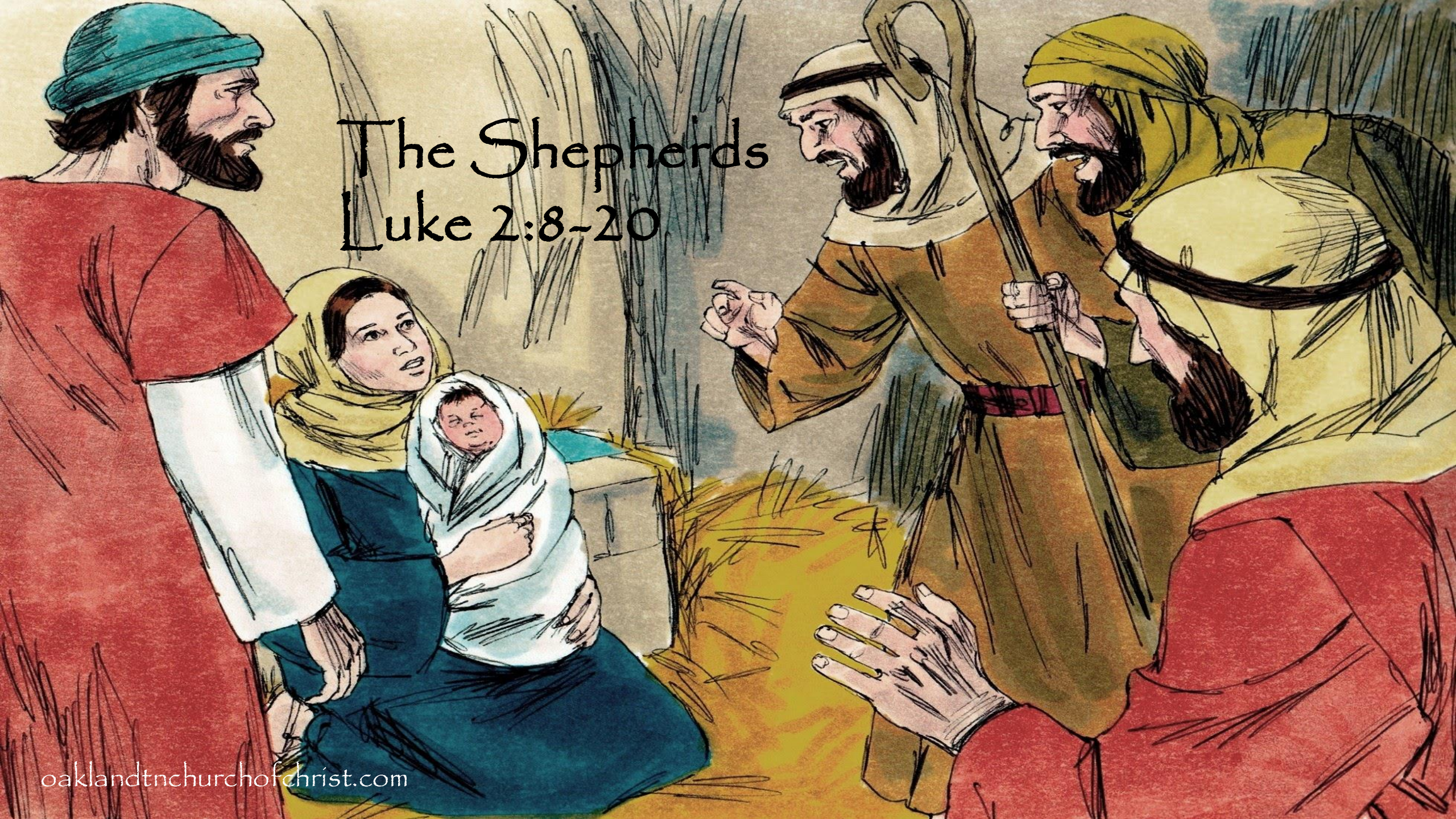


# The Shepherds

Luke 2:8-20







## Who Were the Shepherds?

◆ **Luke 2:8** - And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

# Old Testament Prophecy – Birthplace of the Messiah

◆ **Matthew 2:5-6** - They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

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

# Birthplace of the Messiah

- ◇ Micah 4:8 - And you, O **tower of the flock**,  
hill of the daughter of Zion,  
to you shall it come,  
the former dominion shall come,  
kingship for the daughter of Jerusalem.
- ◇ This **“tower of the flock”** mentioned in Micah 4:8 is in  
Hebrew **“Migdal Edar”** and literally means **“watch tower of the  
flock.”**



Bethphage *Mount of Olives*

Jerusalem

Bethany

Bethlehem

**MIGDAL**  
**EDAR**





## An Angel of the Lord Appeared

◆ **Luke 2:9-11** - And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. 10 And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

# The Sign

◆ **Luke 2:12** - And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.

# Praise the Multitude of the Heavenly Host

◆ **Luke 2:13-14** - And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,  
14 “Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

## Shepherds Seeking the Child

◆ **Luke 2:15-16** - When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” 16 And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.

## A Mother's Heart

◆ **Luke 2:17-19** - And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. 18 And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. 19 But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.

# Shepherds – Glorifying and Praising God

◆ **Luke 2:20** - And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

