

Hope Presbyterian Church
Sermon-Based Bible Study Group



December 3, 2023

“Magnificat” - #1 in the series *Heaven and Nature Sing*

Texts (NIV): Luke 1: 46-55, John 3:30

1. What stood out to you about the message?

2. The music of Christmas - sacred carols and secular tunes - can create and recall powerful memories.
 - What’s a favorite holiday song, and the memories it evokes for you?
 - Why is the nostalgic pull of Christmas music so strong?

3. **Read Luke 1:46-50.**
 - What might it have been like for Mary to arrive at this moment of gratitude about God’s choice of her to bear His Son?
 - In what ways would God’s choice of Mary have been considered unexpected - difficult to accept?

4. **Read Luke 1:51-55.**
 - How does Mary shift the focus of her song in these verses?
 - What do we learn about Mary’s understanding of the concept of *kingdom reversal* from this “verse” of her song?

5. **Read John 3:30.**
 - In light of Mary’s song - The Magnificat - what makes this verse so significant?
 - How can we personally magnify the Lord during this season of Advent?

6. How can we pray for you?