

The Year Of Following Jesus #101: The Peace Of Mary

November 27, 2023

Welcome Home!
Thanks for joining us today

December 2 & 3, 2023

Trust in You

Welcome

My Jesus

At Your Name

Lord's Supper Thought

Breath of Heaven (Mary's Song)

Prayer

Communion

Lesson: The Year(s) of Following Jesus

#101 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.



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
- Thrive Thursday
- NO Ladies Craft Day Saturday
- Angel tree families
- Food drive

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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Facebook: EagleRiverside

Riverside Happenings

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.

Riverside Service Project(s) - Angel Tree: Know a family who could use some help this Christmas? See Janet. Also, the Holidays are a tough time for many. We'll be gathering non-perishable food supplies for our Riverside families.

Young Adults Group - Alive is Friday, December 14th @6. Text Cassie for details.

Ladies Craft Day - Bring your own craft and a dish to share. Saturday, January 13th, 10am-4pm at the church. See Becky 812-449-7004.

Riverside Potluck - Next potluck is January 14th after the 2nd service.

Warriors in Christ - Meeting TBD. See Nate 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 - Contact Hank at 713 548 7446.

Thrive Retreat - Save the date: February 23-25, 2024 for the Thrive winter retreat. See Aniela, Cassie, Tayler, or Kelly for details.

Feed the Teens - Sign up to bring a meal for Thrive. Prepare meals for 10-15 people. Sign up for a Thursday on the bulletin board. See Aniela for details.

Upcoming Youth Events

Monday, December 4th, 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.



THRIVE

Thursday, December 7th, 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!

The Year(s) Of ^Jesus #101

Experiencing The Nativity: The Peace Of Mary

Following



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

I told you these things so that you can have peace in me. In this world you will have trouble, but be brave! I have defeated the world.

—John 16:33 (NCV)

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)

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me.

—Psalm 23:4 (NIV)

What Did Mary Know?

1. Mary Knew She Was Confused.

- *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)

3. Mary Knew The Path 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)

- *Since the Lord is directing our steps, why try to understand everything that happens along the way?*

—Proverbs 20:24 (TLB)

4. Mary Knew She Was Confused.

- *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 Path 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)

Follow Through Step:

Reflect on the dangerous prayer of Christmas: “Let it be”
Are you ready to pray it?