

# WELCOME TO **MARINERS** CHURCH

**I'm glad you're here today!**

Mariners Church is a place where you can ask questions, worship God freely and find community for life.

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## upcoming events

DEC 3

*Christmas*  
-of- MARINERS

### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Sunday • Dec 24 • 2 & 4P

Join us as we celebrate the joy of Christmas. This is a great opportunity to share in the hope and significance of what this day means with your family and friends. As always, don't forget to give them an opportunity to celebrate with you.

### ALL CHURCH: **TREE LIGHTING**

**Tonight! • 4-6P • FREE**

Ring in the Christmas season with our annual Tree Lighting! Enjoy an outdoor market for Christmas shopping, cookie decorating and sledding for the kids, photo station and pizza, and of course our Tree Lighting program, complete with Christmas caroling and tons of fun for the whole family! RSVP online • search: **tree**

### WOMEN: **MOPS**

**Wednesdays • Jan 31 - Apr 18 • 9-11:30a • Chapel • \$100**

Enjoy brunch and community, listen to dynamic and relevant speakers, and build friendships that make the journey as a mom easier and a lot more fun. Register online • search **mops**

### OUTREACH: **MILITARY MINISTRY**

**Tuesday, Dec 12 • 12:30-2:30p**

Join us for an orientation to get approval to serve on base at Camp Pendleton! To sign up email Jason. [jgraham@marinerschurch.org](mailto:jgraham@marinerschurch.org)

### CARE: **GRIEF SHARE**

**Thursdays • 7-9p • \$5**

It hurts to lose someone. GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. **Register online** • search: **grief**

### WOMEN: **WOMEN OF PASSION**

**Thursdays • Jan 18- Mar 8 • 9:15-11:30a • \$50**

Join this vibrant, eclectic, unique, varied community of women for 12 weeks of Study, Worship and Love, as Christine DiGiacomo leads us in: *Finding I Am!* Register online • search **passion**



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# THE ROAD TO Christmas

## hope along the way

<sup>5</sup> In the time of Herod king of Judea there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly division of Abijah; his wife Elizabeth was also a descendant of Aaron. <sup>6</sup> Both of them were righteous in the sight of God, observing all the Lord's commands and decrees blamelessly. <sup>7</sup> But they were childless because Elizabeth was not able to conceive, and they were both very old. <sup>8</sup> Once when Zechariah's division was on duty and he was serving as priest before God, <sup>9</sup> he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to go into the temple of the Lord and burn incense. <sup>10</sup> And when the time for the burning of incense came, all the assembled worshipers were praying outside. <sup>11</sup> Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. <sup>12</sup> When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear. <sup>13</sup> But the angel said to him: "Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John. <sup>14</sup> He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, <sup>15</sup> for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before he is born. <sup>16</sup> He will bring back many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the parents to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." <sup>17</sup> And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the parents to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." <sup>18</sup> Zechariah asked the angel, "How can I be sure of this? I am an old man and my wife is well along in years." <sup>19</sup> The angel said to him, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to tell you this good news. <sup>20</sup> And now you will be silent and not able to speak until the day this happens because you did not believe my words which will come true at their appointed time." <sup>21</sup> Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zechariah and wondering why he stayed so long in the temple. <sup>22</sup> When he came out, he could not speak to them. They realized he had seen a vision in the temple, for he kept making signs to them but remained unable to speak. <sup>23</sup> When his time of service was completed, he returned home. <sup>24</sup> After this his wife Elizabeth became pregnant and for five months remained in seclusion. <sup>25</sup> "The Lord has done this for me," she said. "In these days he has shown his favor and taken away my disgrace among the people." <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. Luke 1:27

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- I would like to join the **prayer team**.
- I want to know more about the 10-week **Rooted** experience.
- I would like to be **added** to the **weekly Compass email**.

**I would like to serve:**  on Sunday  in the community

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- Invited by: .....
- Mariners Church website  Facebook
- other .....