

***Welcome to our Service of Worship***

***In God's house there are no strangers.  
If you have come as a visitor today,  
We hope you will leave as a friend!***

***Mission Statement***

***To make Christ visible in our lives, our church,  
our community and our world***

**GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER**

**PRELUDE**

**LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES**

**Announcements**

**Contemporary song - There is a Redeemer**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

**Candle Song**

**Opening Prayer**

**Call To Worship:**

**L: A voice cries out in the wilderness, prepare  
the way of the Lord.**

**P: Make straight in the desert, a highway for our God.**

**Hymn # 196**

**Opening Prayer**

**Merciful God, you sent your messengers, the prophets, to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation. Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Children message**

**First Lesson    Philippians 1:3-11**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS PRAYER REQUEST**

**PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR  
OFFERINGS**

**\*OFFERTORY:**

**\*DOXOLOGY #95**

**\*Prayer**

**\*Hymn #220**

**\*Sermon Text: Luke 3:1-6**

**Message: Prepare the Way**