



# **North Liberty First**

A United Methodist Community of Faith

**December 7, 2025**

**Prelude: Grace Notes          Coventry Carol**

Whether you are joining us in person or on-line, know that we are here to journey along with you as we live into our mission: to follow and invite others to follow Jesus Christ.

**Remembering our Baptism**

**\*Advent Call to Worship**

**Sing: O come, thy Key of David, come,  
and open wide our heavenly home;  
the captives from their prison free;  
and conquer death's deep misery.**

O key of David and Scepter of the house of Israel, who opens, and no one shuts, who shuts and no one opens:

**Come and bring forth from prison the captive who sits in darkness and in the shadow of death.**

Sing Refrain:

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**\*Song                                  What Child Is This?**

**\*Song                                  It Came Upon a Midnight Clear**

**First Lesson                          Matthew 1:1-17                          CEB**

**Word for Children**

**Second Lesson                      Matthew 1:-18-25                      CEB**

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ took place. When Mary his mother was engaged to Joseph, before they were married, she became pregnant by the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband was a righteous man. Because he didn't want to humiliate her, he decided to call off their engagement quietly. As he was thinking about this, an angel from the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, don't be afraid to take Mary as your wife, because the child she carries was conceived by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you will call him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." Now all of this took place so that what the Lord had spoken through the prophet would be fulfilled:

Look! A virgin will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and they will call him, Emmanuel. When Joseph woke up, he did just as an angel from God commanded and took Mary as his wife. But he didn't have sexual relations with her until she gave birth to a son. Joseph called him Jesus.

**Message for the Lord's Day                      Rev. Deborah Coble**

**Song    Joseph's Song**

**Prayers of the People**

After each petition, there will be a pause for silent prayer. After Pastor says "Lord in your mercy" ALL reply "hear our prayers."

**\*Song**                      **Oh Come All Ye Faithful**

**\*Benediction**

**Life is short and we have too little time  
to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us.  
So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind,**

and may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and always.  
**Amen.**