

December 20, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:00 am

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Advent Reading

Ann Saadah and Ray and Jay Carter

*Call to Worship

L: This is the fourth Sunday of Advent, a time to rejoice in the wondrous things that God is doing.

P: Our hearts are filled with the hope that is coming into the world.

L: The time is fast approaching, not for parties or presence, but for the awareness of God's loving gift to us--the gift of the Christ child.

P: Help slow us down, Lord, that we may realize that your gift of love is at the center of our lives and our celebrations.

L: Thanks be to God who again reminds us of God's eternal love.

P: Open our hearts, O Lord, to receive your blessed gift. AMEN.

*Hymn of Praise *O Come, All Ye Faithful* Celebration Hymnal No. 249

*Prayer of Invocation

Father God we thank you for John 3:16. In all that Christmas has become to us over the years, today we ask to see the span of your love and not just have our souls stirred as a "Christmas moment," but to have our lives truly changed by the heart of Bethlehem, the day love was born. We pray this in love's name that is Jesus. Amen.

Readings

1 John 3:1
John 3:16
Romans 5:8

*Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
World without end. Amen, Amen.*

Special Music

Maddie Kaplan

Sermon

For God So Loved

Brian Sampson

Hymn of Reflection

O Hearken Ye

Celebration Hymnal No. 274

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer:

*Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever. Amen.*

*Hymn of Going Forth

Love Has Come!

Celebration Hymnal No. 256

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Emmanuel
Emmanuel, Emmanuel
His name is called Emmanuel;
God with us, revealed in us;
His name is called Emmanuel.

Postlude

*We invite you to stand if you are able.

Scripture :

1 John 3:1 – “See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!”

John 3:16 – “For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Romans 5:8 – “God demonstrates His love for us in this. While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

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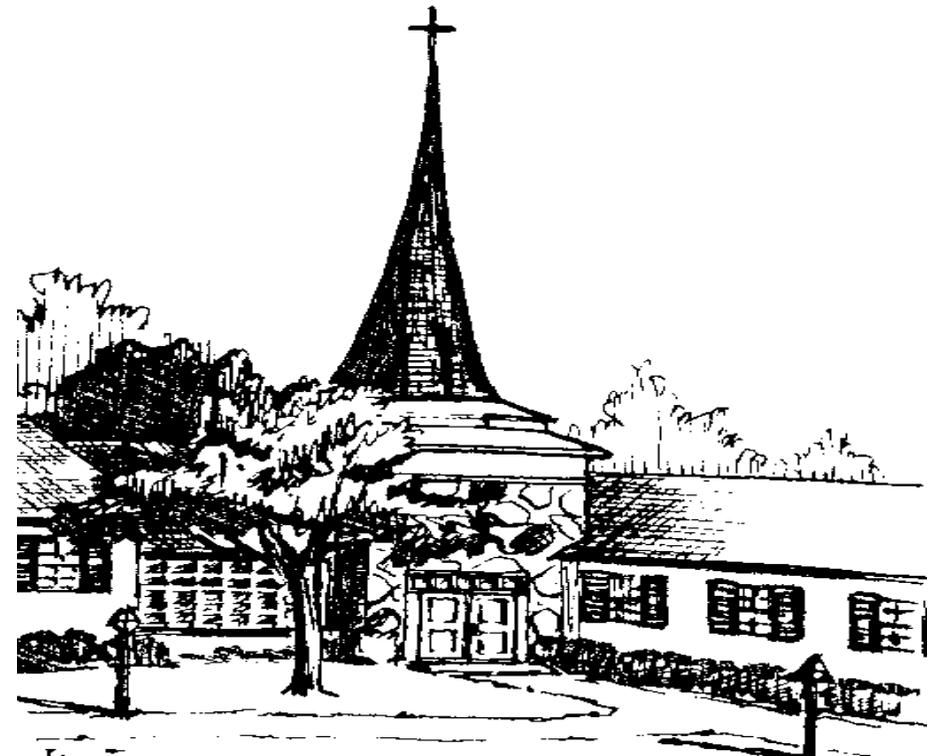
The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Church Covenant

We are banded together as a Christian Church to maintain the worship of God the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer; to proclaim the gospel of Christ, to develop in ourselves and others a consciousness of our relationship and duties to God and each other; to create a spirit of love for truth, a passion for righteousness and enthusiasm for service; to respect and protect all of God’s creation. To this end we pledge our loyalty to Christ and covenant with God and with each other to strive to express God’s spirit in our individual and corporate life; to live together as Christians and to submit ourselves to the government of this church, working, giving, praying for its increase, purity and peace, seeking in every way to make it a power for the building up of the Kingdom of God.

WELCOME!



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