

NOTES FROM THE SERVICE

DATE _____ SPEAKER _____

TEXT _____

SCRIPTURE _____

NOTES FROM THE MESSAGE:

PERSONAL APPLICATION:

Etiquette *Please refrain from walking and using the middle aisle during worship service. *Exiting/Entering the sanctuary during prayer and ministry of giving is not permitted. *No food, gum or drink permitted in the sanctuary.” *Please silence cell phones.” *Please no talking during offertory service *Pray for the Sick, and Shut-in and those in bereavement *Come to Bible Study and hear the speakers on people who had relationships in the Bible

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ORDER OF SERVICE

SUNDAYSCHOOL.....9:15AM.....SIS BEVERLY DURST

.....CALL TO WORSHIP.....

MUSICAL INTERLUDE.....11:30AM.....MUSICIANS

SCRIPTURE.....OFFICERS

PRAYER.....OFFICERS

SELECTION.....

OFFERING.....FINANCIAL COMMITTEE

SELECTION.....

THE SPOKEN WORD..... REV. JIMMY L. GATES, SR.

Message: "Her First Born Son"

Scripture: Luke 2:6-7

TIME TO RECIEVE THOSE WHOM THE LORD HAS CALLED..... PULPIT

ALTAR CALL.....PULPIT

BENEDICTION.....REV. JIMMY L. GATES, SR.

RECCESIONAL.....LET THE CHURCH SAY AMEN

Announcements:

Responsive Reading today:

John 1:1:1-14

FROM THE PASTOR:

We will be closed to the end of the year because of COVID.

Also, as a reminder no bible study and prayer meeting until January 6, 2021.

No need for a calendar meeting for 2021 just yet.

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

2 Peter 3:9



VOLUNTEERS HELP WANTED:

**Audio / Visual Assistant ~ Praise Team Members
Staff Support with Setting Up**

Those who are seriously interested please see
Rev. Jimmy L. Gates, Sr.

FROM THE HEART OF THE PASTOR.....

“While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.” Luke 2:6-7

The fulness of time was now come, when God would send forth his Son, made of a woman, and made under the law; and it was foretold that he should be born at Bethlehem.

The everlasting Father became a child of time, and men said to him whose out-goings were of old from everlasting, we know this man, whence he is. The Ancient of days became an infant of a span long. He was under some abasement's peculiar to himself. He was born at an inn. That son of David that was the glory of his father's house had no inheritance that he could command, no not in the city of David, no nor a friend that would accommodate his mother in distress with lodgings to be brought to bed in. Christ was born in an inn, to intimate that he came into the world but to sojourn here for awhile, as in an inn, and to teach us to do likewise. An inn receives all comers, and so does Christ. He hangs out the banner of love for his sign, and whoever comes to him, he will in no wise cast out; only, unlike other inns, he welcomes those that come without money and without price. All is on free cost. He was born in a stable; so some think the word signifies which we translate a manger, a place for cattle to stand to be fed in. Because there was no room in the inn, and for want of conveniences, nay for want of necessaries, he was laid in a manger, instead of a cradle. The word which we render swaddling clothes some derive from a word that signifies to rend, or tear, and these infer that he was so far from having a good suit of child-bed linen, that his very swaddles were ragged and torn. His being born in a stable and laid in a manger was an instance of the poverty of his parents. Had they been rich, room would have been made for them but being poor, they must shift as they could. Of the corruption and degeneracy of manners in that age; that a woman in reputation for virtue and honor should be used so barbarously. If there had been

any common humanity among them, they would not have turned a woman in travail into a stable. It was an instance of the humiliation of our Lord Jesus. We were become by sin like an out-cast infant, helpless and forlorn; and such a one Christ was. Therefore, he would answer the type of Moses, the great prophet and lawgiver of the Old Testament, who was in his infancy cast out in an ark of bulrushes, as Christ in a manger. Christ would hereby put a contempt upon all worldly glory and teach us to slight it. Since his own received him not, let us not think it strange if they receive us not.

It seems antithetical to our view of God's provision that there was no room at the inn, yet we do not see the entire picture. God entered the world in one of the lowliest symbols to a farming culture, a feeding trough. In addition, Galilee is regarded as the lowest elevation point on the Earth. God came in humble fashion in order to relate to the poorest groups of people in Israel. From that point on, Jesus Christ related to every socio-economic, educational, and political class of that time. The hardship of the inn was God's love displayed to all of mankind.

Yes, He was, **“HER FIRST BORN SON”**