

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Advent of God's Love

December 23, 2018

Color: Violet

Advent is a season to prepare. We prepare our homes for our family celebrations. We prepare hearts for the coming of the Lord. Let every heart prepare him room.

PRELUDE: Come and enter the presence of God and prepare yourself for worship. Join us in enjoying God's presence as Marcia Desilets lead us in Christmas carols.

Introit: Jesus, What a Wonderful Child

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsively)

Leader: With joy we call to the Holy Spirit to meet with us this morning!

All: We know the love of Christ sends Him to us!

Leader: Through the birth of Christ, we know God's love for us.

All: Others will know and see that we are Christians, because we have love for one another.

🌲 **SONG OF WORSHIP:** *Joy to the World* Hymn # 246

PRAYER OF INVOCATION: Pastor Cal

OUR GIFTS TO GOD ARE CALLED FORTH

Invitation

Offerings to God

Offertory: **Four Flats "Silent Night - Christ The Savior"**

🌲 Doxology # 95

🌲 Prayer of Dedication

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH See Insert

Today we welcome our military and college young people to light the Fourth candle, the candle of Love.

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

HYMN OF MEDITATION: *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Hymn # 230

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORDS PRAYERS (trespasses)

Pastor: The Lord is with you.

Congregation: And also with you

Pastor: Lord have mercy.

Congregation: Christ have mercy.

Pastor: Let us pray

SCRIPTURE

Old Testament Lesson: **Isaiah 9:6**

Pew Bible 593

New Testament Lesson: **Matthew 1:18-25**

Pew Bible 835

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

🌲 **GLORIA PATRI:** Hymn # 71

ADVENT SERIES: Hope is on the Way

TODAY'S MEDITATION: A Surprise Adoption Pastor Cal

🌲 **CLOSING HYMN: Silent Night** Hymn # 239

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 phone during the service ☺

Our Steeple Lighting this week is in remembrance of Richard & Anita Lord, Given by Roland & Kim Luhtjarv.



Our schedule of tomorrow's Christmas Eve Services, Dec. 24th

Children's Service in our Sanctuary 5:00 PM

Living Nativity at the Clark Memorial YMCA 6:30 PM

Candle and Carol Service in our Sanctuary 10:00 PM

Thank You to this weeks Volunteer Worship Leaders!

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Greeters: PAT NEVILLE &
CINDY CARVILL
Ushers: MARK & CINDY
LANDANNO
Co-leader: DEB SCORTICO

December 30, 2018

Greeters: MARK & DENISE
PRICE
Ushers: WAYNE & JANE CRESPO
Co-leader: ROBERT DUVAL

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Office Administrator: Cheri Comer

Church Sexton: James Lemmer

Nursery Attendant: Kayte Richtarcsik

Offering for the week of December 9 2018

General \$2,255.50 Missions \$59.50 Loose Offering \$829.00

Insurance Refund \$194.00

Total \$3,338.00 Thank you for giving & God Bless!

Offering for the week of December 16, 2018

General \$1,803.00 Missions \$94.00 Loose Offering \$721.55

Poinsettia \$252.00 Remembrance \$100.00 Christmas Offering \$5.00

Deacon's Fund \$1,000.00

Total \$3,975.55 Thank you for giving & God Bless!



Merry Christmas, may you find Love!