

Luke 2:1-20 ESV

The Birth of Jesus Christ

²In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

The Shepherds and the Angels

⁸And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹²And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

¹⁵When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.



December 24, 2022

Matthew 1:18-25 ESV

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¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.

¹⁹ **And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly.**

²⁰ But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

²¹ **She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.**

²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

²³ **"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel".**

²⁴ When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife,

²⁵ **but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.**

Order of Worship

Prelude	Please be seated to prepare yourself for worship.	
Advent	Lighting of Advent Wreath	
Welcome / Prayer		Dr. Michael Johnson
*Hymn	#136 The First Noel	Congregation
*Responsive Reading	Matthew 1:18-25	Congregation
*Hymn	#125 Joy to the World	Congregation
Scripture Reading	Luke 2:1-20	
*Hymn	#141 O Little Town of Bethlehem	Congregation
Special	Jesus, Strong and Kind	Sherry Carlson Michael Johnson
Communion		
Special	O Holy Night	Taylor Howard
*Hymn	#147 Silent Night, Holy Night	
Closing Prayer		Congregation

(*) indicates times when you are invited to stand as you are able
A nursery is available during the worship service.



Christmas Poinsettias

Bobby and Caren Wilbanks	In Memory of Wayne & Betty Hollowell and Hugh Hollowell
Bobby and Caren Wilbanks	In Memory of Essie and Gerald Wilbanks
Jimmy and Margie Thompson	In Memory of James and Vera Thompson
Morris and Sandra Thompson	In Memory of Robert and Corrie McGee
Morris and Sandra Thompson	In Memory of James and Vera Thompson
June Aldridge	In Memory and Honor of our Family
Tammy Waymire	In Memory of Art Waymire, Elise Mangrum and Eileen Parsons
Lynn Howard	In Honor of her Family
Tommy and Lorraine Thompson	In Memory of Curtis and Mary Katherine Thompson
Tommy and Lorraine Thompson	In Memory of George and Tilly Edmonds
Jeff and Robin Cox	In Memory of Dot & Buddy Sullivan and Luck & Mary Cox
Joel and Stephanie Barrett	In Memory of Paul Cox