

## NEW TO GC?

Stop by the Guest Connection Desk today after our worship assembly. We'd love to meet you!

## WELCOME!

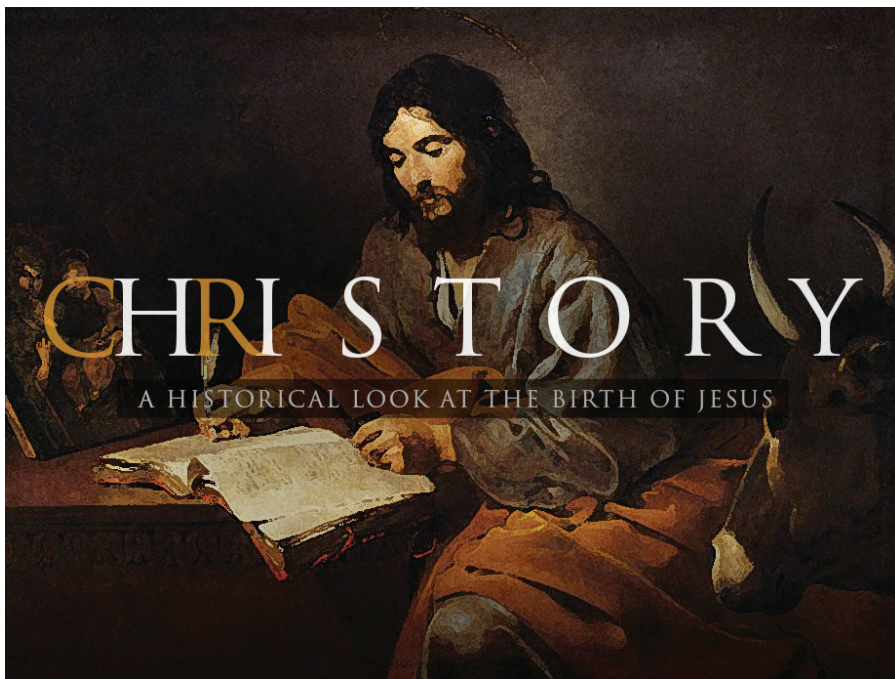
"But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart."  
(Luke 2:19 NIV)

Today we will work through a text that contains these words about Mary's reaction to the reaction of others, as they experienced the wonder of the birth of Jesus. The primary focus of this week's message is to encourage us to remember that God's people have always been called to be a people of celebration, especially as we celebrate the good things that God has done for us. Christmas is most definitely a time of celebration.

We would be remiss, however, if we did not recognize that Christmastime is also a time for contemplation. The two are not mutually exclusive. While one celebrates, another may choose to find a moment to ponder the goodness of God--and often this too can move us to celebrate. As we enter this final week before Christmas Day and as we prepare to celebrate, I want to encourage you to find some quiet time to ponder. In this too, there is value.

Blessings,

Paul



## UPCOMING



For more details on upcoming events, see the GC Events calendar online or in the GC app.

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Angels We Have Heard on High

Welcome

Rocky Wyatt

Lord, for Your Glory  
Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)

Communion

Dale Kilpatrick

Away in a Manger

Offering

Dale Kilpatrick

Kids Dismissal

Rocky Wyatt

We Bow Down  
The First Noel

Message: Celebration  
*Christy • Part 3 of 3*

Paul Huyghebaert

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Next Steps

Rocky Wyatt

Sending Prayer

Dale Kilpatrick

## PRAYER SPOTLIGHT

"...You brought me out of the womb; you made me trust in you even at my mother's breast. From birth I was cast upon you; from my mother's womb you have been my God. Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help." (Psalm 22:9-11)

Dear Father, full of wisdom and complete in every way, we need your nudging when we are uncertain which path to follow. Help us to trust as a child trusts, but with grown-up faith that has survived the tests of time. May it not be a pastime but a full-time commitment to your holy way of life. May we be found unwavering in life, and may death find us faithful at that appointed time. Our prayer in Christ's name, amen.

### HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

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birthday party. But we can celebrate Him. So, let's throw a pajama party to help our preschoolers celebrate and learn that Jesus is God's Son!

**REMEMBER THIS:** "God loved the world so much that he gave his only son." (John 3:16 GNT)



**THE BIG GIVE:** James, the brother of Jesus, wrote that every good and perfect gift comes from God, but the best gift God ever gave was Jesus. From the beginning, God has had a plan to rescue the world

from the consequences of sin. Jesus is the fulfillment of God's plan. Because of Jesus, it's possible for us to have a relationship with God that will last forever. As we remember the Christmas story, we take time to celebrate the greatest gift the world has ever known.

**REMEMBER THIS:** "Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is the Messiah, the Lord." (Luke 2:11 NIV)



### YOUTH NIGHT

Sundays, 5-8 p.m., GC Youth Room

For anyone in 6th-12th grades to explore how to follow Jesus and to connect with others in a safe, fun environment.

Join us tonight for our Christmas party! Enjoy a pizza dinner with desserts from our annual dessert competition. Don't forget to bring a small gift for our White Elephant gift exchange.



### UPCOMING YOUTH NIGHT SCHEDULE

**TONIGHT:** Christmas Party, 5-8 p.m.

12/25: NO Youth Night - Merry Christmas!

For more details on upcoming events, see the GC Youth calendar online or in the GC app.



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### SERVICES

Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

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### LAST WEEK (12/11/22)

On-site Attendance 412

YTD Contributions \$1,225,529