

## MBC Worship Service - December 20th, 2020

### Call to Worship - Chair

All God's people—

Boys and girls, women, men:

**Come and worship!**

Shepherds, Magi, saints, and angels:

**Come and worship! Come and worship!**

All who need the Savior, all who long for comfort:

**Come and worship, come and worship Christ, the newborn King!**

### Call to Confession

Today we celebrate that Jesus, our Lord,  
came to earth as a human, just like us but without sin.  
He came so that we who sin may be freed from sin.  
With the peace that comes from knowing Jesus came,  
let us confess our sins and be forgiven.

### Prayer of Confession

**Generous God,  
you give us the greatest gift of all, yourself,  
but often we find it hard to take notice;  
we are caught up with our own gifts, given and received.  
Forgive us, generous God,  
for the casual way we treat your gift of love.  
Cast out our sin and enter in,  
be born in us today.**

## Assurance of Pardon

She will give birth to a son,  
and you are to give him the name Jesus,  
because he will save his people from their sins.

—Matthew 1:21

## Reading John 1:1-5,9-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

## Sermon: Christmas Apart

Text: John 16:28

Big Idea: Jesus left home for us.

- Outline:
1. From the Father
  2. To Earth
  3. COVID-19
  4. Seeing God's Love this Christmas

## Benediction

As we go, know that we go  
with the love of God the Father,  
the grace of God the Son,  
and the fellowship of God the Spirit.

**Amen**