

Hands of Praise Deaf Church

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- You can give an offering online on our website or mail it to our church address
- Tuesday Bible study on Zoom, 6:30pm
 - To join the study email pastor@handsofpraise.org
- Christmas Dinner at church December 20, 1:00-5:00pm. \$10 per adult
 - Today is the last day to buy tickets
- Join with Pacific Church for an interpreted Christmas Eve service at 4:00pm

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In the Middle of the Mess

Luke 1:5-6 During the time Herod ruled Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah who belonged to Abijah's group. Zechariah's wife, Elizabeth, came from the family of Aaron. ⁶ Zechariah and Elizabeth truly did what God said was good. They did everything the Lord commanded and were without fault in keeping his law.

Luke 1:16-17 He will help many people of Israel return to the Lord their God. ¹⁷ He will go before the Lord in spirit and power like Elijah. He will make peace between parents and their children and will bring those who are not obeying God back to the right way of thinking, to make a people ready for the coming of the Lord."

Luke 2:1-7 At that time, Augustus Caesar sent an order that all people in the countries under Roman rule must list their names in a register. ² This was the first registration; it was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ And all went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴ So Joseph left Nazareth, a town in Galilee, and went to the town of Bethlehem in Judea, known as the town of David. Joseph went there because he was from the family of David. ⁵ Joseph registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was now pregnant. ⁶ While they were in Bethlehem, the time came for Mary to have the baby, ⁷ and she gave birth to her first son. Because there were no rooms left in the inn, she wrapped the baby with pieces of cloth and laid him in a feeding trough.

Romans 3:10-12 As the Scriptures say: "There is no one who always does what is right, not even one. ¹¹ There is no one who understands. There is no one who looks to God for help. ¹² All have turned away. Together, everyone has become useless. There is no one who does anything good; there is not even one."

Titus 2:12-14 It teaches us not to live against God nor to do the evil things the world wants to do. Instead, that grace teaches us to live in the present age in a wise and right way and in a way that shows we serve God. ¹³ We should live like that while we wait for our great hope and the coming of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ. ¹⁴ He gave himself for us so he might pay the price to free us from all evil and to make us pure people who belong only to him—people who are always wanting to do good deeds.