

## Luke 2: 1-20 (NRSV)

“In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: To you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace, good will among people.”

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; And all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.”

# Welcome to Word & Table

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# •ORDER OF WORSHIP•

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT WREATH - ISAIAH 9: 2-7

PRAISE SONGS

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING

SCRIPTURE LUKE 2: 1-20

MESSAGE THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER!

CLOSING SONG

BENEDICTION

## SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 9: 2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

## CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS

The church office will be closed for the Christmas Holidays on Thursday Dec. 24, Friday Dec. 25, and Friday, Jan. 1.

## COMBINED SERVICE SUNDAY DEC. 27

There will be one combined service on Sunday, Dec. 27 at 10am in the Sanctuary. Reservations are encouraged by going online to [www.bethany-umc.com](http://www.bethany-umc.com).

## END OF YEAR GIVING

The last day the church office will be open to receive your year-end offerings to be credited in 2020 is Thursday, Dec. 31. If you prefer to mail your year-end offering, please make certain that your letter is postmarked no later than Dec. 31. For further information about giving or offering envelopes please contact Mary Dove Murray or Ann Gill at 843.873.1230.

## OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering envelopes are ready for pick up in the hallway near the kitchen. Please help us be a good steward of our finances by picking your envelopes up today.

## RIGHTNOW MEDIA

Don't forget you have access to tons of video resources - Bible studies, movies, TV shows and more - on RightNow Media. To sign up, simply text Rightnow Bethany message to 41411.

## STEPHEN MINISTRY

If you are hurting, in need of a hand to hold on to or talk thru an issue or problem we are a Stephen Ministry Church and have Stephen Ministers ready to be with you. Contact Denis Tsukalas 843.871.0381 or Mary Kay Wrenn 843.323.2130 or 843.821.3123.

## TEXT TO GIVE OPTION

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