

We believe the Bible is the Word of God and the only perfect rule for faith, doctrine, and conduct.

We believe in the necessity of the New Birth, and a continuing life in fellowship with our Living Lord, Jesus Christ.

We believe we “are blessed to be a blessing.” We seek to **BLESS** others as we: Begin with prayer,  
Listen with care,  
Eat together,  
Serve with love, and  
Share our story.

**Christmas Card Tree:** Place your Christmas greeting to the church in the basket and we will hang it on the tree in the narthex. Next Sunday we will list those sending greetings.

**Christmas Morning “Julotta” Celebration:** you are invited to join us Tuesday morning at 7:00 am for our Christmas morning “Julotta” service. Breakfast will follow.

**Thank You** Lorey Wadell for a wonderful Christmas Open House last Sunday. Your hospitality is much appreciated!

**Thank You** for the beautiful peace lily plant. Also, thank you to the Covenant Women for the lunch for our family and friends. Dad loved his church even though he was not able to attend for a long time. The Family of John Green  
(Please see the “Thank You” card on the bulletin board.)

**Covenant Friends,** thank you so much for the years of friendship and love you gave my Mom. It was so hard for her after Dad passed and you were each so sweet and thoughtful! Recently, your prayers were a balm and reminded us of where our home is. God bless each of you for your serving hearts! Thank you so much!!

Cathy Johnson

**Thank You** for everything! The Kliewer Family  
(Please see the “Thank You” card on the bulletin board.)



December 23, 2018

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Fourth Sunday in Advent

# Welcome

## We Gather in God's Name

The fourth candle on the Advent Wreath is lit as a symbol of purity. May the Holy Spirit purify us so that we might be ready for the coming of Jesus, our hope and joy. O come, O come Emmanuel!

## We Prepare Our Hearts

Prelude -

\* Gathering - #147: *O Come, All Ye Faithful*  
#149: *He Is Born*

\* Invocation and "Advent Lord's Prayer" (insert)

## We Hear God's Word

Micah 5:2-5a Old Testament, p. 1010  
Luke 1:39-55 New Testament, p. 77

**Special Music -**

**Message - "Room for the Child"**

## We Respond to God's Grace

\*Hymn - #167: *The First Noel* (vs. 1, 2, & 6)

Confession of Sin/Words of Assurance

Prayer

Offering

Offeratory -

## We Are Sent Forth with God's Blessing

\* Hymn - *Long-time ago in Bethlehem*

\* Blessing

\*Please stand if you are able

# Update

**Week of December 23 - December 30, 2018**

## Sunday, December 23, 2018 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 am ..... Adult Sunday School

10:00 am ..... Worship/Children's Sunday School

11:00 am ..... Fellowship Hour

## Tuesday, December 25, 2018 - Christmas

7:00 am ..... "Julotta" Service

8:00 am ..... Breakfast

## Sunday, December 30, 2018 - 1st Sunday after Christmas

**NO Adult Sunday School**

10:00 am ..... Worship/Children's Sunday School

11:00 am ..... Fellowship Hour

Greeters - Chuck and Ruby Anderson

Nursery - Tina, Elizabeth, and Ella

Children's Sunday School - Nancy Seeman

## SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Pastor - Karl Larson Reader - Jo Gakemeier

Organ/Piano - Lorey Wadell Piano- Maxine Lewin

Trumpet - Elizabeth Larson and Ashley Lawton

Sound - Cliff Lawton Projection - Jeri Willis

Greeters - Josh Gibson and Ashley Lawton

Nursery - Jo Gakemeier

Children's Sunday School -