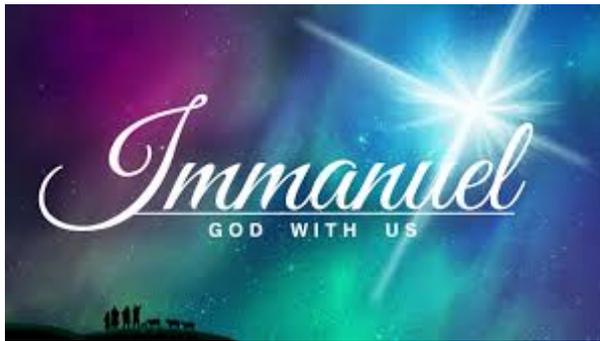




## Shared by Sharon

December 8, 2020



### [Matthew 1:18-25](#)

Last week I asked you to imagine that you were an unwed teenage girl. Today I want you to imagine that you are a man, engaged to a young girl. You and your fiancée had remained celibate, pending your

wedding. But, you learn that she is expecting. What would you think? What would you do?

The scriptures tell us that Joseph was a righteous man and that under normal circumstances, he would have walked away from the engagement. However, Joseph didn't want to expose her to public disgrace and before he could divorce her quietly, he had a visit from an angel. The scriptures don't tell us which angel but it sounds like Gabriel to me. He seems to always be the one to share this kind of news.

The angel tells Joseph that the baby is from the Holy Spirit and that he will save the people from their sins.

According to Matthew, this was to fulfill the prophesy declaring: "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel."

This was shocking news. This truly was an unexpected gift. Yet, Joseph accepted this gift graciously and made Mary his wife.

This Sunday we will light the candle of Joy. Joy is greater than just happiness. Joy is knowing that we have the gracious gift of love that God has given us through the birth of the Christ child.

With joy and anticipation,

Rev. Sharon

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Saturday, December 12

Beginning at 1:30 p.m.

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Beginning at 1 p.m.

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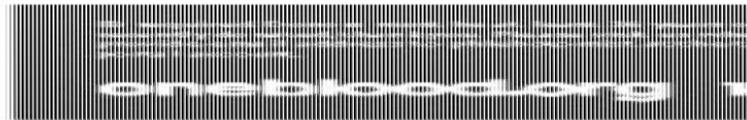




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