

Advent
**Surprised at Christmas:
Surprised by Joy**

WELCOME TO MARANATHA
WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

Worship Service

Join us for worship at 9:00 AM. Families are welcome, and enjoy coffee fellowship immediately following service in the Fellowship Hall at 10:15AM

Children's, Youth & Adult Sunday School

10:45AM—11:45AM

Nursery

Available for children 2 and under in the south hallway. We also have a pre-school area for children in the Conference Room

Children's Activity Kits

Available on the table on the south wall in the lobby.

Tithes & Offerings

Give through the offering box located between the sanctuary doors or use the QR code for easy, online giving. Envelopes are available.

[GIVE HERE](#)



FOR CALENDAR EVENT DETAILS, VISIT MARANATHAFREE.COM/EVENTS

OUR VISION: To reach *all* generations for Christ

OUR MISSION: According to God's Word, we proclaim the *joy of salvation* in Christ to people in need and encourage His followers in their devotion to Him.

OUR CORE VALUES:

- Founded on Christ
- Responding in Worship
- Grounded in Scripture
- Intentional in Discipleship
- Powered by Prayer
- Characterized by Love
- Committed to Evangelism

Opportunities to Participate:

- **ACBC Training Conference – February 2026:** Grow in applying God's Word to real-life struggles and in encouraging others with biblical truth. In Person (Lafayette, IN): Feb 8-13 • \$259 • Commit by Jan 9 Virtual (at Maranatha): Feb 20-22 & Feb 27-Mar 1 Questions or to sign up: Ben Baye — 715-418-1417 • ascentwi@gmail.com
- **Faith & Football:** join us on Sunday, January 4th @ Noon in the sanctuary for the Packer/Viking game with plenty of food & faith stories!
- **Women's Bible Study:** a 10-session study in Joshua by Jen Wilkin beginning Tuesday, January 13th from 6:00pm-8:30pm in the Conference Room, Sign up at the Welcome Desk by January 4th. Books are \$26. Questions? Contact Nancy Peterson 715-419-0191
- **Connect Cards: need to give us an update?** We'd love to connect with you! Use the QR code to fill out your information.
- **Valentine's Day Dinner—Save the Date:** Plan to join us on Sunday, February 15th for a fun and meaningful evening of connecting with your spouse and others, great food, and an encouraging message.



Christmas Eve Service

Invite friends and family to celebrate the birth of our Savior.



December 24th @ 4:30pm

Surprised by Joy

Message #3 of 4 – Surprised by *Christmas*
Pastor Jeff MacLurg, December 21, 2025

The Joys in Christmas Past

1. Zechariah & Elizabeth (Luke 1)

The Situation: _____, but _____...

Reason for Joy: When God _____.
But, He may...

2. Mary (Luke 1)

The Situation: _____, but _____

Reason for Joy: When God shows that He's ...

3. Shepherds (Luke 2)

The Situation: _____, but _____

Reason for Joy: When they see God's

4. Magi (Matthew 2)

The Situation: _____, but _____

Reason for Joy: When God makes their ...

The Joy in Christmas Present

- Joy is something we deeply ... and long to ...
- To find joy, _____, where you can see God _____.

L_____ S_____ G_____ D_____