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"TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE HIM KNOWN"

Dec. 21, 2025

## **Advent Candle 4: Love**

At Christmas we celebrate more than a baby in a manger. We celebrate the love of God made visible. Love is not an abstract idea in Scripture. It is something God does. Christmas is God stepping into our world, our mess, and our need.

<u>L: Love That Leaves Heaven</u> - John 1:14, Phil. 2:6–7 God's love is shown by what He was willing to leave behind. Jesus did not cling to heaven's glory. He entered human weakness. He chose humility. Love always moves. Love does not remain distant. Love steps down and steps in.

O: Love Offered to the Overlooked- Luke 2:8–11
The first people to hear the good news were shepherds. Not kings. Not religious leaders. Not the wealthy. God's love was offered first to the overlooked, the ordinary, and the forgotten. This tells us something powerful. God's love is not earned. God's love is not selective. God's love is available.

<u>V: Love That Values Us Enough to Save Us</u> - Matthew 1:21, Romans 5:8

The angel told Joseph that Jesus would save His people from their sins. Christmas love is not shallow sentiment. It is saving love. Jesus did not come just to inspire us. He came to redeem us.

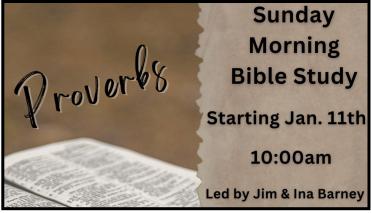
E: Love Expressed Through Us - 1 John 4:9–11
God's love does not stop with us. It flows through us. Those who experience God's love are called to express it. Through forgiveness. Through generosity. Through patience. Through compassion. Love becomes believable when it is lived.

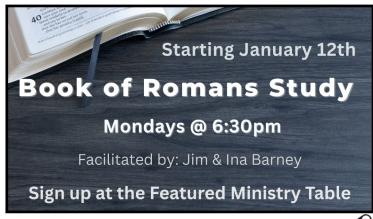
Christmas declares that love is not an idea, a feeling, or a slogan. Love has a name. His name is Jesus. Love left heaven. Love came near. Love saves. Love sends us out. May we not only celebrate love this Christmas. May we live it.

## Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long

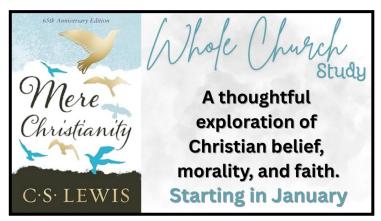
with Pastor Jim & Dr. Jim
TODAY @ 3pm
Family Life Center
Bring a dozen cookies to share

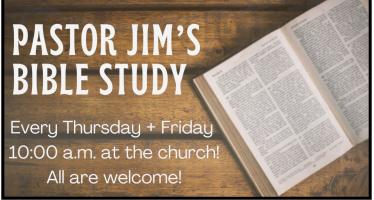




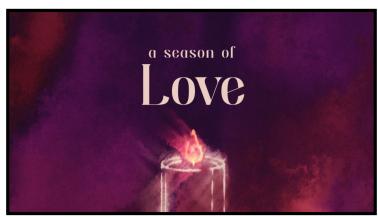


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## TREASURER'S REPORT Through Dec. 14, 2025

Main Budget for 2025 Year To Date Need \$1,256,827.88 Year To Date Offerings \$1,212,469.31\* \*96% of YTD budget need

| Dec. 14 attendance: | <u>8:30</u> | <u>10:00</u> | <u>11:15</u> |
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| In person           | 118         | 251          | 118          |
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| Total Views         | 229         | 252          | -            |



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