Things to Pray for:

CHURCH FAMILY NEEDS: Pray for Randy and Connie as they face uncertainty with their job situations. Pray for Dorothy Lubbers, who was hospitalized recently due to heart attack. Pray for the Ewings, who are in quarantine due to exposure to Covid-19.

MISSIONARIES: This month pray for the Bellas in Hungry.

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

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 12/13/20 Service

In-person: 29 Online Views (through 12/9): 72

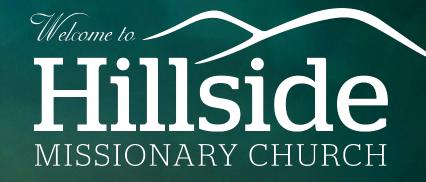
Giving

Online from 11/30 to 12/6: \$295 for the general fund In-Person on 12/6: \$1392 for the general fund Total general needed weekly to meet budget: \$1,575

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the gospel of Following Jesus



Welcome!

December 13th, 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 1 and answers the question, *"What do you do when it feels like God has abandoned you?"*

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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: We strive to be as transparent as possible about how the church operates and handles money. To help accomplish this we encourage everyone to attend a short meeting directly following the service today. Paper copies of the handout for the meeting are available at the info table located near the entrance of the gym. Otherwise, if you are on the church's email list, one has already been emailed to you in the weekly email leading up to today's service.

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.



12/13/20 - Week 1 – Luke 1:1-25, 57-80

When it Feels Like God has Abandoned You

In this passage of God's Word we enter into a story where it is extremely likely that people felt like God had abandoned them. It is in these dark circumstances, though, where God's light shines the brightest. After 400 years of being silent, God speaks through an Angel to a priest named Zechariah. By taking a look this story, we see that...

God is faithful:

1. By hearing our _____

Luke 1:5-17, 1 John 5:14-15, Matt. 21:22

2. Despite our _____

Luke 1:18-25, 2 Tim. 2:13, 1 Cor. 1:9

3. To make the impossible, _____

Luke 1:24-25, 37, Matt. 19:26, Jer. 32:17

4. To His _____

Luke 1:67-79, Ps. 145:13

Reflection Questions

- After taking a look at Zechariah's story here in chapter 1 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. It was disgraceful during this era to be barren. If you were Zechariah or Elizabeth, would you hold a grudge against God for not blessing you with children? How do you think you would've felt towards God?
- 3. Is there anything that you have been praying about for a long time and feels like God has been silent to you about it? If so, how has that impacted your faith?
- 4. Was there a season of your life where you felt like God was silent to answer your prayers about something in particular? What was that? What ended up happening? How was your faith impacted because of that?
- 5. What practical step(s) can you take to better remember God's faithful towards you in your daily life? Who will keep you accountable to that?