



Let's stay connected during the week!

Sisterhood Bake Sale is today. Visit the tables in the foyer to find delicious treats and support the activities of Sisterhood.

Senior Adult Lunch and Movie is Friday, December 19 at 11:30. Join others for lunch, a viewing of "While You Were Sleeping", and movie treats including popcorn, soda, and candy. This month's lunch is free!

Christmas Eve services
are at 3pm and 5pm.



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Welcome Christmas

12.14.25

“Joy to the World”

Matthew 2:1-12

Notes

Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod. About that time some wise men from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking, ²“Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose, and we have come to worship him.” ³King Herod was deeply disturbed when he heard this, as was everyone in Jerusalem. ⁴He called a meeting of the leading priests and teachers of religious law and asked, “Where is the Messiah supposed to be born?” ⁵“In Bethlehem in Judea,” they said, “for this is what the prophet wrote: ⁶‘And you, O Bethlehem in the land of Judah, are not least among the ruling cities of Judah, for a ruler will come from you who will be the shepherd for my people Israel.’” ⁷Then Herod called for a private meeting with the wise men, and he learned from them the time when the star first appeared. ⁸Then he told them, “Go to Bethlehem and search carefully for the child. And when you find him, come back and tell me so that I can go and worship him, too!” ⁹After this interview the wise men went their way. And the star they had seen in the east guided them to Bethlehem. It went ahead of them and stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they were filled with joy! ¹¹They entered the house and saw the child with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasure chests and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²When it was time to leave, they returned to their own country by another route, for God had warned them in a dream not to return to Herod.

Matthew 2:1-12 (NLT)

How to find joy

- Joy is found by living a life of generosity
- Joy is found by living a life of surrender
- Joy is found by living a life of obedience