

Jumping for Joy!



SERMON NOTES
DECEMBER 22, 2024

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Scripture: Luke 1:39-45

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In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

Why do you think Mary goes to visit her relative Elizabeth?

What is the author of Luke's Gospel saying about who Mary's child is?

Three times Elizabeth announces "blessings" upon Mary...what do these blessings reveal?

Both Mary and Elizabeth experience God's blessing through the Holy Spirit and both respond with faithfulness. How can we learn and grow from their witness?