

Opening and Welcome

Songs of Praise

Lighting of Advent Candle

Psalm Reading (#36)

Sin whispers to the wicked, deep within their hearts.
They have no fear of God at all.
In their blind conceit,
 they cannot see how wicked they really are.
Everything they say is crooked and deceitful.
 They refuse to act wisely or do good.
They lie awake at night, hatching sinful plots.
 Their actions are never good.
 They make no attempt to turn from evil.

Your unfailing love, O Lord, is as vast as the heavens;
 your faithfulness reaches beyond the clouds.
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
 your justice like the ocean depths.
You care for people and animals alike, O Lord.
How precious is your unfailing love, O God!
All humanity finds shelter
 in the shadow of your wings.
You feed them from the abundance of your own house,
 letting them drink from your river of delights.
For you are the fountain of life,
 the light by which we see.

Pour out your unfailing love on those who love you;
 give justice to those with honest hearts.
Don't let the proud trample me
 or the wicked push me around.
Look! Those who do evil have fallen!
 They are thrown down, never to rise again.

Silent Confession

Corporate Confession

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer,
 we confess that we have hidden from you
for we have done wrong.
We have lived for ourselves
 and apart from you.
We have turned from our neighbors,
 and refused to bear the burdens of others.
We have ignored the pain of the world,
 passing by the hungry, poor, and oppressed.

In your great mercy forgive our sins
 and free us from our selfishness,
that we may choose your will
 and obey your commandments;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

1 Peter 3.18: For Christ died for sins once for all, the
righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.

Song of Preparation

**Sermon - "A Good Question"
Luke 1.26-38**

Communion

Prayer

Song of Celebration

Announcements

Benediction

In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee, to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of King David. Gabriel appeared to her and said, "Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you!"

Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean. "Don't be afraid, Mary," the angel told her; "for you have found favor with God! You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!"

Mary asked the angel, "But how can this happen? I am a virgin."

The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby to be born will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God. What's more, your relative Elizabeth has become pregnant in her old age! People used to say she was barren, but she has conceived a son and is now in her sixth month. For the word of God will never fail."

Mary responded, "I am the Lord's servant. May everything you have said about me come true." And then the angel left her.



John 8.23: *I am not of this world.*

1 Cor 15.49: *...the man from heaven.*

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John 1.1-4, 14: *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made;*

without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men...The Word became flesh and made



his dwelling among us."

John 17.14: *"...they are not of the world any more than I am of the world."*

1 John 3.1-3: *How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! For that is what we are...!!*