

*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**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

**Candle Song**

**Call To Worship:**

**L: Welcome people of God, to this place of  
celebration.**

P: We come with clean hands and pure hearts to  
worship God.

**L: Come to this holy place seeking to meet God.**

P: We gather as God's people to renew our faith and  
praise our God.

**Hymn #240**

**Opening Prayer:**

**Creator of all that is, we lift up our souls to you.  
All the earth is yours and all that is in it..We  
seek once more to experience your truth, to  
receive your blessing, to rise above the  
limitations we have known. You are strong and  
mighty beyond our imagining. We desire to  
become more than we believed ourselves to be,  
individually and together. Amen.**

**Children message:**

**First Lesson: Romans 1:1-7**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS PRAYER REQUEST**

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

**\*OFFERTORY:**

**\*DOXOLOGY #95**

**\*Prayer**

**\*HYMN #230**

**Sermon Text: Matthew 1:18-25**

**Message: Doing It God's Way**