

January 1, 2017 - Natalia (1 service 9:30)

Scripture: Isaiah 63:7-9, Matthew 2:13-23

Title: **Be it Resolved**

I know no person who reads this text and thinks “well that’s an uplifting one!” It’s a brutal and violent story right in the midst of our celebrations.

But there are things to be learned from this story, both from the family of Jesus and from Herod. So what happens when we let our anger over the way things worked out take over? What might mean for us that the son of God was a refugee? And how can we come together on this New Year and resolve to be followers of Christ once again?

January 8 - Natalia (Chad in Africa)

Scripture: Isaiah 42:5-9; Matthew 3:13-17

Title: **Pure Promise**

Note: there will be a baptismal remembrance today as a part of worship

When we are baptized we are given a promise. This isn’t the same kind of promise we make to each other as friends, as neighbors, as citizens, as spouses, or as parents. It’s a special kind of promise that we are going to dig into a bit today.

January 15 - Natalia (Chad in Africa)

Scripture: Isaiah 49:5-7; John 1:35-42

Title: **Claimed. Named. Called. Sent.**

We know we’ve been claimed in our baptisms, but now what?

Today we hear the story of the call of the disciples and we’ll take some time to reflect on our own call and what it might mean to take that call into the world around us.

January 22 - Ask the Pastors