

Fourth Sunday of Advent

The Candle of Love & Cantata Sunday

December 18, 2016

Color: Violet

Advent is a season to prepare for the coming of the Lord. Jesus came the first time as Savior. Jesus is coming again. Let us prepare our hearts for his coming.

We celebrate the season with our Cantata,
"2,000 Decembers Ago"

PRELUDE: Come and enter the presence of God and prepare yourself for worship. Join us in enjoying God's presence as Jayne Thompson leads us in a song of praise.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Processional and Illumination

 **OPENING HYMN** Good Christian Friends, Rejoice
Hymn #224

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsively)

Leader: Christmas is a time of anticipation.

All: We can hardly wait.

Leader: Christmas is a time of giving.

All: We are ready to receive.

Leader: Christmas is a time of hope and promise.

All: We are preparing, and waiting in faith.

Leader: Could it be? Is it here? Let us come and see;



ALL: Let us keep our eye on the Eastern sky as our Lord will return. Come Lord Jesus Come.

OUR GIFTS TO GOD ARE CALLED FORTH

Invitation

Offerings to God

Offertory: Soloist Brandy Wood: *"The Savior Has Become
My Son Tonight"*

 Doxology # 95
 Prayer of Dedication

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH SEE INSERT

Today we welcome the Graves family to light the third candle, the candle of Love.

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER (trespasses)

Pastor: The Lord is with you.

Congregation: And also with you

Pastor: Lord have mercy.

Congregation: Christ have mercy.

Pastor: Let us pray.

THE CANTATA PRESENTATION

2,000 Decembers Ago


Jayne Thompson, Director of Music

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The Recessional

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

 **All who are able, please stand**
Thank you for not bringing food or beverage, except water, into the Sanctuary as well as turning off your cell phones during service ☺

Please join us downstairs after service for a time of fellowship and a light luncheon and the Children's Christmas Party with a visit from Santa.

This afternoon at 2:30 we will gather at the church to go Christmas caroling. Please join us.

Our Schedule of Christmas Eve Services Dec. 24th:

Children's Service will be here	5:00 PM
Living Nativity at the Clark	6:30 PM
Candle and Carol Service	10:00 PM

Join us for Wednesday night Hour Of Prayer with Pastor Cal, 6-7pm!

Thank you to this weeks Worship Team!

December 18, 2016

Greeters: John & Barbara Walker
Ushers: Joe & Cindy Contarino
Co-Leader:

January 1, 2017

Greeters: Cody & Brandy Wood
Ushers: Mark & Cindy Landanno
Co-Leader: Merrily Stone

Pastor: F. Calvin Miller
Senior Deacon: S. Mark Price
Fellow Deacons: Merrily Stone
Cindy Carvill, Jerry McKean, Katrina Fleming, Robert Duval, Marvin Bernstein, Martha Dienst
Junior Deacon: Dakota Wood
Director of Music: Jayne Thompson
Children's Ministry: Brandy Wood
Youth Minister: Jerry McKean
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Offering for the week of December 4, 2016

General	\$1,500.00	Missions	\$114.00
Communion	\$80.00	Holly Bazaar	\$2,551.70
Loose Offering	\$158.00	Poinsettia	\$84.00
Thanksgiving Offering	\$8.00		
Total \$4,495.70 Thank you for giving & God Bless!			

Offering for the week of December 11, 2016

General	\$1,243.00	Missions	\$149.00
Loose Offering	\$233.01	Poinsettia	\$84.00
Church Rental	\$50.00	Steeple Lighting	\$50.00
Total \$1,809.01 Thank you for giving & God Bless!			