

CHRISTMAS ISN'T CANCELED - WE'RE JUST WAITING!
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3rd Week of Advent – Waiting in Messy Joy

December 17, 2020

Text: Luke 1:57-66

Meditation:

John the Baptist had a miraculous birth, and everything about his birth was predicted before he was born. God spoke about John hundreds of years before he came. He was to be the forerunner of the LORD, the Messiah and savior of the world.

On the eighth day the time came to circumcise the child. Customarily they would have named him Zechariah after his father. but his mother, Elizabeth, answered; No, he shall be called John. The neighbors asked Zechariah what he wanted him to be called. He took a writing tablet and wrote “His name is John.” Immediately his mouth was opened, and he was able to speak, and he spoke blessing God.

Fear came upon all the neighbors. “What then will this child be?” For the hand of the Lord was with him.”

The year 2020 has been like no other. With Covid-19, social distancing, wearing masks, shutdowns to schools, family get-togethers cancelled and the economy shutdown, this has created caution and uneasiness for all of us much like neighbors must have felt with the naming of John.

At times like this, waiting in Messy Joy, do you take matters into your own hands or do you find yourself turning your life over to God for strength and guidance?

With all the problems in the world like Covid-19, global warming, numerous hurricanes, and natural disasters; Do you think God is warning us that he is not pleased?

Prayer:

Father, in times like the present, we are waiting in Messy Joy. We ask you to give us the strength and courage to just let go of the situation and let you take control of our lives. We know you are in charge and are aware of the big picture. Amen