**Sermon Notes for December 13, 2020**

**Westview Baptist Church**

**Advent From Beside - The Magnificat**

**Point 1: Setting the Scene (vs. 39-45)**

*39 At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, 40 where she entered Zechariah’s home and greeted Elizabeth. 41 When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. 42 In a loud voice she exclaimed: “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! 43 But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? 44 As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. 45 Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!”*
 *- Luke 1:39-45 NIV*

*6 God sent a man, John the Baptist, 7 to tell about the light so that everyone might believe because of his testimony. 8 John himself was not the light; he was simply a witness to tell about the light. 9 The one who is the true light, who gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.
 - John 1:6-9 NLT*

**THE MAGNIFICAT**

*Latin: my soul magnifies the LORD*

**Point 2: Praise in the Present (vs. 46-50)**

46 And Mary said:

“My soul glorifies the Lord

47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

48 for he has been mindful

 of the humble state of his servant.

From now on all generations will call me blessed,

49 for the Mighty One has done great things for me—

 holy is his name.

50 His mercy extends to those who fear him,

 from generation to generation.
 - Luke 1:46-50 NIV11

**It begs us to ask the question, are we always willing to do whatever God asks of us?**

**GOD DOES THE *EXTRAORDINARY* FROM THE *ORDINARY*.**

**In the 10 verses of Mary’s song, she mentions God 16 times, and herself only twice!**

**Point 3: Praise for the Past (vs. 51-56)**

*For to us a child is born,*

 *to us a son is given,*

 *and the government will be on his shoulders.*

*And he will be called*

 *Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,*

 *Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

* Isaiah 9:6 NIV11

*Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.
 - Luke 2:11 NIV*

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.

 And what does the LORD require of you?

To act justly and to love mercy

 and to walk humbly with your God.
 - Micah 6:8 NIV11

*The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing.
 - Zephaniah 3:17 NIV*

**And so we sing, not just to sing songs, but as a means to declare the work of God in our lives.**