Historic White Marsh Church

December 15, 2024 Third Sunday of Advent

Prelude Marjorie Lampkin - Pianist

Hymn ~ 277 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Welcome and Announcements

Welcoming of new member

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:26-38

Pastor Wes

Prayer

Advent Reading and Candle Lighting

Hymn ~ 267 I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

Special Music: "Mary, Did You Know?" Alabaster Grace

Sermon: Mary, Did You Know? Pastor Brad

Hymn ~ Hymn ~ 249 O Come All Ye Faithful

A Time of Remembrance for David Sweet

Benediction & Postlude

Tithes & Offerings: Please use the wooden **offering box** or *mail your offering to: PO Box 24, Lancaster, VA 22503. Thank you!*

Membership: If you are interested in becoming a member of Historic White Marsh Church, please talk to Rev. Wes Hall or Rev. Brad Perry.

Historic White Marsh Church is an independent, Bible-believing, teaching, and Christ-loving Church. We are made up of Christians from diverse backgrounds, who are going to the same place (heaven) because of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

TODAY! Friendship Fellowship after the worship service.

Board Meeting: Tuesday, December 17 at 1:00 PM

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 7:00 PM

Please plan to join us on Sunday, January 5 after the Worship Service for a very special time celebrating *Pastor Wes Hall's Retirement* and the *11th Anniversary of Historic White Marsh Church!*

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Sundays with Alabaster Grace on 101.7 Bay FM Sundays 9:15-9:30 AM

Mary, Did You Know? Luke 1:26-38

"And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the throne of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." (Luke 1:31-33)

Gabriel's Grand Announcement

- Gabriel greets Mary and reassures her.
- Gabriel reveals God's plan to Mary.
- Mary responds, asking how can this be?
- Gabriel reveals Elizabeth's pregnancy to Mary.
- Mary responds to Gabriel in submission.

The Messiah's Momentous Promise

- Mary's son will be no ordinary child.
- The divine plan for Jesus's life.
- The assurance that Jesus's kingdom will never end.
- The divine means of the incarnation of God Himself.
- Elizabeth's pregnancy: a divine sign for Mary.

Mary's Miraculous Submission

- Mary's willingness to accept God's plan.
- Mary's faith in God's promise.

The Implications of Mary's Submission for Us

- We are to surrender our plans and desires to God.
- We are to cultivate a deep and abiding faith in God's promises.

Bible Study Questions:

- 1. How can we emulate the faith of Mary in our lives as believers?
- 2. Can you recall time(s) in your life when God gave you a daunting plan to accomplish?
- 3. In your daily living, how are you reminded that with God all things are possible?
- 4. How is Mary's submission to God an example for us? How are we to trust in God?
- 5. How does God call us as believers to play a role in His plan of salvation?
- 6. How do we hear God's plans and desires for our lives?
- 7. How can we cultivate a deep and abiding faith in God's promises?

Sunday: Bible Explorers Class at 9:45 AM & Worship at 11:00 AM Thursday Bible Study: 6:00 PM