



**POP PRAISE CHOIR
ADVENT WORSHIP:**

**Saturday 5:30pm
Sunday 10:30am**

WORSHIP: Sunday 9:00am

"Angels We Have Heard on High"
"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"
"Light of the World"

Message: Jason Kramme

"What Child Is This?"

**We go rejoicing.
The world needs it.**

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

How Does a Weary World Rejoice?
Saturdays at 5:30pm | Sundays at 9:00am and 10:30am

Christmas Choir Presentation | All Services | December 16-17

Service of Remembrance
Tuesday, December 19 | 7:00pm | Sanctuary

JOIN US FOR FAMILY MINISTRY

Great ADVENTure | December 8 | 6:00 – 8:00pm

JOIN US FOR MISSION

Gift Tree: Take a donation envelope from one of the Christmas trees through December 10, and return it the following week.

JOIN US IN GENEROSITY

Your gift supports mission and ministry. Thank you!



See more events at popmn.org/register



CONNECTION CARD

Please place this card in the offering bag or hand it in at the welcome desk as you leave.

PLEASE PRINT:

Name _____ Date _____

Email _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Best Contact Phone _____ Birthdate _____

How did you hear about us? _____

(name of person who invited you, mailing, website, etc.)

☐ Guest

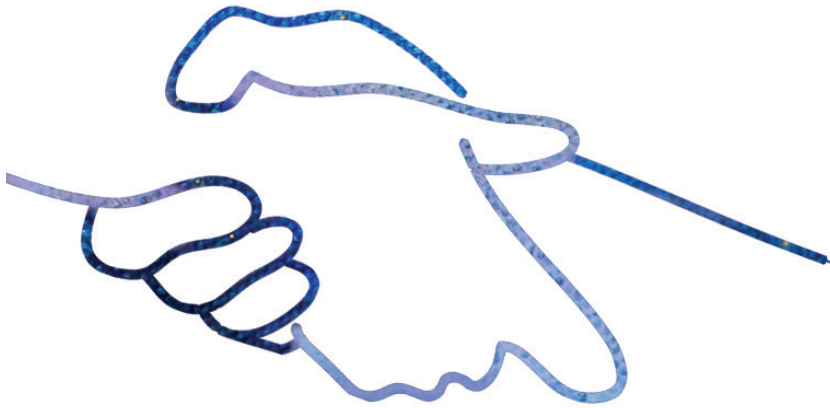
☐ Desire to Join

☐ Desire to Volunteer

☐ Contact Update

☐ Contact Me

*See reverse side for
Spiritual Care request*



Lessons in Connection

Prayer by Rev. Sarah Speed
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*It's been a long day,
long enough to complain,
long enough to wine and dine my
disappointment,
to give weariness
keys to the house.
But then you get the giggles
dancing with the dog in the kitchen.
Paws-sliding, tail-wagging,
side-cramping giggles.
I can hear it from across the house.
Your joy burrows its way
through the cracks in my armor
and then we are both laughing,
gulping for joyous, electric air.
And that's when I know—
if you grab my hand,
if you ask me to dance,
if our weary human souls can
make room for connection,
then we will survive.
Joy will take root.
Love will keep
her keys to the house.*

Elizabeth probably has a lot of questions for God – questions about her age, about God's outrageous timing, and about why she had to endure so many, many childless years. Because at this point in her life she is weary.

Mary probably has a lot of questions for God – questions about her age, about God's outrageous timing, and about why she's asked to endure this pregnancy when she is so young. Because the thought of it makes her weary.

Are these normal concerns, given their situations? Or do these anxieties keep them from experiencing joy? How do they balance joy with legitimate concern? Is it possible to feel fear about what's coming *and* a wild, exuberant joy at the same time? What does that look like? What changes when you experience these feelings in community? What happens when Elizabeth and Mary are together?

Think about the most joyful moments in your life. Were you alone? Can you be joy-filled by yourself? Or is joy most suited for community? How does your answer affect the way you live into this Advent season?

SPIRITUAL CARE REQUEST

Please place this card in the offering bag or hand it in at the welcome desk as you leave.

Prayer Request: Prayer Ministers will pray for your request(s) listed below.

Name _____ Date _____

Email/Phone _____

I Would Like:

- ☐ To pray with someone over the phone or in person.
- ☐ Someone from the Spiritual Care Team to contact me.