



Welcome to Troy United Methodist Church!

New to Troy UMC?

We invite you on a journey with Jesus...

Connect to God and our faith community.

Grow into a wholehearted follower of Jesus.

Serve with your God-given gifts and passions.

Share God's love regionally and globally.

Worship God in everything you say and do.

Stop by the Welcome Center after service to pick up a gift!



Point your phone camera at the QR code to connect!

Join us for Christmas Eve Candlelight Service & Christmas Morning Worship!

Thursday, December 22

6:30 p.m. - Family Life Center
(children's ministry & nursery available)

Saturday, December 24

2 p.m. - Sanctuary
4 p.m. - Family Life Center & Online
(children's ministry & nursery available)
6 p.m. - Family Life Center
11 p.m. - Sanctuary & Online

Sunday, December 25 – “Christmas Resolutions” Series Finale

9:00 a.m. - Sanctuary
10:30 a.m. - Family Life Center
(There will be no children's ministry & nursery – children are welcome in worship)



Message Notes

December 18, 2022

Christmas Resolutions: Trust God's Plan

Matthew 1:18-25

God uses angels to convey important messages to humans.

- Angels play critical roles in the Christmas story
- Angels convey messages from God to Zechariah, Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds

Mary and Joseph were part of the Greatest Love Story of all Time, but it was not the Love Story they had planned.

- The angel Gabriel comes to Mary and tells her that she will bear a son, and she will call him Jesus. (Luke 1:26-38)
- Mary readily accepts this change in plans. "*I am the Lord's servant. May all of this come true.*" (Luke 1:38)
- Joseph learns of Mary's pregnancy and rejects this radical change in the couple's life plans, choosing instead to quietly divorce her. (Matthew 1:19)

An angel appears to Joseph in a dream, conveying a message from God.

- In a dream, an angel tells Joseph that the change in plans is all part of God's grand salvation plan, prophesied through Isaiah centuries before. (Matthew 1:20-23)
- Joseph changes his plans, does what the angel commands him, and takes Mary as his wife. (Matthew 1:24-25)
- God's plans, although sometimes unexpected, are always better than our own.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

It was not the life they had planned, but it was the plan that gave them life. – Sue Busler