

Advent Love
Kirkpatrick Church
Sunday, December 18, 2022 9:30am

Preservice Music
Greeting & Announcements

Preparation Music

Lighting the Advent Candle of Love

Isaiah spoke to a people called chosen, to a tribe called Israel, with a light of hope.
Gabriel came to a town called Nazareth, to a girl called Mary, with a light of joy.
Mary went to a place called Bethlehem, to a stable called a nursery, with a light of love.

As we light our fourth Advent candle,
we rejoice with Mary, for Love has flesh.
Come now, O Child of Mary.
Come now, O Prince of Love

Sung Response (*Away in the Manger*)
***A candle is burning, a candle of LOVE,
A candle to point us to heaven above
A baby for Christmas, a wonderful birth
For Jesus is bringing God's love to our earth.***

Opening Prayer

Let us pray:

Eternal God love incarnate—, who comes to us in surprising ways—show us the face of Immanuel in our time. Bring us from fear to awe, we pray; that we may receive the good news of salvation about to be born anew. In Jesus name we pray Amen.

Gathering Songs:

It Came Upon The Midnight Clear
We Three Kings

by F E. H. Sears and R. S. Willis
by John H. Hopkins, Jr.

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess that we do not walk in your light. We choose what is evil and refuse what is good. We scorn our neighbors and laugh at others' troubles. Forgive us; deliver us; let your face shine on us, so that we may be ready to meet our Emmanuel, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silent Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Sung Response: O Little Town of Bethlehem vs 4

**O holy Child of Bethlehem!
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in,
Be born to us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Immanuel!**

A Time for Children
Prayer of Thanksgiving - Offering

Doxology

**All praise to you Eternal Son whose advent has our freedom won
whom with the Father we adore and Holy Spirit evermore.**

1st Scripture Reading: Isaiah 7: 10-16

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2nd Scripture Reading: Matthew 1: 18-25

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Sermon: "Call Him Emmanuel"

Pastor Marie Branigan

Hymn of Response: Of the Father's Love Begotten # 240

Prayers of the People

Communion Hymn: In the Lord I'll be ever thankful

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Sharing the Feast

Prayer after Communion

Lord, Emmanuel

**By your presence in this meal you have fed us and strengthened us,
In this waiting season fill us with hopeful expectation
that we may see the signs of your kingdom all around us
and rejoice in your coming salvation and glory. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Sending Hymn: Lift Up Your Heads You Mighty Gates

Benediction

Sung response: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, Oh Israel!

Post Service Music

Announcements

Please join us for coffee after worship today in the connector.

Christmas Eve Worship is at 5:30 p.m. in person and on Zoom. 🛎️The Bells of Kirkpatrick🛎️ are ringing Christmas Eve.

Christmas Day service is a pre-recorded service online provided by our Presbytery. No in-person worship on Christmas Day.

Soup'n Such Luncheon: the Deacon's invite you to join together for soup and fellowship luncheon at 11:00 a.m. January 15 following worship.

Christmas Eve Bulletin Dedications: Forms are available on the table.

For pastoral emergencies, please call the office or email PastorMarie@kirkpatrickchurch.org.

Admin Schedule: Chris is in the office Mon. and Wed. mornings (9-1) and working remotely on Tues., Thurs. and Fridays.

Soup Bowls: If anyone knows where the Corelle soup bowls are, please let Bev know. Thanks

KMPC received a \$31.88 donation from the AmazonSmile Foundation from 2nd quarter buying.

Thank you to all who so very generously contributed to the collection of ShopRite and Walmart gift cards for The Friendship Center. They have been delivered and warmly received. Our church has supported this mission for many years and continues to support the outreach of this valuable resource to our community 🍲

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