

The Year Of Following Jesus #51 Mary's Peace

December 17, 2022

Welcome Home!
Thanks for joining us today

December 17 & 18, 2022

It's Christmas

Welcome

Unto Us

Noel

Lord's Supper Thought

O Holy Night

Prayer

Communion

Lesson: The Year of Following Jesus #51 -

The Peace of Mary - Pastor Ed



Good Stuff To Know

Riverside Services Online- If you aren't in town on the weekend, you can still follow our services. We live stream each service on Facebook! You can also watch them anytime through Facebook by navigating over to <https://www.facebook.com/EagleRiverside>. And you don't need a Facebook account to watch the videos.

Offerings To Riverside - In case you were wondering- We don't pass a collection plate at Riverside. If you'd like to give, there are boxes at the back & envelopes in the information racks for cash donations. If you would like the convenience of giving online, go to www.EagleRiverside.com, click on "Give" and follow the directions. Your donations are an answer to our prayers and are the only means by which Riverside is able to operate.

FAQs - Have questions about why we do what we do and why we don't do what we don't do? Chances are you'll find more about it on our FAQs page. You can access the page from our website or text the word "Guest" to 907-312-2662 and you'll receive a link to the page.



Riverside Happenings

First Time Visitors

The Lord's Supper (Communion)

This is a time when we "commune" with God and remember Jesus' sacrifice. We also "commune" with one another as His church family. You are welcome to participate with us by going to one of the tables set up with trays- each cup is actually 2 cups (bread in bottom and juice on top) so grab a set of cups and take it back to your place (and don't forget to social distance). You can eat/drink the cracker and juice whenever you feel ready and then throw the cups away on your way out (there are trash cans at all exits). Everyone is welcome to join us if you're interested in remembering Jesus' life & sacrifice with us.

"Welcome To Riverside" brochure available online.
www.EagleRiverside.com

This Week At Riverside

(Specific info about these activities is listed in the "Happenings" section)

- ➔ Ignite/Rev Monday
- ➔ Alive Tuesday
- ➔ Thrive Thursday
- ➔ Christmas Eve Services Saturday

Need To Talk?...

The church office is not staffed during the week. There is a preschool that uses our building, so Ed, Aniela & Nate work from home. If you would like to contact them directly you can call them or email and set up an appointment.

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Nate - 907.360.4825, nrsandback@gmail.com
Website: www.EagleRiverside.com
Facebook: EagleRiverside

Riverside Service Project - We'll be helping families in the community again this year with the Angel Tree. Know a family who could use some help this Christmas? See Janet, Ed, or Aniela.

Christmas Eve Services - Join us for Christmas Eve services. The four service times are 2 pm; 3:15; 4:30 & 5:45pm. Bring a friend and some treats to share.

Ladies Craft Day - Bring your own craft and a dish to share. Saturday, January 14h, 10am-4pm at the church. See Becky 812-449-7004.

Young Adult Group - ALIVE - Tuesdays @6, in the Shack. There will be food provided. We are working through the book of Matthew. Ages 18-30. Text the word "alive" to 907.312.2662 or see Cassie.

Thrive Winter Retreat - January 20-22, 2023 See Aniela for details.

Baptism - Want to get baptized or have questions? Scan the QR code or go to www.EagleRiverside.com/baptism



Write to our missionaries- Sign a card hanging on the missions bulletin board or write a note. Please check out the communications pamphlet for word substitutions for security. Questions? Text Melissa: 907.632.5499

Upcoming Youth Events

Monday, December 19th, 6:00 - 7:30

Ignite and Rev (our two younger youth groups) will combine at Riverside for pizza, games, and a devotional. For 4th - 8th graders. Questions? Like to help? See Cassie.



Thursday, December 22nd, 6:00 - 8:00

9th - 12th graders. At Riverside. Pizza, games, and a devotional. Questions? Like to help? See Aniela.



To get updates, text the following to 907.312.2662:

"IGNITE" (4th & 5th) "REV" (6th-8th), -or- "THRIVE" (9th-12th).

Everybody's Welcome...

Nobody's Perfect...

Anything's Possible!

Following The Year Of ^ Jesus #51 Experiencing The Nativity What Mary Did/Didn't Know

God's Sunrise will break in upon us, Shining on those in the darkness, those sitting in the shadow of death, Then showing us the way, one foot at a time, down the path of peace.

—Luke 1:78-79 (NCV)

What Did Mary Know?

1. Mary Knew She Was Confused.

***Peace: freedom of the mind from annoyance, distraction, anxiety, an obsession, etc.; tranquillity; serenity. ***

- *The angel greeted Mary and said, “You are truly blessed! The Lord is with you.” Mary was confused by the angel’s words and wondered what they meant.*

—Luke 1:28-29 (NCV)

2. Mary Knew She Was Scared.

- *“Don’t be afraid, Mary,” the angel told her, “for you have found favor with God! You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus.*

—Luke 1:30-31 (NLT)

- *Mary asked... “But how can this happen? I am a virgin.” The angel replied, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you... For nothing is impossible with God.”*

—Luke 1:34-37 (NLT)

- *The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

—John 1:14 (NIV)

3. Mary Knew The Pathway Of Peace.

- *Then Mary said, “I am the Lord’s servant. Let it be with me just as you have said.” Then the angel left her.*

—Luke 1:38 (NLT)

4. Mary Knew She Was Confused.

- *“Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is*

the Christ, the Lord... Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

—Luke 2:10-14 (NIV)

- *Everyone was amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured these things and continued to think about them.*

—Luke 2:18-19 (NCV)

5. Mary Knew She Was Scared.

- *"This child... has been sent as a sign from God, but many will oppose him. As a result, the deepest thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your very soul."*

—Luke 2:34-35 (NLT)

6. Mary Chose The Pathway Of Peace.

- *He went on a little farther and bowed with his face to the ground, praying, "My Father! If it is possible, let this cup of suffering be taken away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine.*

—Matthew 26:39 (NLT)

- *Then Mary said, "I am the Lord's servant. Let it be with me just as you have said." Then the angel left her.*

—Luke 1:38 (NLT)

The Dangerous Prayer Of Christmas

(will you pray it?):

I am the Lord's servant. Let it be with me just as you have said.

Luke 1:38 (NLT)

Riverside Info Texting System

At Riverside we aren't terribly organized- in fact we're sort of the poster church for "disorganized religion". So we use a "text for information" system where how much info you get is controlled by you. You will never have someone call you without asking for a call. If you can't find the info you need or have more questions or need some help reach out to one of the pastors directly- if we don't answer try texting or emailing us and we may get your message sooner.

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For info on any of the following areas simply text the keyword to 907-312-2662. You'll get a text in return with a link to the info you asked for.

Frequently Asked Questions About Riverside- keyword= FAQs

Communion Info- keyword= Communion

New To Riverside? keyword= Guest

Want news and updates periodically? keyword= Loop

Want more info about following Jesus? keyword= Shine

Want info on baptism at Riverside? keyword= Baptism

Youth Programs At Riverside:

Want info on 4-5 grade programs? keyword= Ignite

Want info on 6-8 grade programs? keyword= Rev

Want info on high school programs? keyword= Thrive