

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2025

Welcome and Invocation

Worship with Singing

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing (277)

Good Christian Men Rejoice (273)

Communal Reading

Chittenden Family

Worship with Silence and Prayer

Pastor Andrew

Worship with Singing

The Birthday of a King (284)

Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming (255)

Offertory Prayer

Bill Greer

Worship with Giving

Dianne Hogstrom

Message

Andrew Barrett

THE PRACTICE OF PEACE

MATTHEW 5:19 ESV

Time of Reflection and Prayer

Hymn of Response

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly (279)

Benediction

COMMUNAL READING

BRYAN & KARLY CHITTENDEN (WITH CHILDREN)

Speaker 1 – Today we light the 4th Advent Candle of love, though we must specify Whose love we're observing.

Speaker 2 – It is not our love, but rather God's love; love that is gracious and steadfast though ours is often petty and fleeting.

Speaker 1 – It is this love the prophet Isaiah has in mind when he says:

Congregation – [The fourth candle, the last purple candle, is lit while the congregation reads] **"I will recount the steadfast love of the Lord, according to all that the Lord has granted us, according to His compassion, according to the abundance of His steadfast love."**

Men – For He said, "Surely they are My people."

Women – And He became their Savior.

Speaker 2 – The birth of Jesus is God's love made flesh.

Speaker 1 – Christ was born to us not as reward for our love—but as the outpouring of God's eternal, abundant compassion.

Speaker 2 – Advent thus affirms what 1 John confesses:

Congregation – **This is love, not that we have loved God, but that God loved us and sent his Son.**

Speaker 1 or 2 – This is the word of the Lord!

Congregation – Thanks be to God

Speaker 1 or 2 – You may be seated.