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Sunday, December 8, 2019  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent  
“The Promise of Potential”  
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Luke 1:26-56

<sup>26</sup> In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth,

<sup>27</sup> to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary.

<sup>28</sup> And he came to her and said, “Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!”

<sup>29</sup> But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be.

<sup>30</sup> And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

<sup>31</sup> And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus.

<sup>32</sup> He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David,

<sup>33</sup> and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

<sup>34</sup> And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?”

<sup>35</sup> And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.

<sup>36</sup> And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren.

<sup>37</sup> For nothing will be impossible with God.”



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<sup>38</sup> And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

<sup>39</sup> In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah,

<sup>40</sup> and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

<sup>41</sup> And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit,

<sup>42</sup> and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!

<sup>43</sup> And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me?

<sup>44</sup> For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy.

<sup>45</sup> And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”