other securities before the end of the year. This can be an effective method of making your donation from a tax perspective. Because of processing times required, we encourage members to have these transactions initiated by Dec. 15 in order to make sure they get processed for year-end. There is also time to take advantage of special IRS rules allowing gifts from IRA accounts for certain individuals.

Year-end giving. All offerings received in the church office or postmarked by Friday, Dec. 31 will be processed with the 2010 giving statements. Offerings received after Friday, Dec. 31 in the offering plate or postmarked Jan. 1, 2011 will be processed with the 2011 giving, even if the check is written in 2010.

Debit and credit cards, pay-by-check and text options. Gloria Dei has the capability of collecting giving offerings by using debit cards, Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express, online pay-by-check and text messaging. The process is easy and secure. All you need to do is to go to our Web site and click on the online giving link. This takes you to Vanco's secure Web site, the same provider of our Simply Giving electronic funds transfer program.

United Way Option. Please note that you can now direct your United Way contribution to Gloria Dei.

Giving envelopes to be picked up. Giving envelopes for next year can be picked up in the room adjacent to the Gathering Place. Please note: your envelope number changes each year, so please use the new envelopes starting Jan. 1, 2011.

Questions. As always, we are willing to help in any way we can. We encourage you to visit with your tax advisor about specific issues related to your own situation. For other questions, feel free to contact Bill Jesse at 276-1700, ext. 217.

Greeters needed

Want to pass Christmas cheer to others? We are looking for individuals and families to greet during our Christmas Eve services. The commitment is to arrive 20 minutes before the service of your choice and welcome people as they enter into Christmas Eve worship. If you are interested, call Diane Schmidt, Front Desk Administrative Assistant at 276-1700 with the service time that you would like to greet.



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Commitment Reminder

Don't forget to return your 2011 commitment forms to the office or in the offering plate. If you have misplaced your commitment form, please stop by the Information Center. Thank you for your continued support for the ministry of Gloria Dei.

Text tithing

In order to keep up with technology, Gloria Dei now accepts tithing by text! The same provider for our Simply Giving and Online Giving programs, Vanco, added a new service to the mix. Before texting a donation for the first time, login to our Web site at www.gloriadeionline.com. Click on the online payment tab and complete (or update) an online profile and check the "Opt In" box. After opting in, texting a donation to the church is quick and easy. Once you are set up, click on the text tab for further instructions. You will be typing the keyword "Give," along with the dollar amount and your four-digit PIN. Vanco will then process your contribution from the account you have set up, just the same as if you processed an online contribution. For more information, go to our Web site, or call Shari Smith at 515-278-5544, ext. 202.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism Sunday, Dec. 12 during the 9 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary is for:



E Elly Marie Woodley born on Oct. 28, 2010 to Joe and Jennifer (nee Christensen) Woodley. Elly's spiritual sponsors are Denise Hinkeldey and Erik Anderson.



I Isabella Kay Beyer born on Nov. 26, 2010 to Daniel and Kacey (nee Hays) Beyer. Isabella's spiritual sponsors are Danny Hays and Bryan and Alexis Beyer.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism Sunday, Dec. 12 during the 10:30 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary is for:



N Nikia Jazlyn Pope born on Oct. 3, 1996 to Craig and Jennifer (nee Lyst) Pope. Nikia's spiritual sponsors are Pam Thompson (in abstentia) and Shirley Lyst.



T Taevian Isaiah Pope born on Dec. 3, 2004 to Craig and Jennifer (nee Lyst) Pope. Taevian's spiritual sponsors are Pam Thompson (in abstentia) and Shirley Lyst.



K Kyron Tobias Pope born on Jan. 17, 2007 to Craig and Jennifer (nee Lyst) Pope. Kyron's spiritual sponsors are Pam Thompson (in abstentia) and Shirley Lyst.



C Chayten Josiah Pope born on Sept. 10, 2009 to Craig and Jennifer (nee Lyst) Pope. Chayten's spiritual sponsors are Pam Thompson (in abstentia) and Shirley Lyst.

Thank you

Thank you for your support at last week's bake sale. We raised more than \$600 to be spent on the three families that we have adopted for Christmas and various other missions that we support. Your generosity is appreciated. ~ Naomi Circle

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:

5:30 p.m. (FLC):
Rev. Ron Burcham

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Rev. Phil Robarge

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Rev. Phil Robarge

9 a.m. (FLC):
Rev. Tim Phillips

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Rev. Ron Burcham

Preacher:
Rev. Ron Burcham

Organist:
Kathy Stange

Acolytes:

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Jonas Dierenfield

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Alaina Lampe

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Jackson Larson

Elders:

Vic Kesse
Jim Miles
Terry Woolman

Ushers:

Northwind
Dennis Dean
Brad Gerke
Mike Mahler

7:45 a.m.

Mike Collins
Joe Gilg
Kory Meyeraan
Dan Timmons

9 a.m.

Stan Bonta
John Brown
Jeff Johnston
Dick Larimer
Chris Uglum
Don Zimmerman
Sandy Zimmerman

10:30 a.m.
Dean Miller

Scripture Readings:

Micah 5:2-5 and Luke 1:26-38 (NIV)

Let's pray!

Blue prayer request cards are beneath the pews. Please indicate your prayer request and place the card in the offering plate. We have both e-mail and phone prayer chains available. Call Pastor Phillips in the church office, 276-1700, or Diane Young between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 993-3870 with your request.

Thanksgivings

- For Don and Charlotte Rasmussen celebrating their 50th anniversary on Dec. 4

Prayers

For the health of:

- David Goepfinger
- Addison Blythe
- Gene Osby
- Lucas Eubanks
- Carola Spreaker
- Mark Anderson

And for:

- Sally Dehnert and family grieving the loss of her mother
- Danny Beyer and family grieving the loss of his grandfather
- Paul and Stacy Sams, who are in the process of adopting a child
- Sarah Bennum and family
- All of our military and workers serving around the world, specifically for Tom Kennedy, Nat Wunsch, Matt Price, Joe Phillips, Jeremy Strachan, Scott LeClair, Eric Lampe, Chad Stone, Craig Scott and Trent Lumley

Prayer team

If you are interested in joining the prayer ministry team, please e-mail Pastor Phillips at: tphillips@gloriadeionline.com with your name, e-mail address and phone number.



Christmas Caroling

Saturday, Dec. 18
 Caroling: 2-4 p.m.
 Meal: 4:30 p.m.
 For questions, contact Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204.

Wrap your children in warm clothes and travel with us to homes where we will spread our Christmas joy by singing. After we carol our way in the Urbandale vicinity, we will meet at church for chili and hot chocolate.

The sweet experience continues



The Family Life Center was transformed into a winter wonderland as families gathered at this year's Gingerbread Tea. Families enjoyed the numerous sugary selections for their houses, the abundance of succulent snacks and the devotion led by DeAnn McCue, which emphasized the true center of the celebration—Jesus Christ.



January Offerings

Yes, there is life after Christmas! And we are excited to offer opportunities that will keep us growing and warm in the cold of winter. Here are a few:

Message series

“Destination-Resurrection: Where am I in God’s plan?” We will embark on a 16-week journey through the Bible starting Jan. 8-9, 2011. Travel with us through the Bible making stops in the Old Testament as well as in Jesus’ life. We will arrive at our final destination—the resurrection on Easter Sunday, with a new understanding of the majestic, omnipotent hand of God seen throughout the ages and in our lives as well.

2011 Honduras Mission Trip

Wednesday, Jan. 5 at 6:30 p.m. in rooms 131/133

An informational meeting will be held for those interested in obtaining more information about our mission trip to Honduras from June 25-July 2, 2011.

CareNight

Starts Thursday, Jan. 6 from 6-8 p.m. The evening will begin with a fellowship meal before heading to the following groups: GriefShare, Stepping Stones, DivorceCare and DivorceCare4Kids. Register on our Web site.

Financial Peace University

Tuesday, Jan. 11 to Apr. 12, 2011 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Financial Peace University (FPU) is a 13-week life-changing program that empowers and teaches how to make the right money decisions to achieve your financial goals and God’s plan for your life. Register on our Web site.

Discovery 101

Thursday, Jan 13 to Feb. 3, 2011 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Join us for the winter session of Discovery 101 on Thursdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. This informal four-week class is for all who are new to the Lutheran Faith. If you would like to use the childcare services we offer, please indicate this when you register.

For more information about these events, or to register, visit:
www.gloriadeionline.com
 or call the church office at 276-1700.



Mission trip (8-12)

We will join hands with hundreds of teens to help those in need. There are openings available for our mission trip to Ripley, Tenn. from July 10-17. Cost: \$650. Sign-up with Tim Kightlinger by giving a \$50 deposit.

Upcoming Events

January 2011 - Dinner theater casting

March 2011 - Dinner theater production

April 2011 - 30-Hour Famine

Junior high (6-8)

Sunday: Castaway: Expect fun times during our Castaway hour from 9-10 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Castaway will not be held Dec. 12.

Wednesday from 6-7:15 p.m.: After Advent worship, youth will meet in small groups.

Senior high (9-12)

Wednesday evening - The Point: Join us for Advent worship in the Sanctuary at 6 p.m. before heading to the Youth Center.

Wednesday, December 22 at 6 p.m. Christmas Party

Bring a white elephant gift (something you already own that may be looking for a new home) wrapped and an hors d'oeuvre to the Christmas party.

Sundays from 9-10 a.m. - Join us in room 138.

LWML

Ruth Circle will meet Monday, Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. at the home of Elaine Mueller, 3205 Mary Lynn Dr., Urbandale.

Thank you

Thank you to all who purchased pecans from the Valparaiso University Women's Guild. Your help is appreciated by the students of the University. ~ Elli Knuth

Iowa District West

Iowa District West invites the congregation to an open house on December 16-17 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at their new office, 409 Kenyon Road, Suite B, Fort Dodge, Iowa.

Midweek Meal

Dec. 15 - Chicken Noodle Soup

The Wave - Christmas

Sunday, Dec. 19 from 1-2:30 p.m.

Preteens in grades 3-5 are invited for a hands-on Christmas celebration. Bring 6 cookies or snacks to share.

Go Green results

Thank you for your participation in the Go Green fundraiser. The total weight of equipment brought to Gloria Dei was 4,677 pounds. There were 37 tube TVs, 36 tube computer monitors and 43 computer towers and additional electronic devices. The proceeds of \$700 were donated to the Giving Tree. Thank you again for your support. ~ Media Ministry

Shining City Calendar

Shining City Foundation has once again created a beautiful calendar portraying the people and culture of Tibet and China whom they serve. The calendars will be available in the narthex throughout December for a suggested donation of \$20. All profits will go to the work that Shining City has funded, which includes building churches, medical clinics and helping orphanages.

Week of Dec.11-18, 2010

Saturday, December 11

- 8:00 a.m. Giving Tree Pickup
- 9:00 a.m. Parents' Day Out
- 9:30 a.m. Small Group: "God Heard Their Cry"
- 12:15 p.m. Youth Christmas Program Rehearsal
- 12:15 p.m. Children's Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal
- 1:15 p.m. Children's Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion

Sunday, December 12

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion
- 9:10 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Worship Team Warm-up
- 9:20 a.m. Lifelight Adult Bible Study
- 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Infusion Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 3:00 p.m. Children and Youth Christmas Program
- 5:00 p.m. Children and Youth Christmas Program

Monday, December 13

- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Connections a.m.
- 4:00 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball Practice
- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #806
- 6:30 p.m. Volleyball
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connections p.m.
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Minister Training

Tuesday, December 14

- 1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 5:00 p.m. Health and Fitness
- 6:00 p.m. Governing Board Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, December 15

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
- 12:15 p.m. Advent Traditional Worship
- 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal
- 6:00 p.m. Advent Blended Traditional Worship
- 6:00 p.m. Junior High Small Groups
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:00 p.m. The Point - Senior High
- 7:15 p.m. Alleluia Ringers
- 7:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale
- 8:00 p.m. Carrilloneurs

Thursday, December 16

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 4:00 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball Practice
- 6:00 p.m. Infusion Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Health and Fitness
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Friday, December 17

No scheduled events

Saturday, December 18

- 8:00 a.m. Cantata Rehearsal
- 9:30 a.m. Small Group: "God Heard Their Cry"
- 2:00 p.m. Christmas Caroling
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Advent (Dec. 8)	Attendance
12:15 p.m.	74
6 p.m.	338
Total	412

Worship	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	149	
7:45 a.m.	116	110
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	311	234
9 a.m. (FLC)	94	
10:30 a.m.	295	213
Total	965	557

Outpouring of Love	
General Fund Offerings	\$42,697
Second QTD Offering	\$297,644
Second QTD Budget	\$319,000

Week of Dec. 18-26, 2010

Saturday, December 18

- 8:00 a.m. Cantata Rehearsal
- 9:30 a.m. Small Group: "God Heard Their Cry"
- 2:00 p.m. Christmas Caroling
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Sunday, December 19

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Castaway
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 9:10 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Worship Team Warm-up
- 9:20 a.m. Lifelight Adult Bible Study
- 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Infusion Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 1:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #659
- 1:00 p.m. The Wave
- 2:00 p.m. Chapel at Emeritus of Urbandale
- 4:00 p.m. Cantata - Hark the Herald

Monday, December 20

- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Connections a.m.
- 5:30 p.m. Tiny Treasures' Preschool Christmas Program
- 6:30 p.m. Tiny Treasures' Preschool Christmas Program
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connections p.m.
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Minister Training

Tuesday, December 21

- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 5:00 p.m. Health and Fitness
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, December 22

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers
- 6:00 p.m. The Point Christmas Party
- 6:45 p.m. Carrilloneurs

Thursday, December 23

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study

Friday, December 24

- 8:00 a.m. Office will close at 3 p.m.
- 3:00 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Christmas Eve in the Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m. H3 (Family) Christmas Eve in the Family Life Center
- 4:30 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Christmas Eve in the Sanctuary
- 5:30 p.m. Contemporary Christmas Eve in the Family Life Center
- 6:00 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Christmas Eve in the Sanctuary
- 7:30 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Christmas Eve in the Sanctuary

Saturday, December 25

- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Christmas Day in the Sanctuary with Communion

Sunday, December 26

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. No H3 Worship Service** (please note: H3 will resume Jan. 2, 2011)
- 10:30 a.m. Infusion Contemporary Worship Service

Children's Attendance	Saturday 5:50 p.m.	Sunday 9:20 a.m.	Sunday 10:30 a.m.	Wednesday 6:15 p.m.
Preschool	7	27	14	20
Elementary	17	55	48	81
Total Children	24	82	62	101

Welcome to Gloria Dei! We are glad you are here!

Welcome! Please take some time to get to know us. If you have any questions, ask any of our member or stop by the Welcome Center today!

Weekend Worship Services

Children are encouraged to worship with their parents at each service before being invited to Grace Place: Saturday at 5:50 and Sunday at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m. For youth in grades 6-8, an invitation to Castaway will be extended on Sunday at 9:20 a.m. **Please note: We will not hold Castaway or Grace Place this weekend; we will resume next week.**

Northwind Contemporary Worship Service: Saturday at 5:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center: This come-as-you-are service offers high-energy worship.

Traditional Worship Service: Sunday at 7:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary: Join us in this classical Lutheran worship service that utilizes all the divine services and hymns from the new Lutheran Service Book.

Traditional Worship Service: Sunday at 9 a.m. in the Sanctuary: Our classical Lutheran worship makes use of written and free-flow liturgy with traditional hymns.

H-3 Family Worship Service: Sunday at 9 a.m. in the Family Life Center: Experience the wonder of a child in this casual and friendly-family atmosphere where families with young children worship together. Toe-tapping hymns, lively praise music and puppets will capture the heart of all family members.

Infusion-Contemporary Worship: Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary: This service offers high-energy worship using contemporary Christian songs and praise music.

Other Important Items

Nursery: Infants to age 3. Located on the lower level with access through the doors in the narthex. The nursery is staffed during all worship services for children ages 3 and under at no cost to the parent.

Cry room: Located in the southwest corner of the narthex is a room with a full view of the Sanctuary for parents to take their small children when they are upset or crying.

Communion

Communion is offered on the first and third Sundays of each month during the services in the Sanctuary and the second and fourth Saturdays and Sundays during the services in the Family Life Center.

A note to our guests and visitors: The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Gloria Dei in the belief and with the confession that this Sacrament is the very body and blood of Christ (The Doctrine of the Real Presence) which is received with the bread and the wine for us to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our faith. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and seek to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. If you agree with our beliefs regarding the nature and meaning of this Sacrament and desire to commune with us, you are welcome! For the medical and/or physical needs of members or visitors, non-alcoholic wine will be in the inner circle of each communion tray and will be lighter in color than the regular wine. In addition, gluten-free wafers are available, please alert the elders before the service if possible.

Weekly Bible Reading

Luke 1:26-38 (NIV)

In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end."

"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be barren is in her sixth month. For nothing is impossible with God."

"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her.

Gloria Dei Weekend Worship Times

Saturday Evening: 5:30 Northwind Contemporary

Sunday Morning: 7:45 Traditional • 9:00 Traditional • 9:00 H3 Service • 10:30 Contemporary

Children's Educational Times: Saturday at 5:50 p.m. and Sunday at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m.

Staffed nursery from 8 a.m.-noon