

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

Call To Worship:

**L: in the beginning was the Word, and the Word
was with God and the Word was God.**

**P: And the Word became flesh and lived among us,
and we have seen his glory.**

Hymn #246

Opening Prayer

**Send, O God, into the darkness of this troubled
world. The light of your Son. Let the star of your
hope touch the minds of all people with the
bright beam of mercy and truth; and so direct
our steps that we may ever walk in the way**

**revealed to us, as the shepherds of Bethlehem
walked with joy to the manger where Jesus
was, who now and ever reigns in our hearts. In
this same Jesus name we pray. Amen.**

Children message

First Lesson: I Samuel 2: 18-20, 20

JOYS AND CONCERNS PRAYER REQUEST

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

***OFFERTORY:**

***DOXOLOGY #95**

***Prayer**

***Hymn #240**

***Sermon Text: Luke 2: 41-52**

Message: The Gift of a Child