

December 5, 2021

Call to Worship & Praise

Praise Team

Advent Reading

Teen Group

Mary Did You Know?

Shoshannah Ruwethin, Major

Responsive Reading

William Begonia, Major

O Come Let Us Adore Him

- Dismiss Junior Church (up to age 12) -

The Window Of Wonder - Mary

Celestine Ruwethin, Major

Tithes and Offering

Announcements & Benediction

Bram Begonia

Refreshments in the Courtyard

RESPONSIVE READING

Leader: Luke tells us that Mary was “perplexed,” and that she “pondered” at the meaning of such a strange greeting: “Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you” (Luke 1:28, NASB). These are strong words! Perplexed means “deeply distressed” and pondered comes from the same word as our word dialogue. She was, in fact, reasoning with herself, in her own mind, about the meaning of all this. Sensing her confusion, Gabriel explained it further:

Men: But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus.

Women: He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end” (Luke 1:30-33, NASB).

Leader: “Found favor” meant that Mary was privileged. Talk about wonder! And Mary’s response—that she was a virgin—shows how difficult it was for her to grasp such a thing. Gabriel reassured her that even as her cousin Elizabeth had become pregnant in her old age, the God of the impossible was capable of granting this privilege to her. Awe and wonder dissolved into trust and willingness of heart. Her response to Gabriel was firm and direct:

All: “I am the Lord’s servant. May everything you have said about me come true” (Luke 1:38, NLT).

Leader: Amazingly, Mary understood the magnitude of

Announcements:

Dec. 7, No Family Night due to Sharks event, teens will still meet for bellringing Tuesdays and Thursdays

Dec. 10, Ladies Christmas Night Out @ Majors house, 7 pm - Wear ugly Christmas sweater & \$5 socks to gift

Dec. 11, ARC Bellringing day

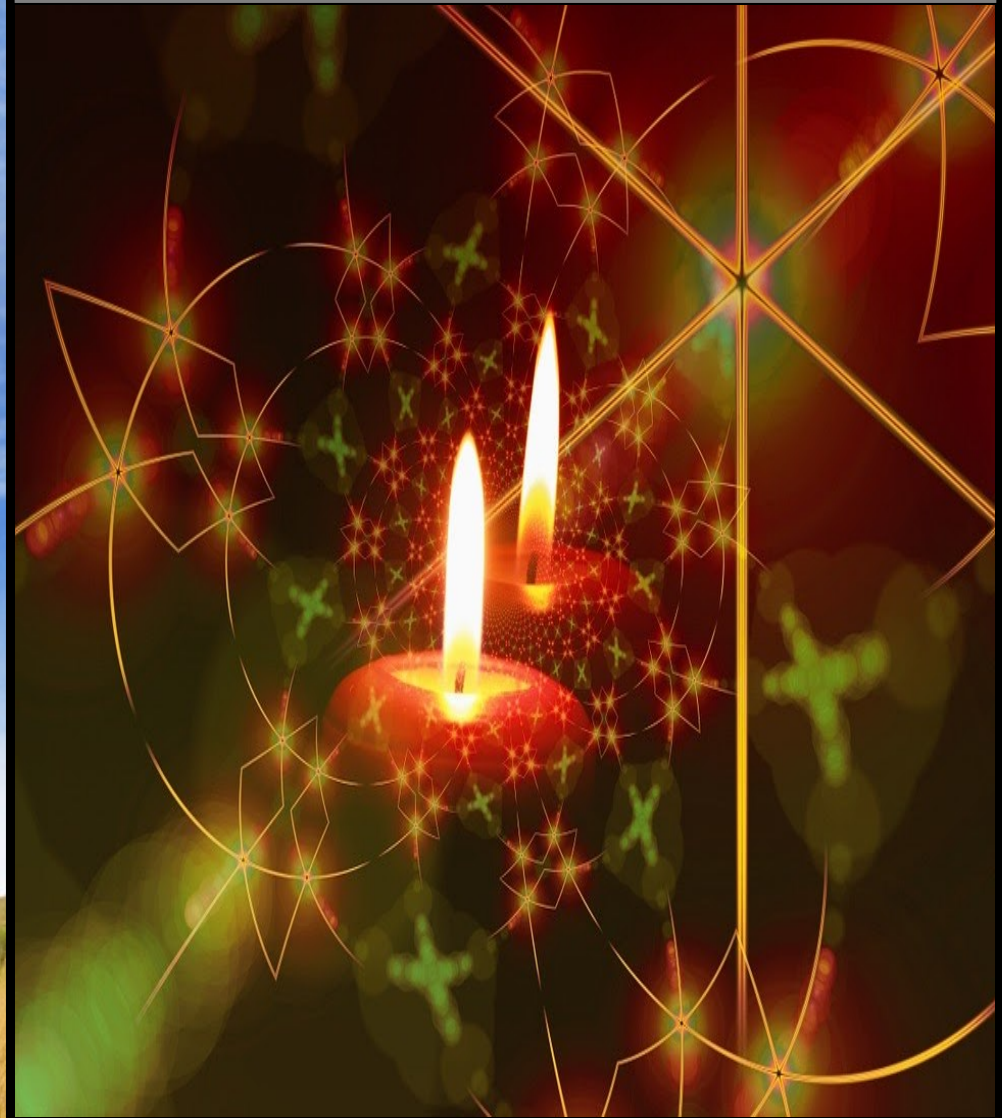
Dec. 12, Special Potluck Sunday & Fellowship, Sign up - Please pick up CCM gifts this week to help deliver

Dec. 19, Christmas Sunday
- Family Pictures in the chapel and cookie exchange for refreshments (bring 2 dozen cookies of any kind)

More volunteer bellringers are needed. Please sign



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The Salvation Army

Santa Clara Citadel
3090 Homestead Rd, Santa Clara 95051
9:30 AM Adult Connect, 10:30 AM Worship