

TIME TO REVIVE is hosting a conference January 9-12 in Elkhart to call our nation to repentance and prayer. "America is at a Crossroads" will be held at the RV Hall of Fame and will include corporate worship and breakout sessions. Registration is only \$50. Information can be found in the fliers posted around the church or at reviveunited-states.com.

Deacon Fund Offering... As the year draws to a close we are looking to replenish our Deacon Fund. This account is used to help those in our church with various needs. If you have anything you'd like to contribute, a check made out to the church with "Deacon Fund" in the memo line will suffice.

Giving Envelopes... If you do not currently receive Giving Envelopes to be used for your offering each week, and you would like to receive a box of envelopes for 2025, please talk to Edna VanDiepenbos.

In Doug & Peggy's absence, should anyone have any Prayer Requests for the Prayer Chain, please call or text Pastor Jeff at 574-370-8171, and we will make sure those requests go out.



Christmas Caroling!

We are going Christmas caroling at the Maples At Waterford Crossing, where Grace is staying. Join us this Sat., Dec. 14th at 5pm. Meet in the lobby at the Maples Healthcare Center!

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Needed to make Budget each month in 2024: \$8,612
Given in December (as of 12/1): \$1,121
2024 Budget giving needed (Jan-Oct): \$94,732
2024 Actual Budget giving (Jan-Oct): \$92,578
(\$2,154 under budget for the year)



December 8th, 2024

Today's Message:
Mary's Story
Luke 1

9am– Sunday School
10:15am– Morning Worship

Pastor Jeff Estep

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Find us online at www.newparisfirst.com!

Calendar:

Sun., Dec. 8th– Holiday Meal after church, Youth Group, 6-8pm

Tues., Dec. 10th – Butterfly Mornings, 9:30am

Sat., Dec. 14th– Caroling @ Maples at Waterford Crossing, 5pm

Upcoming Birthdays!!

Fri., Dec. 20th– Aleck Lantz and Aubrey Lantz

Upcoming Anniversary!!

Mon., Dec. 16th– Bill & Cheri Mullins

Prayer Concerns:

- Praise God for the beauty of this season!
- Doug & Peggy made it safely to Australia
- Eva E. having checkup on injured toe and orthodontic consult
- Mike & Shelby ask for prayers, they are going through a lot
- Diana S.– prayers for Austin, who's looking at another surgery

Prayer Focus *Thank God for loving us enough to send Jesus. Pray that His love inspires us to love one another as He loves us. Ask that His love guides our actions and words.*

Leading Worship Today– Megan Long
Serving Today– Nursery– Jamie Estep

**December 8th, 2024–
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Prelude, Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Love– Eva Estep

Entering with Praise– The Worship Team

Morning Prayer

Scripture Reading– Isaiah 49:14-16

“But Zion said, “The Lord has forsaken me, the Lord has forgotten me.” “Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you! See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are ever before me.”

Hymn #141 – O Little Town of Bethlehem

Message— *Mary’s Story*

Pastor Jeff Estep

Closing Hymn #128 – It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Dismissal

If you have an offering to give this morning, please place it in the box at the back of the sanctuary.

Sermon Notes:

God chose Mary as an act of His _____.

When God calls us to be a part of something great, it isn't our _____, but God's _____ that's going to make things happen.

Obedience can be _____, but it shows our _____ for God and for the people He wants to save.

Daily Scripture Readings:

Sunday– Luke 1:26-38 **Monday–** Luke 1:39-56

Tuesday– Isaiah 49:1-19 **Wednesday–** Philippians 3:1-14

Thursday– 2 Corinthians 3:4-6 **Friday–** 1 Peter 5:1-7

Saturday– Habakkuk 3:11-19

Upcoming Sermons:

12/15- “Joseph’s Story– Matthew 1:18-25– After learning of Mary’s pregnancy, Joseph considers breaking off his engagement to Mary. But when an angel shows up to him in a dream, Joseph begins to learn a very important lesson– JOY FOLLOWS OBEDIENCE!

12/22– The Shepherds’ Story– Luke 2:1-20– In the skies over Bethlehem on the night Christ was born appeared an army of angels. But this army did not come to declare war but rather, to proclaim PEACE. God came to make peace through the life of Heaven’s Lamb!