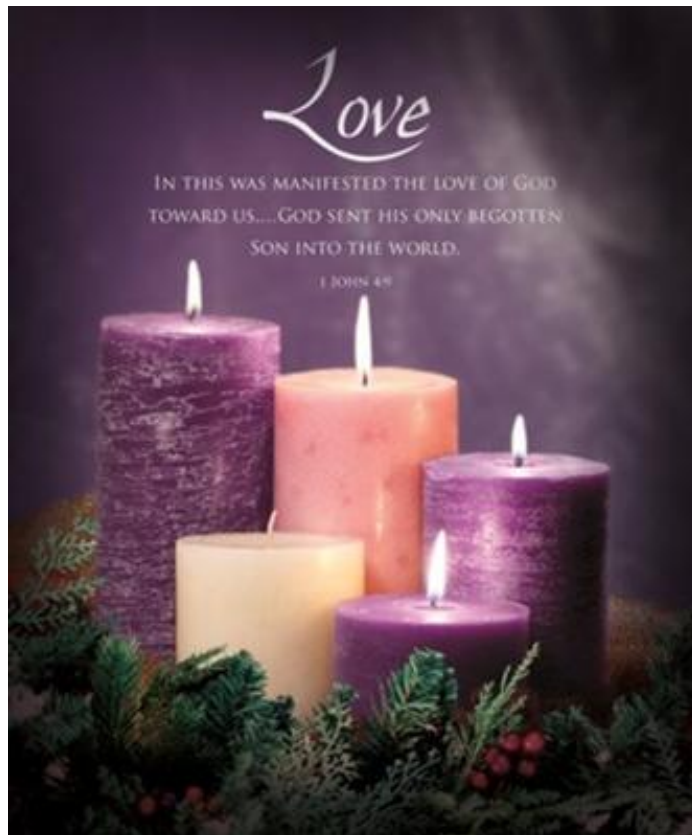


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Come!
Experience God With Us!



WELCOME

In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, we invite you to find grace for the past, strength for today and hope for tomorrow as you worship with us. To our guests, we extend a special welcome and hope you will come again! We invite you to get to know our church family and take part in our life and worship as fully as you are able. Join us in the Great Room for coffee and fellowship after worship each week.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

† Please stand if you are able.

Prelude, "Good Christian Men Rejoice" "What Child is This?"

MCPC Bell Choir: Rosemary DiAsio, Sharon Kaip, Barb Sims, Glenda Herman, Janice Pollok, Stacy Ward, Jay McGuffin

Welcome and Announcements

Greeting One Another

† **Call to Worship** (from 1 John 4)

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.

This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

† **Song of Praise**, "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" #38

Gathering Prayer

Scripture Reading, John 3:16-21

Special Music, "The Holly and the Ivy" MCPC Bell Choir

Children's Message – Lighting the Advent Wreath

Children: May God Bless You Here

Congregation: **May God Bless You There**

† **Song of Praise**, "Silent Night Emmanuel"

Scripture Reading, Matthew 1:18-25

Message, "A Labor of Love"

Pastoral Prayer and 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 Praise, "O Little Town of Bethlehem" #44

Offering Our Gifts

† Doxology

Praise God who comes in infant cries
Who lifts the weak and satisfies
Whose truth is love, whose love makes whole
Praise Father, Son, and Spirit-All

† Benediction

Postlude, "Ding Dong Merrily on High" MCPC Bell Choir

Service Participants: All the people of God! **Interim Pastor:** Rev. John Anderson; **Children's Message:** Susan Davies; **Greeters:** Jerry and Sue Gleason; **Lay Worship Assistant:** Gretchen Murphy-Bowman; **Media:** Lisa Ruhnnow; **Security Monitor:** Brad Ginnett; **Sound:** Mike Guyote; **Stephen Minister:** Sue Osborn; **Ushers:** Kathy Decker, Jim Fitzpatrick, Sue Patha; **Music:** Stephanie McGuffin, Director of Music Ministry; **Organist:** Glenda Herman; **Session Elder at close of service:** Amanda Armstrong