

## Calendar for December 24– December 31

### Sunday, December 24

Christmas Eve

4:00 PM Christmas Eve  
Worship Service

### Monday, December 25

**Merry Christmas!!**

Church Office Closed

### Wednesday, December 27

12:00 PM Prayer/ Devotion  
via FB & Zoom

### Saturday, December 30

11:00 AM Operation Safety  
Net

12:00 PM Meal site

### Sunday, December 31

9:30 AM Worship

10:45 AM Baby Shower for  
Mary in Epworth Hall

## Upcoming Sermons:

Dec. 31	Epiphany Sunday	Matthew 2:1-15
Jan. 7	Confirmation Sunday	Isaiah 43:1-7 and Galatians 6:2
Jan. 14	Psalm 131 Mother with weaned child & Luke 2:22-36 Anna sees Jesus	
Jan. 21	Isaiah 60:1-6 Return to Zion & Luke 2:41-52 Mary loses Jesus in the Temple	

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## Isaiah 42:5-9, 14 (CEB)

God the Lord says— the one who created the heavens, the one who stretched them out, the one who spread out the earth and its offspring, the one who gave breath to its people and life to those who walk on it— I, the Lord, have called you for a good reason. I will grasp your hand and guard you, and give you as a covenant to the people, as a light to the nations, to open blind eyes, to lead the prisoners from prison, and those who sit in darkness from the dungeon. I am the Lord; that is my name; I don't hand out my glory to others or my praise to idols. The things announced in the past—look— they've already happened, but I'm declaring new things. Before they even appear, I tell you about them. I've kept still for a very long time. I've been silent and restrained myself. Like a woman in labor I will moan; I will pant, I will gasp.

## Luke 2:1-20

In those days Caesar Augustus declared that everyone throughout the empire should be enrolled in the tax lists. This first enrollment occurred when Quirinius governed Syria. Everyone went to their own cities to be enrolled. Since Joseph belonged to David's house and family line, he went up from the city of Nazareth in Galilee to David's city, called Bethlehem, in Judea. He went to be enrolled together with Mary, who was promised to him in marriage and who was pregnant. While they were there, the time came for Mary to have her baby. She gave birth to her firstborn child, a son, wrapped him snugly, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the guestroom.

Nearby shepherds were living in the fields, guarding their sheep at night. The Lord's angel stood before them, the Lord's glory shone around them, and they were terrified.

The angel said, "Don't be afraid! Look! I bring good news to you—wonderful, joyous news for all people. Your savior is born today in David's city. He is Christ the Lord. This is a sign for you: you will find a newborn baby wrapped snugly and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great assembly of the heavenly forces was with the angel praising God. They said, "Glory to God in heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors."

When the angels returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go right now to Bethlehem and see what's happened. Let's confirm what the Lord has revealed to us." They went quickly and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw this, they reported what they had been told about this child. Everyone who heard it was amazed at what the shepherds told them. Mary committed these things to memory and considered them carefully. The shepherds returned home, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. Everything happened just as they had been told.

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Hosted by the  
Confirmation Class

# BABY SHOWER FOR


Mary

SUNDAY | DECEMBER 31 | 10:45 A.M.

Two Rivers Church  
Epworth Hall


Games, refreshments,  
inter-generational  
activities.

Gifts to honor Mary  
and baby Jesus will be  
donated to Family  
Resources.



## SUGGESTED GIFTS

- Diapers (all sizes)
- Wipes
- Formula
- Onesies (for newborns)
- Simple outfits
- Swaddling blankets
- Diaper bags
- Baby wash cloths
- Baby wash, lotions



Family Resources is a  
Quad Cities non profit  
that provides survivor  
services for abuse  
victims, crisis care for  
mothers, adoption and  
fostering group care,  
and many other  
services.