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 Sam who has a mass in one of his lungs.

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 the Clingenpeels.

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: 36

Online Views (through 12/17): 88

<u>Giving</u>

Online (12/7 to 12/13): \$735 for general

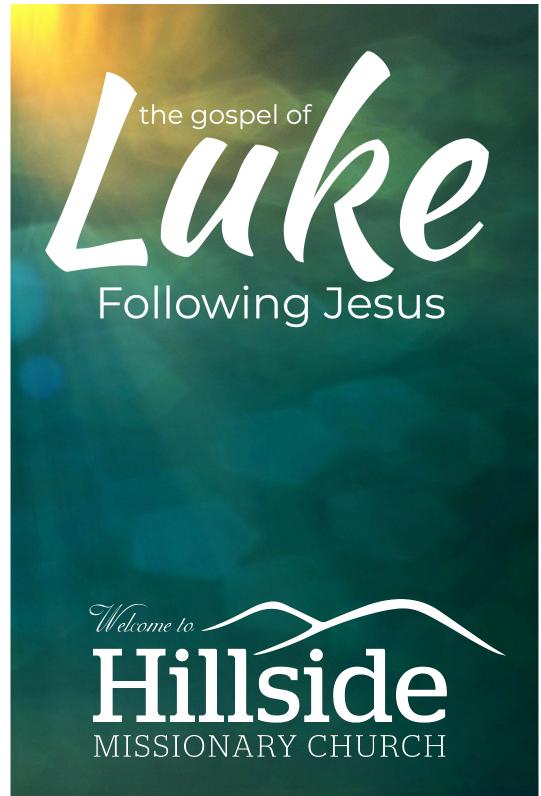
In-Person (12/13): \$1405 general, \$80 missions, \$100 foster closet

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

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Welcome!

December 20th, 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 God blesses 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

ONLINE CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE: Please join us online for our Christmas Eve Service. It is prerecorded, so you can view it anytime on or after Dec. 24th. You can find it on our website as well as Youtube, Facebook, Instagram, and Spotify. Candles will be available for the taking at the welcome center on the way out of service today. Please take as many as you would like.

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.



12/20/20 - Week 2 - Luke 1:26-56

When God Blesses You

In this passage of God's Word we see Mary being incredibly blessed. Instead of becoming proud, however, we see Mary reacting with an incredible amount of faithfulness. By taking a look at her in this story, we can learn how to faithfully respond when God blesses us.

When God blesses you:

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	Luke 1:46	-47, Ps.	103:1-2,	115:1,	Heb.	13:15
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Luke 1:48-49, Deut. 6:12, 8:2, Is. 46:9

3. Bless _____ Luke 1:54-55, Matt. 5:16, 7:12, Prov. 11:25-26

Reflection Questions

- 1. After taking a look at Mary'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? How can this passage of God's Word help you to prepare your heart for Christmas this year?
- 2. It was an extreme honor for God to choose Mary to be the earthly mother of Jesus. Although none of us will have this honor, think through what God has blessed you with. Make a list of the top 10 things, and spend some time thanking God for those things.
- 3. Mary remained tremendously humble throughout this chapter. Have you ever struggled to do that and become haughty or big-headed over what God has blessed you with? What was the outcome of that? How did that impact your faith?
- 4. Using the list that you created in question #2, what practical step(s) can you take to better use the things that God has blessed you with to glorify God and bless others? Dream big here. Create a picture in your mind of what that could look like. Who will keep accountable to accomplishing that?