

(prayed over by the elders) <u>Prayer Requests</u>

Advent Series Theme: Personal Praise Light in the darkness Luke 1:46-55

Introduction- Mary was overwhelmed. She could hardly believe God had chosen her to be the mother of the Messiah. She came from humble beginnings, lived a humble life, yet "from now on all generations will call her blessed" (Luke 1:48). In gratitude for the Lord's favor, she gave voice to her praise called the "Magnificat", so name from the first word of the Latin version. It provides an example for our praise as well.

I. A joyful heart glorifies God for His mercy. V. 50, 54-55)

God blesses Mary because she believed
Mary's song is similar to Hannah's (1 Samuel 2:1-10) and sounds like many Psalms that praise God for his mercy.
Mary (v. 50) may have had in mind God's description of Himself to Moses: showing love...Ex 20:6
God showed mercy to Noah and his family
God showed His mercy through Abraham.

II. A joyful heart glorifies God for His mighty deeds. V. 51-52

With the Psalmist, Mary could say, "I will meditate on all your works and consider your mighty deeds. Ps 77:12

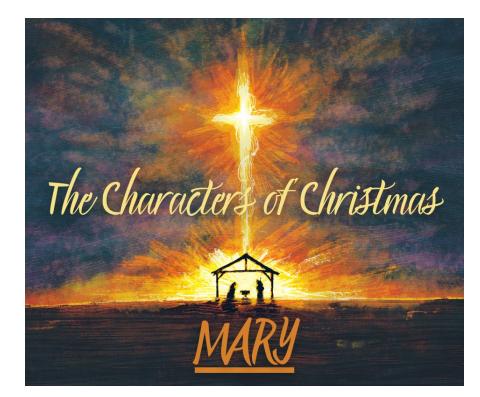
For centuries, Israelites remembered God's mighty deedsdeliverance from Egypt, the Red Sea, Pillar of cloud by day, fire by night.

Mary was about to experience another mighty deed-the virgin birth of Jesus.

III. A joyful heart glorifies God for His generosity. V.53

- Perhaps Mary had meditated on Psalm 34:8,10 "Taste and see that the Lord is good...those who seek the Lord lack no good thing."
- God has a long history of blessing His people. The psalmist wrote: "Blessed be the Lord, who daily loads us with benefits" Ps 68:19 NKJV
- Advent is a good time to remember generosity "A generous man will prosper, he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed" Prov 11:25

Conclusion/application- How will you reveal Jesus' light in your life? How does your soul glorify the Lord? In what does your spirit rejoice? Whom do you know that needs a word of mercy this week?



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Welcome! We're glad you're here.

If you are a visitor today or church member with a prayer request or if you need to contact a staff member or elder, please take a moment to fill out the attached connection card and place it in the offering plate, located at the back of the sanctuary.

Nursery is available for children ages 0 up to 4 years old. KidZone is available today for kids age 4-5th grade. Today's KidZone volunteers are Stacey Hocker, Tatum Heiser, Evan Nagy and Chase Stevens. All our workers have clearances and have been properly trained.

Mike Counsil will be leading us in prayer.

Pastor Ron will be blessing us with the message today, Light in the darkness.

The worship team will be leading the following songs: Joy to the World, All Creatures of Our God and King, What a Wonderful Name, and Be Lifted High.

Thank you for spending your morning with us!

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Make sure you have downloaded the Church Center App. If you need help please let us know. Thanks!

The last opportunity to feed the needy this year is December 10th at Sojourner Truth. The menu is Lasagna, salad, bread, pies or apple/peach crisp. Please sign up to come along side us, to be a blessing to others.

Christmas dinner at Oak Grove on December 10th at 4PM. There will be chicken. ham, potatoes, mixed vegetables, rolls, and drinks. We are asking anyone who would like, to bring a dessert to share. We will also have a missions moment from Ed and Sue Danneker at the beginning of the event. RSVP via the Church Center App.

Volunteers are needed to help assemble gingerbread houses on Tuesday, December 6th @ 5:30 at Oak Grove. Pizza, chips, and drinks will be provided. Your help is much appreciated in preparing for one of Greenview's biggest events! Please sign up at the Info Center.

CANDY, CANDY, CANDY! We are kindly asking if you could donate a bag(s) of candy for gingerbread houses. A basket is located at the Info Center for your convenience. Thanks for helping make this event a big success and fun for the kiddos and their families!

Greenview's annual Gingerbread House Decorating event is being held on Friday, December 9th @ 5:00pm, 6:00pm, or 7:00pm. Along with the decorating. we will be serving hot chocolate and cookies, listening to Christmas music, snapping pics in the photo booth, and every family will be going home with a devotional. You must register for this event via the website,

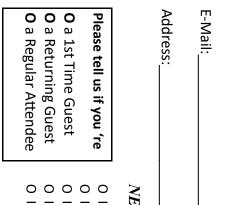
www.greenviewalliance.com, or by filling out a registration form on the welcome table. Registration deadline is 12/6/2019. Please bring a bag of candy to share.

Can you believe it's Christmas card time? All you have to do is sign and seal your Christmas cards for anyone in the congregation, put your cards in the mailbox located in the lobby by Sunday, December 11th. We will sort, stack, and pass out those cards to each family!

For more information email the office at greenviewalliance@comcast.net



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Change in contact information

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