

# Events & Happenings

## SECRET SANTA DELIVERY FOR SENIORS

*Tuesday, December 24, 9:00 AM  
Cambridge Police Department*

Meet at 125 6th Street, Cambridge (cars helpful) to receive delivery instructions. Steve and his sons welcome any to join them for an early Shake Shack lunch afterwards. Thank you so much to everyone who donated gifts this month.

## KIDS NATIVITY PLAYS

*Today, 10:15 and 11:00 AM*

*Preschool rooms and Multipurpose Room*

Young and old are welcome to come enjoy our retelling of Jesus' birth! 1st-5th graders perform for families and congregation downstairs at 11:00. Preschool families join kids in classrooms at 10:15.

## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

*Tuesday, December 24*

Come out this Tuesday evening for a festive Christmas Eve celebration! Bring friends, family, and neighbors. We'll spend the hour with stories, song, and candlelight. Cider and cookies at 7:00 PM, service begins at 7:30 PM.

## DECEMBER 29TH: ONE SERVICE AT 10:30

*Sunday, December 29*

Next weekend, Reservoir Church will worship together in one service for this last Sunday of the year. As a fun and meaningful treat, we'll hear from all three of Lydia Shiu, Ivy Anthony, and Steve Watson preaching together! Songs and some great people included as always. Kids and youth will join us in the main service this day.

## SCARF DRIVE A SUCCESS, THANK YOU!

20 one-of-a-kind scarves handmade by our Women of Color community group quickly sold out last Sunday. Together we donated approximately \$500 to Banneker families and Cambridge seniors.

## FINAL RESERVOIR PARTNERSHIPS GIFT

Reservoir's final partnership gift for 2019 was made to Kataluma, Inc., a new organization seeking to provide housing for a refugee family in Greater Boston. Nominated by Paul Castiglione. Thanks for all nominations and your collective generosity.

## TOY AND COAT DRIVE FOR BANNEKER SCHOOL

*Deadline Friday, January 3, 2020*

*Box in Sanctuary Lobby*

Donate new, unwrapped gifts. Suggestions: board games, arts and crafts, gloves, socks. Coats can be new or used.

## NEW TUESDAY COMMUNITY GROUP

*Tuesdays 7:30 - 9:30 PM*

*Near Porter Square in Cambridge*

A weekly, coed group that seeks connection with Jesus and the world around us using the book of Acts as a basis. Also, personal check-ins and focus on others.

Email Eduardo at [esastre2009@yahoo.com](mailto:esastre2009@yahoo.com) or Andrew at [andrewtsou@gmail.com](mailto:andrewtsou@gmail.com) for more information.

## BECOME A TUTOR IN NORTH CAMBRIDGE

*Spring Semester January - June 2020*

*Fresh Pond Apartments*

Now accepting volunteer tutor applications! Be matched with a kid for 1 hr/week M, T, or W evening.

Apply at [tutoringplus.org/volunteer](http://tutoringplus.org/volunteer) or email [lydia@reservoirchurch.org](mailto:lydia@reservoirchurch.org) with questions.

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## get connected

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and the gift of community.**

# Today's Worship Service

DECEMBER 22, 2019

9:30 & 11:30 AM



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# Order of Service

## Opening Worship

*Song: Deck The Halls*

## Welcome & Announcements

### Sermon

Lydia Shiu, "The Legend of Mary"

*Fourth in the Advent Series, "Pilgrimage in a Vulnerable and Violent World"*

Scripture:

Luke 1:26-56 New International Version (NIV)

<sup>26</sup> In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

<sup>29</sup> Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup> But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. <sup>32</sup> 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, <sup>33</sup> and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

<sup>34</sup> "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

*(scripture continues on slides)*

Try this:

*An Invitation to Whole Life Flourishing*

Move in towards the messes of your life. Or the mess of others. See if you can find it to be a place that can be fertile soil to something miraculous, beautiful, holy.

Don't see it with the world's eyes, as failure or a mistake. See if you can recognize the divine manifestation through the ugly, the shamed, the illegitimate.

*Spiritual Practice of the Week*

Close your eyes and imagine Mary's experience. Visualize looking into the room where Mary first found out that she was pregnant. Try to sit with her emotions that she might be having. Notice and simply witness both the natural fear and the supernatural strength. After, journal how that experience made you feel. What did it bring up for you?

### Musical Worship, Prayer, & Arts

*Song: Once In Royal David's City*

*Song: Do You Hear What I Hear*

### Communion

*Song: Still Still Still*

All are welcome to receive Communion, which consists of a gluten free wafer & juice. You can dip the wafer in the juice before eating.

### Final Song

*Song: All I Want For Christmas*

An offering basket will be passed during this time. If you're new, we'd love just your welcome card!

# Welcome

We're so glad to have you with us! We hope and fully expect that you'll encounter God this morning and even meet a few warm-hearted people as well.

You can expect the service to last around an hour and a half.

If you have questions, we invite you to ask someone with a nametag. If you'd like more information about Reservoir, visit our website at [reservoirchurch.org](http://reservoirchurch.org).

## Reservoir Kids

We're excited about your kids! We have designed special programming and services just for them that happen at the same time as the 9:30 AM service. Kids are also always welcome in the main services.

For more info, contact:  
[kim@reservoirchurch.org](mailto:kim@reservoirchurch.org)

**1<sup>st</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> graders:** Join us downstairs in the multipurpose room in the church basement (accessible from the chapel/bagel room).

**All other kids (0-18):** Join us across the parking lot in the Ministry Center.



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