

# ROBERTSVILLE BIBLE CHURCH

December 20, 2020

Thank you for being a part of our service today. We trust that you will receive a blessing from being with us and hearing a message from the Word of God. May the Lord bless you as you serve Him.

## MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE (Please use this time to quietly prepare your heart for worship)

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #267 I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:1-7

### OPENING PRAYER

HYMN #250 O Little Town of Bethlehem

HYMN #279 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

HYMN #281 What Child Is This?

BIBLE MESSAGE Pastor Ernie Brodie, Jr.

HYMN #258 Go, Tell It on the Mountain

### CLOSING PRAYER



Christmas is a time of giving gifts as God gave us the gift of His Son over 2,000 years ago. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." As you give gifts this Christmas season, would you consider giving a special gift for the ministry of Robertsville Bible Church? Our giving is down from last year, and your gift will help us continue our ministry in this community and throughout the world in 2021.

### Announcements

**Christmas Eve Service, this Thursday, December 24, 7:00 p.m.** - Make your plans to join us for this special service of Christmas carols, Scripture readings, and a message from the Word of God. We will not be having Prayer Meeting on December 23.

**Business Meeting** - Sunday, January 3, following the Morning Service.

**Annual Reports** are needed for our Annual Business Meeting. While many of the reports will be brief because of covid, we would still like to document what we did from January through March 15 and then mention that activities were discontinued because of covid. Reports needed: Pastor, Deacons, Trustees, Ladies Bible Study, Men's Bible Study, Missions Committee, Christian Education Committee, Prison Ministry, and Nursing Home Ministry. All reports are due by **Wednesday, January 13**.

### **The Incarnation Rev. Dr. Ernest Brodie Jr.**

One of the key events in human history is the incarnation. This is when Almighty God veiled Himself in human flesh to make an atonement for all humanity. A decision by Adam and Eve plunged the first couple and their descendants into the enslavement of sin (Genesis 3). Every generation and every human being fell to the power of sin. All have sinned. Sin is defined as anything which falls short of God's standard. The good news is that no one needs to go to hell. Through the atonement of Christ, all can come to Him for salvation (John 3:16, 3:36).

If God is so loving that He would come to earth to die for our sins, why doesn't God just release everyone from hell? Not only is God loving, He is also just (Micah 6:8). Would earthly judges be just if they released all who broke the law without penalty? The answer is no. The justice of God demands that a penalty be paid for our sins. Rather than send all to hell, God offers salvation through Jesus Christ. God came to earth and became a man in order to be the perfect sacrifice for sin (1 Peter 3:18). He took the punishment that was to be ours and became the way of salvation. (Acts 4:12: "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Romans 10:9-10: "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.")

The celebration of Christmas is about the greatest gift, the coming of God to earth to make an atonement for sin. This is why Christmas means so much. Christ is the sacrifice for sin which enables our salvation. While Christ died for your sins, you must turn from your sin and call upon Him to be saved. Romans 10:13: "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Call upon God today.