

Pastor – Rev. Dr. W. David Thomas  
Organist – Mrs. Judy Hunter

Associate Pastor – Mr. Aaron Goodro  
Asst. Music Dir. – Mr. Andrew Gaydos

November 27, 2011

PRELUDE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*please stand if able

CALL TO WORSHIP

\*HYMN OF PRAISE “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” # 186

\*INVOCATION & LORD'S PRAYER (Debts)

\*GLORIA PATRI Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen. Hymn #620

ANTHEM “This, I Believe”

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING The Beaulieu Family

HYMN “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” # 187

PASTORAL PRAYER

CALL TO GIVING

OFFERTORY “Even So, Lord Jesus Come”

\*DOXOLOGY Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen Hymn #623

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION “Of the Father's Love Begotten” # 193

SCRIPTURE READING **Luke 1:39-45** page 1588

MESSAGE “**Mary had a Baby**”

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE “Lo! How A Rose E're Blooming” # 196

BENEDICTION

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** “May the Lord, mighty Lord, bless and keep you forever. Grant us peace, perfect peace. Courage in every endeavor. Lift up your eyes and see His face and His grace forever. May the Lord, mighty Lord, bless and keep you forever.”

**To Re-enter the Meeting House** during the worship service, please use the front doors when weather permits.

**Mary had a baby!**  
**Luke 1.39-45**

Introduction:

**I. What God does in her is c\_\_\_\_\_ by Elizabeth**

A. Mary is c\_\_\_\_\_ by Elizabeth

B. You also are c\_\_\_\_\_

**II. What God does is accomplished by the H\_\_\_\_\_ S\_\_\_\_\_**

A. Mary is e\_\_\_\_\_ by the Holy Spirit

B. You also are e\_\_\_\_\_

**III. What God does in her is a b\_\_\_\_\_ to Mary**

A. Mary is b\_\_\_\_\_ by God

B. You also are b\_\_\_\_\_

**IV. What God does in her is to the praise of C\_\_\_\_\_**

A. Mary g\_\_\_\_\_ the Lord

B. You also are to g\_\_\_\_\_ God

Conclusion:

### Questions for reflection or small group discussion

- Reread Elizabeth’s “song” and make a list of each truth that is given about Mary and her baby.
- Why might some people call Mary the mother of the Church?
- Has anyone ever “confirmed” or “validated” your faith? Who might be encouraged by your confirmation or validation?
- Verse 45 makes reference to a promise. Find and read that promise in verse 35. What is the promise?
- Scripture teaches a “virgin birth”. What is the significance of the “virgin” aspect? What is the significance of the “birth” aspect?
- Jesus says we must be born of the Spirit. How does this happen? Has it happened to you? How has the Holy Spirit empowered you?
- Can you give some examples of how Mary was blessed by these events during her life? How might we bless Mary among women?
- Do you see any connection between Mary’s faith and the blessing? How do we know Mary had faith in the words of the angel?
- Can you list God’s blessing of you when you acted in faith?
- How does Mary glorify the Lord? What does this teach about our worship? Read 1 Corinthians 10.31. How does this help you?
- What truths might you learn about life from Elizabeth blessing Christ in his pre-natal state?
- What changes might allow you to worship the Lord on days other than Sunday during this season?

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## MORGAN SCOTT – NEW LIGHT PROJECT



In the Sunday Eagle Tribune Nov 6th, there was a very informative article on the rise of enrollment in trucking schools nationwide. As jobs become obsolete due to the recession-like economy, people have to find permanent employment in a field that does well during such times. One field is truckdriving. For those who need to provide for families, this type of steady employment is essential.

This is just one of the examples of job needs the Mission Board brought to our attention with Project New Light in the Morgan Scott Program in Tennessee. Along with schooling in the medical field, trucking driving education is welcomed as a way to start over for families that are already below the average income level. Without a program such as New Light, many would face a future of being dependent upon the government to supply their every need, That is not a position many want to be in; they would rather be productive providers for their families themselves. So we send to you this reminder that Project New Light is still on-going and in need of YOUR support. Please consider a gift of any amount at this time. Even as the economy hits here at home, it hits those with no support group (as we have with our wonderful Church family) even more so. Checks can be made out to FCC of Kingston/Project New Light. As always we are thankful to you for all your support of Missions projects!

Candy Cassidy  
Missions Committee

# The Angels are HERE!



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This year, First Congregational Church is again participating in **Prison Fellowship's Angel Tree program.**

This program provides Christmas presents to children who have a parent in prison over the holidays. Help is needed to purchase, wrap and deliver these presents to the children in our area. The

Angels are available this weekend in both the Newton and Kingston campuses. Gifts are due back next Sunday. For more information, or if you can help wrap or deliver gifts, please call Sandi Hamlett at (603) 382-9623.



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