

December 15, 2024

■ **Announcements / Mission Moment for Psalm 67**

■ **Call to Worship**

■ **“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”**.....Hymn 133

Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King; Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!” Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies; With th’angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!” Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.”

Christ, by highest heav’n adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord! Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of the Virgin’s womb: Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; Hail th’incarnate Deity, Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.”

Hail the heav’n born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all He brings, Ris’n with healing in His wings. Mild He lays His glory by, Born that man no more may die, Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth. Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.”

■ **Scripture Reading - Matthew 1:18-25**

■ **Offering / Prayer**

■ **“Joy to the World!”**Hymn 125

Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth receive her King; Let ev’ry heart prepare Him room, And heav’n and nature sing, And heav’n and nature sing, And heav’n, and heav’n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns; Let men their songs employ; While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, Nor thorns infest the ground; He comes to make His blessings flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is found, Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove The glories of His righteousness, And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love, And wonders, wonders of His love.

■ **Confession / Lord’s Supper -**

CONFESSION FROM MATTHEW 1:18-25

(congregational readings in bold)

(lead) *The prophets foretold the birth of Jesus Christ: “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel.”*

(cong) **He is the Christ. His name is Jesus.
He is Immanuel – God with us.**

(lead) *He is Immanuel.*

(cong) **We place our faith in you as the God who draws near.**

(lead) *“The Word became flesh and dwelt among us and we have seen His glory.”*

(cong) **We come in our weakness to be welcomed.**

(lead) *His name is Jesus.*

(cong) **We place our faith in you as the God who saves.**

(lead) *“Come now, let us reason together. Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be whiter than snow.”*

(cong) **We come in our sin to be cleansed.**

(lead) *He is the Christ.*

(cong) **We place our faith in you as the God who reigns.**

(lead) *“For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.”*

(cong) **We come in our fear to be rescued.**

(lead) *The One who came will come again. He has saved us and will save us. To him we entrust ourselves with joy.*

(cong) **Amen.**

■ **“We Will Feast in the House of Zion”**

by Sandra McCracken & Joshua David Moore © 2015 Drink Your Tea (ASCAP) CCLI #801260

**We will feast in the house of Zion We will sing with our hearts
restored He has done great things, we will say together We will
feast and weep no more**

We will not be burned by the fire He is the Lord, our God We are not consumed by the flood Upheld, protected, gathered up

In the dark of night, before the dawn My soul, be not afraid
For the promised morning, oh, how long? Oh, God of Jacob, be my strength

Every vow we've broken and betrayed You are the Faithful one And from the garden to the grave Bind us together, bring shalom

■ **“He Who is Mighty”**

by Rebecca Elliott and Kate DeGraide © 2014 Sovereign Grace Praise CCLI #801260

Oh, the mercy our God has shown To those who sit in death's shadow
The sun on high pierced the night Born was the Cornerstone
Unto us a Son is given, unto us a Child is born He Who is

mighty has done a great thing Taken on flesh, conquered death's
sting Shattered the darkness and lifted our shame Holy is His
name

Oh, the freedom our Savior won The yoke of sin has been broken
Once a slave, now by grace No more condemnation

Now my soul magnifies the Lord I rejoice in the God Who saves I
will trust His unfailing love I will sing His praises all my days

■ **Message:** "Mary's Song" – Pastor Scott
Luke 1:46-54

■ **Closing Song**

■ **Benediction**

How To Join Rockport Baptist Church

We as a church are committed to the biblical teaching that church membership is for believers in Christ who voluntarily band together under the leadership of the Holy Spirit for worship, fellowship and service. We therefore require the following:

- (1) A credible profession of faith in Christ for salvation
(Romans 10:9-10)
- (2) Obedience to Christ through water baptism
(Matthew 28:18-20)
- (3) A willing commitment to the basic beliefs and practices of
this church as evidenced in our Confession of Faith and Church
Covenant (available upon request)

Those who are interested in seeking membership are asked to make this known to Pastor Scott and/or an Elder who will provide a copy of our Petition for Membership and explain the process.

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This Week's Fighter Verse: Feed Your Soul by Memorizing Scripture! Each week's 'Fighter Verse' is meant to help you "fight the good fight" of faith. Memorize it and use it for the good of your soul! .

Luke 1:49-50 (ESV)

⁴⁹ ...He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. ⁵⁰ And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

2024 Christmas Missions Offering Options

**** HeartCry Missionary Society ****

**** Lottie Moon Missions Offering ****

**** Psalm 67 Missions Network ****

**** Missionary Volunteer Michael Hawkins to Japan ****

**** Missionaries serving in Central Asia ****

Please designate the amount and destination for your gift for missions, along with your regular Rockport offering.



WOMEN'S WORKSHOP 2025

Friday, January 17 | 4:30 - 9 PM

Saturday, January 18 | 8:30 AM - 2 PM

Fresh Joy in the Lord

Encouragement from Paul's letter to the Philippippians



OR VISIT:
<https://rockportbaptist.org/discipleship/womens-discipleship/>

"Mary's Song" ***(Luke 1:46-54)***

I. Mary Praises God for the _____ vv46-48

1) Because He is her _____ v47

2) Because she is ready to _____ v48

3) Because she marvels at _____ v48

II. Mary Praises God for His _____ vv 49-50

1) His _____ has been shown to her in her weakness v49 Luke 1:30-38

2) His _____ v49

3) He is _____ v50

III. Mary Praises God for His Mighty Acts _____ vv51-54

1) Not the proud and powerful, but those who _____ trust Christ vv51-52 Isa 9:6-7

2) Not those who grab power, but the _____ who trust in Him v53 Luke 6:20-23; Mark 8:36

What gave Mary Confidence to Sing? vv54-55

THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

Sunday, December 15, 2024

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 AM
Sunday Morning Worship	10:40 AM
Christmas Concert Celebration & Fellowship	6:30 PM

Today's Greeters - Stephanie Tompkins & Alex Starkey

Today's Tellers - Kim Fels & Darla Ferguson

Today's Nursery - Phoebe Davis & Clairra Davis

Please Note: Nursery care during worship is for children up through age 2

Prayerfully consider Rockport's Budget Needs

Rockport Weekly Budget Goal.....	\$6,710.00
November Weekly Average.....	\$8,466.21

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Rockport Christmas Concert Celebration** – TONIGHT at 6:30 PM.
There will be a fellowship immediately following the Celebration...
Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share!
- **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** – Tuesday, December 24th at 5pm
- **Women's Workshop 2025** – Friday, January 17th 4:30 to 9pm & Saturday, January 18th 8:30am to 2pm

A Word from Pastor Scott

Sunday, December 15, 2024

*"But when the fulness of time had come, God sent forth His Son,
born of woman, born under the law,
to redeem those who were under the law,
so that we might receive adoption as sons"- Galatians 4:4-5*

The coming of Christ into the world has changed everything for us who believe in Him! That's what we're here to celebrate this morning. And really, it's what we should come together to celebrate every Sunday morning. But there is something extra special about these celebrations as we get closer to Christmas Day itself. I'm not even sure what it is exactly. For some, it could simply be a matter of tradition – many have such fond memories of Christmases gone by. It could be the anticipation of getting together with family and friends to exchange gifts and spend a little time together. But for us who truly belong to Christ, it is a time of joy as we think about Him and all He has done for us!

One thing I love to consider this time of year as the light grows dim and the cold seems to cover everything, is how Christ at His coming broke through the darkness of this cold, dead world to bring light and life to all who will receive Him. We get a picture of that in today's message from Luke 1:46-53 and the song Mary sang as she celebrated God's great mercy in keeping His promise and sending His Son to be the light of the world – *"born of a woman, born under the law to redeem those who were under the law that we might receive the adoption as sons."* That light is now shining so people everywhere, from every nation, tribe and tongue, may know the warmth of the Father's love. That's a story worth hearing again and again! And it's a story worth singing about!

I was thinking just last week how at Easter we proclaim that *"He is Risen! He is risen indeed!"* I think maybe at Christmas we ought to shout, *"Christ has come as promised! He has come indeed!"* For that truly changes everything! *Rejoicing in the Good News that He is here!*

Pastor Scott Lee

Kid's Listening Sheet (12/15/24)

Title: "Mary's _____"

Bible Passage: Luke 1: _____



Key Words: Circle each word every time you hear it.

Girl	Mary	Boy	Holy
Song	Servant	Grace	Blessed
Mercy	Great	Love	Child
Praise	Joy	Power	Strength

What are three important things you heard during the sermon?

1.

2.

3.

Draw two pictures that show what you heard today:

1.

2.

The Song of Mary (Luke 1:46-55)

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CALL	DONE	ESTATE
EXALTED	FEAR	FILLED
GENERATION	GREAT	HEARTS
HOLY	HUMBLE	HUNGRY
LOOKED	LORD	MAGNIFIES
MARY	MERCY	MIGHTY
NAME	PROUD	REJOICES
SAID	SAVIOR	SCATTERED
SERVANT	SHOWN	SOUL
SPIRIT	STRENGTH	THINGS