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Prayer

All Church Prayer

Drop in any time to pray in the new year with us. December 31st
6:30-8:30pm.



Freedom Prayer

We provide a prayer opportunity for anyone who feels the need for increased freedom and personal breakthrough in their lives. You will be walked through a process of Freedom Prayer by 2 or 3 of our trained Ministry Team Members. Come with an expectant and receptive heart for the Lord to powerfully minister to you!

Learn more, or register here:

<https://harborviewfellowship.org/prayer>



Intercessory Prayer

Join us for Intercessory prayer, Tuesday nights at 6:30pm, or Thursday mornings at 6:30am.

Learn more, or register here:

<https://harborviewfellowship.org/prayer>



Re-Gen

Regen, 2nd and 4th Sundays

Re-gen, for 18 to 30s, meets here at Harborview on the second and fourth Sunday's beginning at 5:30pm.

Learn more, or register here:

<https://harborviewfellowship.org/re-gen-young-adults-ministry>



Small Groups

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Small Groups exist to help each one of us grow up into the life of God within us.

They are a primary mechanism for shepherding through relationship + discipleship.

Learn more, or register here:

<https://harborviewfellowship.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/368/responses>



Freedom Intensive

The Freedom Intensive Plus Winter 2026 conference will offer four training tracks: Living Set Free (LSF), Hearing God's Voice (HGV), Freedom Prayer Training (FPT), and At the Heart of Generosity (AHG).



The conference will take place on Thursday, February 5, through Saturday, February 7, 2026.

\$105* per person for Early Bird Registration by January 26, 2026 (the price is \$90* if you already own a manual).

\$135* per person for Registration after January 26, 2026 (the price will be \$120* if you own a manual).

*tax included

Have children? We have a special session of Hearing God's Voice for Harborview Families offered weekly this Winter. Details to come!

Learn more, or register here:

<https://sycamorecommission.org/events/events-at-harborview>

The Edge

Wednesday Night Youth Group

The Edge Youth Group for Middle School and High School meets at Harborview Fellowship at 6:15pm every Wednesday Night.



Welcome Team

Parking & Welcome Volunteers needed

Looking for volunteers for the High5 Welcome team.

Positions include:

- Greeters
- Parking lot attendants
- Hospitality
- Ushers
- Security

Fill out the form and let us know you are interested.

Learn more, or register here:

<https://harborviewfellowship.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/478/responses>



Christmas Eve Services

We want to be able to accommodate every family this Christmas Eve. Please help us ensure we have enough room for your family by registering for your preferred service and letting us know how many family members will be attending with you.

Learn more, or register here:

<https://harborviewfellowship.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/505/responses>



Giving

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You can mail a check, or give online to the link below.

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CHRISTMAS – THE CENTRAL FOCUS

Luke 1:26-35

*INTRODUCTION

- Central to the narrative of the first advent of Jesus is Christ, which we also call Christmas, is the account in Luke 1:26-35.
- Since this is Christmas week, the day we celebrate Christ's first advent or coming to earth, I thought it would be good for us to give attention to it.
- There is a historic encounter in this account.
 - It was an encounter like none other in history; it had never happened before and would never happen again!
 - This encounter would change history!
 - This encounter would be part of fulfilling prophetic promises.
 - This encounter also presents prophetic promises yet to be fulfilled.
- Let's look at the central message in what we call the Christmas account.

*** Luke 1:26–35** (ESV) *In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, 27 to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. 28 And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" 29 But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. 30 And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. *** 31 And** behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. 32 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, 33 and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." 34 And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" 35 And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.*

* A MESSENGER

Luke 1:26 (ESV) *In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth,*

- In the sixth month is regarding Elizabeth's pregnancy with John the Baptist.
- God sent a messenger angel named Gabriel, of the Lord's hosts, to Nazareth.

*THE RECIPIENT

Luke 1:27–29 (ESV) *to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. 28 And he came to her and said,*

“Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!” 29 But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be.

- The audience is a young lady, a virgin (important info), whose name was Mary.
- She was betrothed, engaged to a man named Joseph, who was of the house of David.
- In the greeting, Mary was identified as a “favored one.”
 - This was reinforced with the statement, “the Lord is with you.”
- Mary was troubled by this greeting! She tried to figure out what the greeting was about.

*THE CENTRAL MESSAGE

Luke 1:30–33 (ESV) *And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. 32 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, 33 and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”*

Grace

- The angel comforts and reassures Mary that she has found favor with God.
 - Favor translates the Gk Wd *charis*, most often translated by the word *grace*.
 - Mary was the recipient of God’s unmerited favor. Out of God’s grace she was chosen for His assignment.

*The Conception

- The angel announces that she will conceive a son.

*Name

- The son is to be named **“Jesus.”**
- Jesus, the name means “Yahweh saves” or “Yahweh is salvation.”

*Qualities

Great

- The word great is the Gk. Wd. *meGas*, which means *remarkable, out of the ordinary in magnitude, greatest, highest, mighty*.

*Son of the Most High

- He will be called the “Son of the Most High.”
- In other words, He will be called the **“Son of God.”**
- In essence, this child will be God. (many gods in that day; e.g., emperors)

- He will be **holy**, verse 35.

*King

- God will give Him the **throne** of David.
- He will **reign** over Israel **forever**.
- Of His **kingdom**, there will be no end.

*THE SEEMING IMPOSSIBILITY

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*Mary’s Perplexity

- Earlier in the text, Mary was described as a virgin.
- Her question is very reasonable: how can this be since I am a virgin?

*The Answer

- The angel answered her question.
 - The Holy Spirit will come upon you.
 - The power of the Most High will overshadow you.
 - Resulting in the child being called **holy** – the **Son of God**.

*EVENT SUMMARY

Context: John Piper states that “*Christmas is about the Creator of the Universe, who is not himself part of the universe, moving himself, in the person of his Son, into the universe He made. What makes this fact even more remarkable is that this created universe — the personal part of it, the moral part of it — is in rebellion against its Maker. Yet, he came into the universe he made to save those who are in active rebellion against him.*”

*Jesus Entered the Universe

- The Creator, God of the Universe, entered the universe He created, which was in rebellion. His people and the world would reject him.
- It’s phenomenal to think that the infinite God could confine Himself to a human being.
- To the angel’s point, “With God, nothing is impossible!”

* Jesus Entered through a Virgin

- Mary confessed to having never had sexual relations with a man.
- She was confused as to how she could bear a child since she was a virgin.
- It was possible by the Holy Spirit coming upon her, and the Holy Spirit and the power of the Most High overshadowed her.
- Thereby, He is called the “Son of God.”
- *God chose to be conceived in the womb of a virgin so that the fatherhood of this child would be unique — he is the Son of God, not the son of Joseph.*

* Jesus Conceived by the Supernatural Working of the Holy Spirit

- God himself, the Holy Spirit — in the power of the Most High — took the place of a human father, and under the shadow of his wing — in a pure, virtuous, holy, unseen, mysterious way — she became pregnant with the Son of God.

* Jesus Entered Governmentally in the Lineage of King David

- In **2 Samuel 7**, God established a covenant with Israel through King David that a king from his lineage would reign over Israel forever; this would be Israel’s Messiah.
- It is spoken about often in the Old Testament, including **Isaiah 9:7**.

* **Isaiah 9:7** (ESV) *Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore.*

- At the end of the book of Revelation (22:16), Jesus, when He returns to earth and has established His kingdom, declares:

* **Revelation 22:16** (ESV) *“I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”*

- In this weekend’s text, we read that Joseph was of David’s lineage.
- Being born of Mary, a human, and in the lineage of King David through Joseph, Jesus is the Son of Man, human.
- Being conceived of the Holy Spirit, He is the Son of God.

* SUMMARY OF JESUS

* Jesus is the Son of God – Our text identifies Jesus as the Son of God. He is fully God.

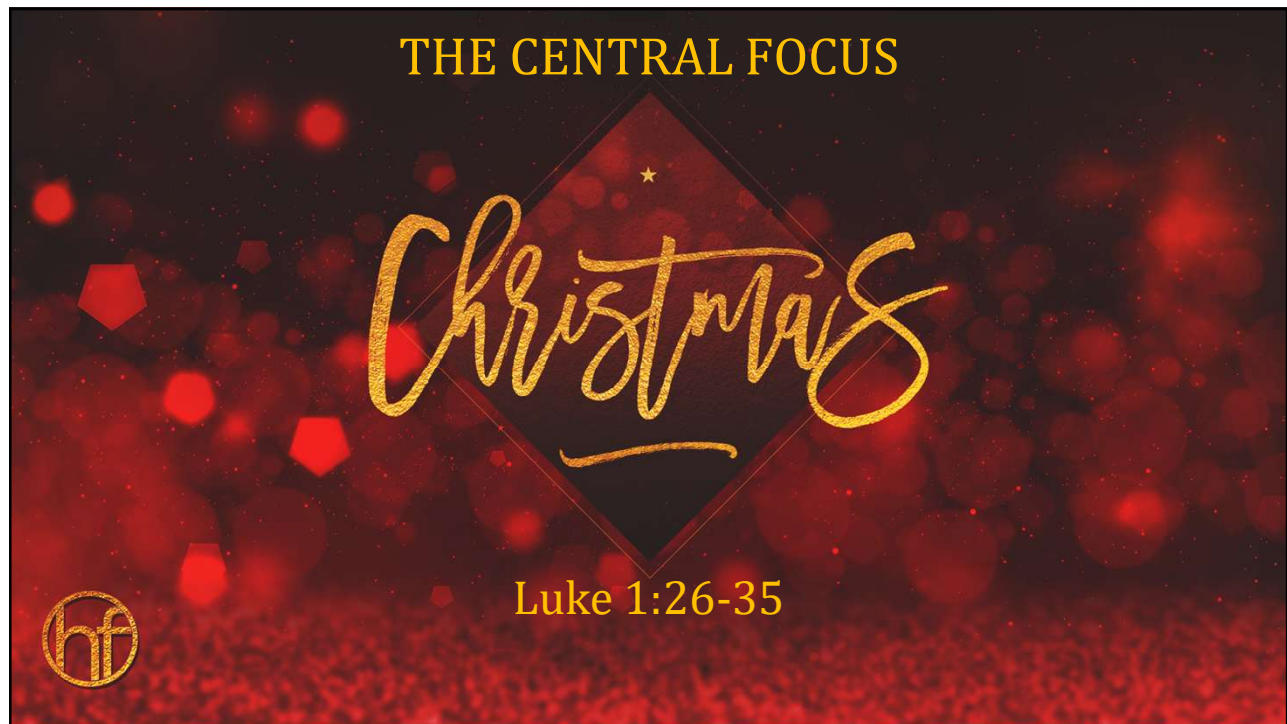
* Jesus is the Son of Man – He was conceived of the Holy Spirit yet born of Mary; He is fully man!

* **Jesus is Holy** – We read that the Most High would overshadow Mary regarding her conception; therefore, He will be called Holy. He lived holy, and He did not sin.

* **Jesus is King**—We read that the Lord would give Him the throne of His father, David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom, there will be no end.

- He is a king who is not limited in wisdom and power and goodness and love for his subjects.

* **Jesus is Savior** – We read that the angel told Mary she would call Him Jesus because He would save people from their sins. Jesus means savior.



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