

# BEYOND SUNDAY: December 13, 2020

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## A weary world Rejoices

Series Page: [wearepcc.com/Christmas](http://wearepcc.com/Christmas)

Message: Mary's Song

Throughout the month of December, each Sunday and on Christmas Eve (Thursday, December 24), we will hear teachings based on songs in the Gospel of Luke.

During this Advent Season, PCC is wanting to help a weary world rejoice by giving you, your family and/or friends, a daily focus to help you experience the hope, peace, joy, and love of God. Our series, [A Weary World Rejoices](#), will focus on the 5 songs found in the Gospel of Luke. Those who sang these songs prove that in troublesome times there are still such good things to sing about God. This week we look at Mary's Song and how it is God's character, not our circumstances, that allows us to rejoice.

**Monday Dec. 14** - What do you remember about Mary and the culture in which she lived? How could this have affected her attitude about being chosen to bring the Lord into this world? Listen to the song, [Mary Did You Know, by Pentatonix](#). Reflect on the words, and share how God is speaking to you.

**Tuesday Dec. 15** - After Mary's encounter with the angel Gabriel she could have plummeted into self-doubt and second thoughts. Instead she hurries to Elizabeth's house to share her experience. As Pastor Gary Gaddini informed us, it was in this encounter that God confirmed her calling through Elizabeth's song. We need community more now than ever before. Reflect on a time when your community was there for you, confirming your purpose or your calling. How might God use you today to encourage others in their walk with Him? Reach out to someone today with a phone call, note, text, or email.

**Wednesday Dec. 16** - Read about Mary's visit with Elizabeth in [Luke 1:39-45](#) and Mary's song in [Luke 1:46-55](#). Mary does not let her circumstances, her fear of the future, or her concerns about what others might think of her rob her of her song. Is there something drowning out your song today? Identify and list those things. Present them to God.

**Thursday Dec. 17** - Mary is able to sing out in the midst of her uncertainty because she is focused on the character of God. List the attributes of God you see in [Luke 1:46-55](#). Add additional attributes of God that come to mind. Which attribute is standing out to you today and why? How does focusing on God's character affect your life today?

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**Friday Dec. 18** - Using the attributes of God that you listed yesterday, write out your own song to God. Be honest. Include your doubts and fears, then end with God's attributes. Parents and grandparents can do this as an activity with your children. You can get creative and step out of the box a bit. We know that Mary was a teenager. What would her song look like today? Help your children identify God's attributes and then create a modern-day song that Mary might have sung today.

**Saturday Dec. 19** - Mary was given a tremendous responsibility and calling to bring the Savior into the world. Her response was, "I am the Lord's servant." She accepted her calling, not knowing the road ahead or counting the cost. Ponder this idea and think about how God might be talking to you today. It is now our responsibility to tell the lost and weary world about our living God who brings hope and salvation. Who might you invite to church for our online Christmas Eve service? [Christmas Eve online](#) at 3pm/5pm Contemporary or 7pm Traditional. Who is God putting on your heart to cultivate a relationship that needs to hear the Good News?

## **Actions or Resources:**

- To get these daily devotionals sent to your phone, text "advent" to 650-332-4438.
- Want to try another daily Advent devotional tool besides the Beyond Sunday? On your [YOUVERSION](#) App pick one under "Plans" or go with A Weary World Rejoices (doesn't follow along with ours, but we like the title).
- **Get involved** with [PCC Christmas Community Outreach](#) to support local schools, police, and children.
- **Join us** for [Christmas Eve online](#) at 3pm/5pm Contemporary or 7pm Traditional.