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**And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped
him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger,**

ANNUNCIATION (LUKE 1: 26-38)

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary.

And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.

The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus.

He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.'

Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God.

And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.'

Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM (LUKE 2: 1-7)

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.

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SHEPHERDS & ANGELS (LUKE 2: 8-16)

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 Saviour, 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 among those whom he favours!'

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.

THE WISE MEN VISIT JESUS (MATT 2: 1-11)

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews?'

For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.

They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

“And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.”

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.'

When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.

On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his

mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Gracious God,
by the power of the Spirit
who sanctified the mother of your Son,
make holy all we offer you this day.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God,
in this sacrament we receive the promise of salvation.
May we, like the Virgin Mary,
be obedient to your will.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.



NEXT WEEK

Sunday, December 28th, 2025
First Sunday after Christmas

ISAIAH 63:7-9; PSALM 148;
HEBREWS 2:10-18; MATTHEW 2:13-23

from our website...

<http://STSTEPHENSDownSVIEW.CA>

...and our weekly email newsletter

SET YOUR CALENDAR FOR...

- *Sunday Worship 11AM
- *Morning Prayers (see below)
- *Devotions TUE 7PM

WORSHIP
This Week

COFFEE, TEA, SNACKS...

Join us in the Parish Hall after worship for fellowship... and... coffee, tea, and snacks.



Christmas Eve Worship 7:00 p.m.

Join St Stephen's for Christmas Eve, in-person only.



Christmas Day Worship 10:00 a.m.

Join St Stephen's for Christmas Day, in-person only.



New Year's Eve Worship 10:00 p.m.

Celebrate New Year's Eve with Us! in-person only.



Donations received after December 31st will be receipted in
2026

**Have You
finished with
2025?**

Last day to submit 2025 anything to the Parish Office
DEC 19th

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In-Person Office Hours
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Wednesdays & Fridays,
11:00AM to 2:00PM

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Morning Prayer (7:15a M-F)

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Order of Service

Opening Sentence

Congregational hymn - O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Opening prayer

Prophecy - Men

The Annunciation (Mary visited by the Angel)

Narrator / Reading – Luke 1: 26 - 38

Ngozi and Choir - Tell out my soul

The Journey to Bethlehem

Reading - Luke 2: 1 – 7

Singing (Women) - LONG TIME AGO IN BETHLEHEM

The Shepherds and the Angels

Narrator / Reading - Luke 2: 8 – 16

Dance

Peace and Men of SS - Jehovah Allelulia

The Wise Men Visit Jesus

Narrator / Reading - Matthew 2: 1 - 11

Congregation Carol - We Three Kings

Sunday School script: Wise Astronomers visit Jesus

Peace and Ngozi - O Holy Night

Peace

Offertory - **O come all ye Faithful**

Eucharist

Communion Carols (**Arlene to confirm**)

1 Silent Night

2 Away in a Manger

3 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore you BB #271

4 Mary did you know (Sunday School)

Prayer after communion

Announcements

Solo (Kaner) - Have yourself a Merry little Christmas

Recessional: - Joy to the World

Dismissal