

CHRISTMAS DAY

December 25, 2020

*The Word became flesh and
made his dwelling among us.*



WELCOME

BAND Christmas Medley

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the
+ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: As we come to worship today,
God's Word reminds us:

**People: Behold, all souls are mine;
the soul who sins shall die.**

Pastor: We confess our sins before God
and each other, clinging to the certainty
of forgiveness through Jesus Christ.

(Silence for personal confession)

Pastor: The shepherds heard the message
of the angels and went with haste to
Bethlehem to worship the Christ
Child. After they worshiped Him, they
went out to witness to what they had
seen.

People: Lord God, there are times when our worship takes a back seat to other priorities that we have in life.

Many times, our witness is woefully inadequate and at times misleading. Forgive us, for Jesus' sake. Fill us with Your Word and grace today and lead us as we live our lives as Your witnesses.

Pastor: "Behold, your salvation comes; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him." Isaiah 62:11

People: "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11

Pastor: Christ is the incarnate Son of God sent by the Father as a sacrifice for our sin. God's heart of forgiveness is extended to You in the infant life of Jesus. Therefore, by the grace of our heavenly Father and your faith in the Christ-child, all your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

BAND Christmas Hallelujah

CHRISTMAS GOSPEL John 1:1-14

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter, verses 1-14.

BAND Mary's Boy Child

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE. . . . Pastor Rob

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: With thankful hearts, Lord, we bring to You our prayers this day. We remember Your many acts of kindness to Your people through all ages. We thank You for Your grace shown to all people through the birth of Your Son, Jesus Christ. May Your Holy Spirit bless us with His presence in this holy season.

Pastor: We pray for our world and for all the people who share it with us. Enable us to be witnesses to the Ruler of all people, Jesus Christ. Cause the truth of salvation to be known in every part of the earth. Bless the labors of the missionaries and pastors of the Church as they proclaim the light of the Gospel around the globe.

Pastor: On this Christmas Day, we pray for this congregation. Bless its leaders and all of the people with a full measure of joy, that we may echo the songs of the angels in our communities and be shining lights in our time and place.

Pastor: We pray for those with special needs, including the sick and the shut-in, those who grieve, those who feel alone and distanced in this season, and all others known to each of us who at this time are in need of our petitions.

Pastor: Blessed Lord, we thank You for the faithful witness of those no longer with us on earth who now share in Your light eternal. May we find inspiration and strength in their faithful witness and seek to serve You constantly all of our days.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all from whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught us to pray...

*Merry
Christmas!*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**All: Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in
heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we
forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but
deliver us from evil. For thine is the
kingdom, and the power and the
glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

BLESSING

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and
be gracious unto You. The Lord look upon
You with favor and + give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING SONG Joy To The World

