Things to Pray for:

CHURCH FAMILY NEEDS: Pray for Randy and Connie as they face uncertainty with their job situations. Pray for Sam who has a mass in one of his lungs.

MISSIONARIES: This month pray for the Mishkins in Israel.

FAMILY OF THE WEEK: Each week we'll pray for a different family in our church. This week pray for the Erdels.

HILLSIDE HAPPENINGS: Pray that the church would continue to stay unified under Christ. Pray for our online services and for the people joining us there. Pray that God would use us to bring His Kingdom here. Pray for the foster closet, as they are helping a new foster closet as they are currently in need of more volunteers.

CURRENT HAPPENINGS: Pray for the current health pandemic in our world and in our country. Pray for medical staff and for our leaders as they navigate how to best help. Pray for our teachers and school administrators. Pray for the unrest and divisions in our country. Pray for our leaders, current and future.

Numbers

Attendance for 12/27/20 Service

In-person: 28

Online Views (through 12/28): 35

Christmas Eve Service Online Views (through 12/28): 153

<u>Giving</u>

Online (12/21 to 12/27): \$555

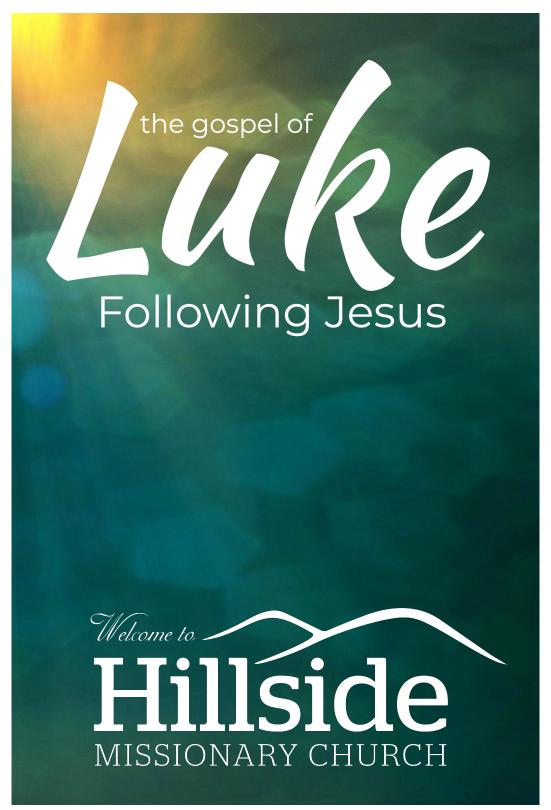
In-Person (12/27): \$472 general, \$400 missions, 250 foster closet

Total general needed weekly to meet budget: \$1,575

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Welcome!

December 27th, 2020

Whether you're a guest or a long-time attendee we're glad you're here with us. We're a friendly and caring group of Christians who are here to help people be CONNECTED with Jesus, CHANGED by Jesus, and COMMITTED to the mission of Jesus.

GUESTS: Thanks for joining us today! We truly believe that you're not here by accident and that God has some amazing plans for your life. If you'd like some information about who we are and how to get plugged in here at Hillside, please fill out the "I'm New" page on our website, hmcworship.com/im-new/

SERMON SERIES: Our sermon series is going through the book of Luke and is entitled, "Following Jesus." This Sunday's message is from chapter 2 and answers the question, "What do I do when God stresses me out?"

CONNECT: We'd love for you to connect with us online! Find an online version of every week's service on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and on our website, hmcworship.com. In addition to that, we encourage you to continue to reach out to your church family through letters, texts, phone calls, and on social media.

COVID-19 CHANGES: Please remember, no offering plates will be passed; instead, we ask you to give online or via the giving box near the entrance. Tables are set up in the back row for families with young children. We also kindly ask you to use the restroom before you come to ensure that our restrooms are as clean as possible for those who need to use them. Thank you for wearing your mask when not seated 6+ feet away from those outside of your household.

Announcements

ONLINE SERVICES: During this time of the pandemic, we are putting together pre-recorded online versions of our in-person services. These online services, which are specifically designed to be participated in from home, can be found on our website, Youtube, Facebook, and Instagram. If you don't have time to watch, you can always catch up on the go by listening to these services on all major podcasting apps.

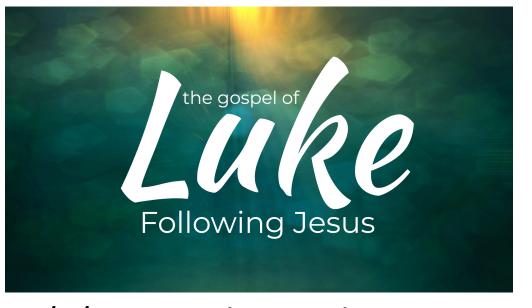
SMALL GROUP: If you're looking to go deeper with what Pastor Josh preaches on Sunday mornings or just looking for some extra fellowship time with your church family, then please consider joining a small group! Please contact Pastor Josh.

Opportunities to Help

FOSTER CLOSET: Our foster closet helps foster children and families to get the clothing and things that they need. They are in need of people to help them sort through donations on a regular basis. If you would like to get involved or would like more information please contact April Rollf.

KID'S MINISTRY: We've started a kids' church program for during the sermon part of our service. If you'd like to volunteer once a month, just during the sermon portion of the service, we'd love your help! No outside prep is required. Please contact Pastor Josh.

TECHNOLOGY: Do you love technology? Do you have a working finger? We're looking for someone to help us out with putting together and running the worship lyrics on Sunday morning. Please contact Pastor Josh.



1/3/21 - Week 4 — Luke 2:41-52 What Do You Do When God Stresses You Out?

In this passage of God's Word we see Mary and Joseph go through an extremely stressful time: for three days, they think they've lost Jesus! By taking a closer look at this story though, we can learn how to deal with the seasons of our lives when it feels like what God is doing stresses *us* out. We learn that we have to remember:

1. God is still working, and He hasn't

_____ US Luke 2:48-49, 2 Tim. 2:13, 1 Cor. 1:9, Num. 23:19, Lam. 3:22-23

- 2. It's _____ to not know what God is doing Luke 2:50-51, Heb. 11:1, Ps. 46:10, Mark 5:36, 2 Cor. 5:7
- 3. When God stretches us, He does so

Luke 2:41-47, James 1:2-3, 12, Rom. 8:18, 28, 2 Cor. 1:3-4

Reflection Questions

- 1. After taking a look at Mary and Joseph's story here in chapter 2 of the Gospel of Luke, what stands out to you the most? If you're familiar with the story, did you notice anything that you haven't noticed before?
- 2. Mary and Joseph undoubtably would have felt very stressed and frantic by what Jesus chose to do by staying back in Jerusalem and then not being able to find Him for 3 days. Have you ever felt stressed out by what God has done before? Why? What impact did that have on your faith?
- 3. After Jesus answered His parents' questions about what had happened, it says that they did not understand His answers. Yet in spite of this, God's Word says that Mary treasured up all these things in her heart. How do you think she did this? Have you ever received an answer from God that you didn't understand? Was your response like Mary's? How did your response impact your relationship with God?
- 4. Reading and studying this story from God's Word can help us to realize the importance of preparing for times when we do not fully understand what God is doing in our lives. What practical step(s) can you take to strengthen your faith now so that when something happens (like what happened to Mary and Joseph in this passage of Scripture), your default response causes your relationship with the Lord to be strengthened instead of being damaged? Who will keep you accountable to that?