

December 14, 2025

MARY'S PROMISE

JOY



— Luke 1:26-38; 46-55

"Advent - Mary's Joy"

Luke 1:26-55

Luke 1:26-55 - Mary shows us that joy isn't the result of our _____; joy is the result of _____.

Luke 1:34 - Mary asks how?

- The angel responds to Mary's question by saying that the Holy Spirit will be with you.
 - Translation - You don't have to _____ the plan to trust the _____ who made it.

Joy doesn't come when _____ finally agrees with your plan — Joy comes when you finally agree with _____.

Mary's joy doesn't start with _____ — it starts with _____.

Mary & Elizabeth

- When you surround yourself with people who are _____ God, you'll find that your _____ and your _____ begin to grow.

Joy is not an _____ we chase; it is a _____ to the reality of who God is.

3 Invitations from Mary in Luke 1 ...

- 1 - _____ Something Specific
- 2 - Find an "_____"
- 3 - Return to _____

"Joy is not loud. It doesn't rush. It doesn't demand applause. It accompanies us like a steady traveler — the quiet confidence that God has come, and God will come again."

—Eugene Peterson

Christmas Eve

W O R S H I P

DECEMBER 24 | 7p

COMBINED

SERVICE

DEC 28 • 10:30am



Donuts, Milk, Juice, & Coffee at 10 am!!

BCC **kids** Volunteer
Luncheon

1/25 • Noon • Fellowship Hall
bccanderson.org/cmvolunteers

RSVP
by 1/19



SUNDAY, December 14 - Praise Ringers

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
Worship
10:30 a.m. Sunday School
Worship
11:45 a.m. All-Church Christmas Choir Rehearsal
12:00 p.m. Fresh Start Class Christmas Luncheon
6:00 p.m. Sunday Night Youth Party @ Colin & Ray Davis'

MONDAY, December 15

- 6:00 p.m. Praise Ringers Party @ the Reynolds'

TUESDAY, December 16

- 8:30 a.m. Rev Strength
11:30 a.m. Lydia Circle Christmas Luncheon
3:30 p.m. A Heart For Kids

WEDNESDAY, December 17

- 6:30 p.m. All-Church Christmas Choir Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Martial Arts Christmas Party
6:30 p.m. Youth Wisdom Wednesday
7:00 p.m. Missions Team Meeting

THURSDAY, December 18

- 8:30 a.m. Rev Strength
3:30 p.m. A Heart for Kids

FRIDAY, December 19**SATURDAY, December 20**

- 6:00 p.m. Young Adult Christmas Game Night @ the Ohmes'

SUNDAY, December 21 - Christmas Choir

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
Worship
10:30 a.m. Sunday School
Worship
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Save These Dates for 2026!

- **January 9** - Kids Ministry Family Winter Movie Night
- **February 6** - Winter Carnivale
- **June 14-17** - Vacation Bible School

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Christmas Photo Backdrop:** There is a beautiful Christmas backdrop set up in the Atrium for you to take pictures of you and your loved ones this holiday season. There will not be a photographer available, so make sure you have your phone or camera ready. We wish you all the joy, peace, and love this time of year brings!
- **Memorial Christmas Tree** is a beautiful way to remember your loved ones during the holiday season. Feel free to add your memorial ornaments to the tree in the Atrium. Please label your ornaments.
- **Toys for Backpacks:** JH and HS students will be filling backpacks for kids at Alternatives. They will be accepting donations until next Sunday, **December 21**. There will be a box in the Atrium, and a box in the office for donations. Questions? Contact Ariel Bell.
- **Christmas Eve Service** will be Wednesday, **December 24**, at 7:00 p.m.
- **Combined Service** on Sunday, **December 28**, at 10:30 a.m. Refreshments at 10 a.m. in the gym. There will be no kids programming this Sunday.
- **2026 Offering Envelopes** are available for pickup in the Atrium. Envelopes are arranged alphabetically by last name. If you would like envelopes or need to update your mailing address, please contact the church office. **Just a reminder**, your gifts may also be made by automatic bank draft, through our website, or by the BCCAnderson mobile app.
- **Faith & Culture Bible Study:** Beginning Sunday, **January 11**, from 6:30 - 7:45 p.m., we will have a 4 week study for adults. We will explore how to navigate the tension between being separate from the world and living within it, using the Bible to understand and engage with cultural issues. Childcare provided (birth - 6th grade). All must register at bccanderson.org/fc.
- **Winter Carnivale 2026** will be Friday, **February 6**, from 6-8:30 p.m. We need YOUR help to make this a success! There are sign-up sheets in the Atrium to volunteer or to donate individually wrapped candy/fruit snacks or homemade cookies/brownies/rice krispie treats. You can also sign up online at bccanderson.org/carnivale.

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Our Congratulations To:

Chad & Alexa Norris on the birth of their baby boy, Jaxson Robert Norris, on 12/9. Proud sister is Gracie Norris. Grandparents are Greg & Jill Stephenson.

Our Sympathy To:

Brian (Lisa), Christian, and Danielle Wihebrink on the loss of their mother and grandmother, Dianna Allen, on 12/6.



If you are new to Bethany, have a prayer request to share, recently changed contact information, have questions about Jesus, volunteering, or more—***we want to connect with you!*** Simply open your smart phone's camera app and point it here or navigate to www.bccanderson.org/connect