



new life fellowship

Sermon Title: Surrender, Worship, Rejoice: An Advent Invitation (Advent Week 3)

Guest Speaker: Rev. Christine Lee, Vicar, All Angels Church

Scripture: Luke 1:26-38, 46-48

“In the sixth month of Elizabeth’s pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, “Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.” Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.” “How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?” The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. For no word from God will ever fail.” “I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May your word to me be fulfilled.” Then the angel left her.”

Sermon Outline:

I. Illustration - we are all out of control

II. Advent - “Be not afraid.”

III. Surrender success

1. Illustration - Finding Nemo

IV. What is your soul magnifying?

V. Choosing joy in the midst of difficulty

Sermon Summary:

This Sunday Pastor Christine Lee (from All Angels Church in Manhattan) preached out of the passage of Luke that speaks of the angel’s announcement to Mary that she will give birth to the Son of God. What is God inviting you to surrender to Him in this season of your life, and how is He inviting you to choose joy?

Sermon Questions:

1. What words or phrases from this scripture passage resonated in you as you read them? Why?

2. What is one practical step you sense God calling you to take in light of this message and/or scripture passage?

3. How did your family deal with lose and grief? Did you grow up in a home that made it easy or difficult to trust God in the midst of difficulty?

4. How do you understand success? How is your notion of success challenged by the sermon today? How is God inviting you to surrender success?

5. What is God leading you to surrender to him?

6. What is your soul magnifying?

7. How is God calling you to choose joy in the midst of fear, anxiety and difficulty?