

MBC Worship Service - December 6th, 2020

Call to Worship - Chair

The people walking in darkness

have seen a great light;

on those living in the land of the shadow of death

a light has dawned.

Jesus Christ is our life and light.

In his name and in his power, let us worship God!

—based on Isaiah 9:2

Joy To The World (Unspeakable Joy)

<https://youtu.be/R4h4ERoAYOE>

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

**God of love,
all year long we pursue power and money,
yet you come in weakness.
All season long we covet great material gifts,
when you alone offer what is lasting.
Through the work of this Lord Jesus,
who comes among us full of grace and truth,
forgive us, heal us, correct us.
Then open our lips,
that we may sing your praise with the angels,
and remake our lives,
that we may witness to your transforming love.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.
Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you;
he is the Messiah, the Lord.

—Luke 2:10-11

Hark The Herald Angels Sing

<https://youtu.be/qYmk5wNc1F8>

Believin' On (Children's Song)

<https://youtu.be/gn5y1TQSTyQ>

Sermon: Christmas Cynicism

Text: Luke 1:5-25

Big Idea: God's grace is greater than our cynicism.

- Outline:
1. Zechariah's Prayer
 2. God's Messenger
 3. Our Cynicism
 4. God's Grace

Prayer of Invitation

This feast for which we gather remembers Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection.

This feast for which we gather proclaims the good news of forgiveness.

This feast for which we gather nourishes us with Jesus' own life.

This feast for which we gather celebrates the sure hope we have of Jesus' coming.

Come to the joyful feast of the Lord.

Institution of the Bread

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." - 1 Corinthians 11:23-24

Institution of the Cup

In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. - 1 Corinthians 11:25-26

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**With joy we praise you, gracious God,
for you have created heaven and earth,
made us in your image, and kept covenant with us—
even when we fell into sin.**

**We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who came among us as the Word made flesh
to show us your glory, full of grace and truth.**

**Therefore we join our voices
with all the saints and angels and the whole creation
to proclaim the glory of your name.**

Who You Say I Am

<https://youtu.be/MNIndGG5RY4>

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