

# Christmas Day

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**Our Purpose:** To be a community of believers where, no matter who you are, you can experience life change through Jesus Christ.

## 1. GREAT ANTICIPATION

### **a. ZECHARIAH**

*and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared.”*

—Luke 1:17 (ESV)

### **b. MARY**

*In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin’s name was Mary.*

—Luke 1:26-27 (ESV)

*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.*

—Luke 1:35 (ESV)

### **c. JOSEPH**

*She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.*

—Matthew 1:21 (ESV)

## 2. THE DAY ARRIVES

*In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.*

—Luke 2:1-7 (ESV)

### **3. THE JOYFUL CELEBRATION**

*And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”*

—Luke 2:13 (ESV)