#### **PRAYER CONCERNS:**



Sandy Adams, Shannon Anna, Betty Barlow, Rachel Cain, Carla Carlton, Glenn Carlton, Grayson Cowart, Richard Crosby, Barbara Fisher, Sheila Foust, Jeff Friesenhahn, Dale Gage, Ray Gomez, Alice Harris, Betty Harris, Frank Harris, Angie Hawley,

Kathi Mattes Hernandez, Hasey Hollmig, Blanche King, Jed Knowlton, Angelica Martinez, Alan Massey, Jack & Keith Neumann, Ronnie Nolan, Cynthia Patterson, Sherry Peyton, Mason Plummer, Meleah Plummer, Christine Price, George Riddell, Vicky Sablatura, Dennis Schrank, Debbie Southwell, Lee Taylor, Joy Trimble, Dade Turner, Bette Wooten, Susan Wright, Hailey Young.

Family and friends of Bryan Hartnett, Alphee Strand and Denise Sauceda Nursing Home: SA NH: Florine Carman, Judith Kuykendall, Sterling Martin Castroville: Albert Castro, Hondo: Ralph Gilliam, Johnny Wilson Our Troops: Erik Arias, Joshua Bruhn, William E. Bryant, Logan Dean, Bryan Franklin, Joe Frank Garcia, III, Logan Petersen



## **Worship Assistants December 28:**

Rev. J. Paul Bruhn

Choir Director: Leon Steward

Lay Leader: Tricia Boll

Liturgist: Carrie Self

Children's Church: Tammy Lynch Counters: Tricia Boll & Brenda Vavricek

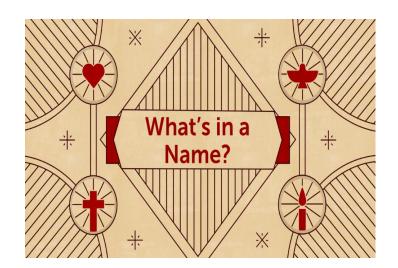
Technical Support: Dee Willman, Roger Garcia, Tricia Boll

Worship Service

December 21, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent

Love



WELCOME

**GATHERING MUSIC** 

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES:

Today we light the fourth candle of Advent, the candle of LOVE. Through the incarnation of Jesus, God's love has been poured out for all people

Scripture Reading: (John 3:16)

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

As we light this candle, we reflect on the depth of God's love revealed in Emmanuel – God with us.

May this flame remind us to love one another unconditionally as God has loved us.

Let us pray:

God of love, transform our hearts to reflect Your incredible love. Help us to live as witnesses of Your great love in all we do. AMEN.

We light the first candle for hope, the second for peace, the third for joy, and the fourth for love.

Come Lord Jesus, our hope, peace, joy, and love. Fill our hearts with Your great love.

\*Hymn: # 198 "God Rest You Merry Gentlemen" Verses 1, 2, 5

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 7:10-16 (NKJV page 1066)

Moreover the Lord spoke again to Ahaz, saying,

"Ask a sign for yourself from the Lord your God; ask it either in the depth or in the height above."

But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, nor will I test the Lord!"

Then he said, "Hear now, O house of David! Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will you weary my God also?

Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

Curds and honey He shall eat, that He may know to refuse the evil and choose the good.

For before the Child shall know to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land that you dread will be forsaken by both her kings."

Hymn: # 200 "O Holy Night" Verses 1&2

#### COMMUNITY PRAYER AND PASTORAL PRAYER

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: *Matthew 1:18-25* (*NKJV page 1491*) Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit.

Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly.

But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.

And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."

So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying:

"Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."

Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife,

and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name Jesus.

Young Disciples Children's Church Action Song

\*Hymn: # 180 "Hark the Herald Angel Sing"

**VIDEO: A NATIVITY STORY – MARY & JOSEPH - SKIT-GUYS** 

MESSAGE: "WHAT'S IN A NAME?" BY PASTOR J. PAUL BRUHN

HOLY COMMUNION: PAGE 730 FOLLOW THE SLIDES

**OFFERTORY PRAYER OFFERTORY** "A SONG OF JOY"

\*Doxology: # 682 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

**Great Thanksgiving Page 731—734** Follow the Slides

Hymn: # U 640 "Take Our Bread"

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** SEE THE SLIDES

\*CLOSING HYMN: #174 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" Verses 1, 3, 4

\*BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** 

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# **Upcoming Events:**

Our Christmas Eve Service will be at 6 PM

Church office will be closed on December 25 and January 1

HMW will meet January 7 at 9:30 at the home of Pat Ditsch