

Upcoming Events

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Open to everyone!

TODAY, 3:00 p.m., Family Life Center

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Open to everyone!

Monday, December 22, 12:30 p.m., Meet in the Upper FLC

Questions, email Pastor Bonnie at bonnie@troymc.org

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Invite family and friends!

Wednesday, December 24, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, and 11:00 p.m.

Details at troymc.org/events

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Message Notes

December 14, 2025

Pause: To Surrender

Luke 1:26-38

Summary of previous two weeks about knowing God's will:

1. **God's general will** – revealed in the Bible for all people:
 - To be reconciled to God through grace made available through Jesus' death on the cross
 - To follow Jesus and his ways
 - To be transformed and live out God's mission in this world
2. **God's specific will** for any given situation – a process of discernment
 - Scripture
 - Prayer and other spiritual disciplines
 - Godly Counsel
 - Signs
 - Heart

There is a huge difference between KNOWING God's will and SURRENDERING to God's will.

Overcoming common barriers to surrendering to God's will:

- **Ignorance: Don't know God's will** - Know God's word and follow the process of discernment
- **Fear: Not sure if I can trust God** - *"Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God."* (Luke 1:30) - You must surrender to God before you can surrender to God's will.
- **Uncertainty: Not sure how it will happen** - *"The Holy Spirit will come upon, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you."* (Luke 1:35) - You must let go of control to surrender to God's will.

"I am the Lord's servant." Mary answered. "May it be to me according to your word." (Luke 1:38)



