

NEW TESTAMENT READING
Matthew 1:18-25

¹⁸Now 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. ¹⁹And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰But 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. ²¹She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²²All 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 (which means, God with us).

²⁴When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.



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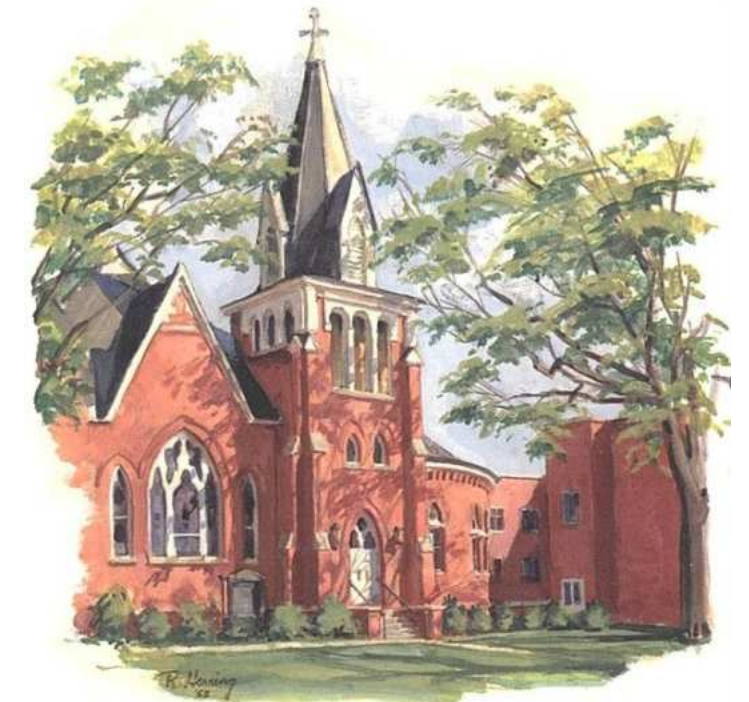
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ENGAGING GOD WITH MUSIC AND PRAYERS

Welcome and Announcements Clay J. Brown

Invocation

Prelude: *Christmas Suite* Held

Joanne Daykin

Call to Worship Tyler Domske

*Carol #200: *While by the Sheep*

1. While by the sheep we watched at night, glad tidings brought an angel bright.

Refrain: How great our joy! Great our joy! Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy! Praise we the Lord in heaven on high! Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!

2. There shall be born, so he did say, in Bethlehem a Child today. (Refrain)

3. There shall the Child lie in a stall, this Child who shall redeem us all. (Refrain)

4. This gift of God we'll cherish well, that ever joy our hearts shall fill. (Refrain)

