

THE STORIES OF CHRISTMAS



hope
love
joy
peace



DEC 16 & 17

WELCOME

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

Our mission is to inspire people to
follow Jesus and fearlessly
change the world.

YOUR NEXT STEP

Visit the **WELCOME CENTER**
on the patio where you'll find
ways to get connected and
opportunities to serve.

CONNECT ONLINE

marinerschurch.org



WEEKEND SERVICES

Sat 5p • Sun 9 & 11a

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CONNECT CARD

today's date / /

name

phone

email

birthday / /

- I've **decided to follow Jesus** for the first time today!
- I'm **new to Mariners**
- I'd like to receive **The Compass** weekly e-news
- I'm interested in joining **Rooted/Life Groups**
- I'm interested in **servicing at Christmas** **kids** **guest relations**

or you can fill out a Connect Card online at marinerschurch.org/connect

Our hope is you will find Mariners to be a place where you can ask questions, worship God freely and experience **community for life**.

For info on all our events, visit marinerschurch.org

Christmas
at MARINERS

SAT, DEC 23 • 4 & 6P
SUN, DEC 24 • 9, 11A, 2, 4, 6 & 11P

SERVE at CHRISTMAS

Search **christmas** or fill out the connect card below

MEN OF MARINERS
BREAKFAST FAST
SAT, JAN 6 • 8-10A
search: **men**

ALL WOMEN'S GATHERING
awaken
LOVE
STORY • CONNECTION • COMMUNITY
THU, JAN 11 • 7-9P • COMMUNITY CENTER
search: **women**

Tue, Dec 19 • 6:30p • Chapel
A worship service to bring hope to those who have experienced relational, emotional, physical or material loss this year.
search: **blue**

Blue
CHRISTMAS

MAKING GENEROSITY SIMPLE



GIVE ONLINE

once or set up a recurring gift
marinerschurch.org/give



OFFERING BOXES

near the exits as you leave

NOTES...

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Please bring this card with you to our **Welcome Center** or drop in an offering box.

WHEN LOVE SHOWS UP

Christmas longings

(1) To be loved, (2) To belong, (3) To have meaning.

Love-Masks:

Pretend Promote Achieve Please Perform

Christmas is our reminder that there's a love powerful enough to change people.

This is how Jesus the Messiah was born. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit. Joseph, to whom she was engaged, was a righteous man and did not want to disgrace her publicly, so he decided to break the engagement quietly.
Matthew 1:18-19

Joseph: RELATIONAL TENSION

As he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. "Joseph, son of David," the angel said, "do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit. And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." Matthew 1:20-21

Joseph: FEAR

All of this occurred to fulfill the Lord's message through his prophet: "Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and he will be called Immanuel, which means 'God is with us.'" When Joseph woke up, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded and took Mary as his wife. ²⁵ But he did not have sexual relations with her until after her son was born. And Joseph named him Jesus. Matthew 1:22-25

And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David's ancient home. He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee. He took with him Mary, to whom he was engaged, who was now obviously pregnant. Luke 2:4-5 (NLT)

Joseph: PRESSURE/OUT OF CONTROL

And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. She gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them.
Luke 2:6-7 (NLT)

Love showed up. Christmas is Jesus. Jesus is love.

We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in his love. God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them. 1 John 4:16 (NLT)

"Your [God's] unfailing love will last forever." Psalm 89:2