

# Fourth Sunday of Advent

## Love

December 24, 2017

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH ..... Walker, Nicole and Charlotte Smith

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER ..... Pastor and Congregation

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP ... "A Midwinter Noel" ..... Choir

GOSPEL LESSON ... *John 1:14 and 3:16-17* ..... Molly Abbott

<sup>14</sup> And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us,  
and we beheld his glory,  
the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,  
full of grace and truth.

<sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world,  
that he gave his only begotten Son,  
that whosoever believeth in him should not perish,  
but have everlasting life.

<sup>17</sup> For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world;  
but that the world through him might be saved.

HYMN ... "The First Noel" ... vs. 1, 2 and 4 ..... 124

PRAYER OF CONFESSION ..... Pastor and Congregation

**O Lord God, as we prepare our hearts to receive the One whom you are sending, forgive us for all the times we have missed seeing you in our midst, for all the times we have doubted your presence, and for all the times we have failed to help others find their way. Forgive us, in the name of Jesus, the One who is coming. Amen.**

Hear the Good News, in the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.

**In the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.**

MORNING PRAYER

OFFERTORY HYMN ... "Angels We Have Heard on High" ... vs. 1, 2 and 3 ..... 125

OFFERTORY PRAYER ..... Usher

OFFERTORY

INVITATION TO WORSHIP ..... Reggie Jackson

Come, let us worship with story and song;  
For with the birth of the Christ Child,  
Our God came to live among us;  
**Emmanuelle, God with us.**  
Come, let us worship.

*Night of the Father's Love*  
by Pepper Choplin

**The Coming of the Lord**

**Waiting**

**Angels Are Making Their Rounds**

**Night of the Father's Love**

**The Shepherds' Song**

**Seeking the King**

*Soloist...Jonathan Morgan*

**Fall on Your Knees**

**Christ Is Born, Nowell!**

BENEDICTION ..... Pastor

SHARING LOVE AND PEACE

POSTLUDE

*Christmas Eve Candlelight Service*

*5:30 p.m.*

**USHERS**

**TODAY**..... Jeff Robinson's Team

**NEXT SUNDAY** ..... Dwight Saunders' Team

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

**NURSERY**

**NEXT SUNDAY** ... Alisa B. and Mary Beth Mc.

**NEXT SUNDAY** ..... Sharon B. and Jean M.

**PRAYER LIST**

<b>Church family:</b> Wayne Abbott, Eddie and Sharon Reynolds, Katelyn Reynolds, Linda McNeill, Jack Boone, John & Alisa Beard, Barbara Lynthacum, Sarah Jo Wall, Karen Dailey, Ernest Dailey, Carolyn Brown			Mary James	Benny McBride	friend
<b>At Home:</b> Helen Greene, Irene Warner			Butch/Nancy Jenkins	Bob Moore	nephew
<b>Friends and Relatives of:</b> Molly/Wayne Abbott			Candy Loflin	Pam, Ken Morgan	niece, nephew
	Monnie Jenkins	friend	Max/Jane Luquire	John Moore	Nancy's father
	Tony Lawson	friend	Barbara Lynthacum	Jennifer Denning	Katie's friend
	Toni Atcheson	sister	Jean Maness	Cristie Thomas	friend
	Tammy Laprade	sister	Sylvia McAlister	Beth Holt	friend
Jane Covington	Faye Thomas	sister	Pat/Bob Morgan	Misty Morgan	friend.
	Pete Thomas	brother-in-law	Jeff Robinson	Jo Brooks	friend
	Lee Kasik	grandson-in-law	Nancy Ruppert	J.D. Thompson	nephew
Ernest , Karen Dailey	Judy and Estella	daughters	Barbara Smith	Melissa Green	daughter
Mildred Grey	Ernestine Stevenson	friend		Carol Luther	friend
Garrett Gooch	Mary Chunn	grandmother		Tammy Parker	friend
Ray, Frances Hudson	Harold Johnson	daughter		Jesse Wallace	friend
Paul/Thelma Hussey	Meryl Johnson	brother		June Spears	friend
	Mildred Hunsucker	sister-in-law		Marie Spoon	sister
		friend		Laura Wilson	friend
				Doris Hinson	friend
			<b>Service Personnel:</b> Devin Hurley, Mark Davis, Dylan McCaskill, Christian Rush, Seth Spivey, Garrett Wallace, Chris Stuart		

**A NEW BABY! Carley Rose Williams**, born December 17<sup>th</sup> to Mary and Robbie Williams and to proud grandparents, Barbara and Jerry Smith and great-grandmother, Jean Smith.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Weekly budget needs ... \$2,438.00**

**Monthly budget needs .....\$10,567.00**

**Last week's offering.....\$5,668.00**

**November offering.....\$8,664.00**