

Holiday Schedule

Christmas Eve services at 3pm and 5pm.

Sunday, December 28 **Church Online** only. Visit southsub.church and click the Live button at 9am or 11am.

Sunday, January 4 regular schedule at 9am, 11am, and online.

Mark Your Calendar

Senior Adult Games - January 9

Brotherhood Breakfast - January 10

Sisterhood Brunch - January 24

Groups begin the week of January 25







Welcome Christmas

12.21.25

"Love That Protects"

Matthew 2:13-20

After the wise men were gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up! Flee to Egypt with the child and his mother," the angel said. "Stay there until I tell you to return, because Herod is going to search for the child to kill him." ¹⁴That night Joseph left for Egypt with the child and Mary, his mother, ¹⁵and they stayed there until Herod's death. This fulfilled what the Lord had spoken through the prophet: "I called my Son out of Egypt." ¹⁶Herod was furious when he realized that the wise men had outwitted him. He sent soldiers to kill all the boys in and around Bethlehem who were two years old and under, based on the wise men's report of the star's first appearance. ¹⁷Herod's brutal action fulfilled what God had spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: ¹⁸"A cry was heard in Ramah—

weeping and great mourning.

Rachel weeps for her children, refusing to be comforted,

for they are dead."

¹⁹When Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt. ²⁰"Get up!" the angel said. "Take the child and his mother back to the land of Israel, because those who were trying to kill the child are dead." ²¹So Joseph got up and returned to the land of Israel with Jesus and his mother. ²²But when he learned that the new ruler of Judea was Herod's son Archelaus, he was afraid to go there. Then, after being warned in a dream, he left for the region of Galilee. ²³So the family went and lived in a town called Nazareth. This fulfilled what the prophets had said: "He will be called a Nazarene."

Matthew 2:13-20 (NLT)

God's love

- God's love is present in uncertainty
- God's love is present in <u>loss</u>
- God's love is present in tragedy

Notes