



**December 18, 2022  
10 am Worship**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent -  
Love**

**Message  
The Arrival of God  
in Our Midst!**

**Scripture:  
Philippians 4: 4-7 NIV**



*Our Mission*

*The mission of the church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ  
for the transformation of the world.*

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## Fourth Sunday of Advent - Love

### *Prelude*

### *Welcome and Announcements*

#### *\*Opening Prayer (unison)*

Ever-loving God, who brought forth in this world the very image of yourself on a winter's day two millennia in the past, we give you our praise and thanksgiving that this gift still lives with us today. Bethlehem is our eternal reminder that you are with us and among us, that you did not and will not abandon your people, and that you have shown us a way to live and a way to love. Let all who feel lonely and without meaning or hope, discover the Christ child as Emmanuel. Let all who feel busy and preoccupied pause at the manger to experience the Emmanuel. Amen.

#### *\*Call to Worship: (responsive)*

Pastor: Love comes wrapped as a baby,

**People: God's love lying in a manger.**

Pastor: The ordinary conceals the unspeakable;

**People: God is with us. God knows us. God is with us, revealed in us. His name is called Emmanuel.**

Pastor: God's love is coming to us.

**People: God's love is with us, again and again with us.**

Pastor: Soon and always, with us.

**People: Emmanuel. God with us.**

### *Lighting the Candle of Love*

\* Please stand as you are able.

# ADVENT

HOPE PEACE JOY LOVE



***Hymn of Praise***

Little Town of Bethlehem #230

***Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings***

Offertory

\*Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

***Our Time of Prayer and The Lord's Prayer***

***Hymn***

Glory be to the Father #70

***Scripture***

Philippians 4: 4-7 NIV

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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***\*Hymn of Dedication***

Angels from the Realms of Glory #220

***Benediction***

*Worship for today is over, but your service to God for the week is just beginning.*

## weekly schedule

All are welcome!  
Please contact the office for more information.

Sunday 10 am	Worship
Sunday 11 am	Prayer Meeting (Prayer Room)
Sunday 5 pm	Girl Scouts
Monday 9:30 am	Tai Chi (Fellowship Hall)
Monday 6:30 pm	Cub Scouts (Fellowship Hall)
Monday 7 pm	Boy Scouts (4 <sup>th</sup> Fl Annex Hall)
Tuesday 10 am	Line Dancers (Fellowship Hall)
Tuesday 7 pm	Just Recovery (Fellowship Hall)
Friday 10 am	Line Dancers (Fellowship Hall)
Saturday and Sunday	Homeless Ministry (Fellowship Hall)



BSA Troop 4 wants your shoes! Help send a kid to camp by collecting gently worn **Men's, Women's, Children, and Baby** shoes. All types of shoes are welcome! This is a no money fundraiser.

## upcoming events

Saturday 12/24/22 7 pm

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

### A Note from Pastor Don

Members and Friends, Please contact me directly by cell phone text or email if you need to speak with me. My contact information is located in the bulletin as well as on the business cards in the back of the Sanctuary. Thank you.



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### Holy Communion Schedule

Holy Communion will be held on the first **Sunday of February, June, August, October, and December**, as well as on **Ash Wednesday** and **Maundy Thursday**.