



# FOURTH AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

## Pursuing Jesus...Sharing Jesus

December 22, 2024

**Prelude**  
**Announcements & Prayer Requests**

**Sonny**  
**Pastor Ken**

**Call to Worship: O Come, All Ye Faithful**

**Terrell**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT: LOVE**

**One Candle is Lit** (vs. 4) (Lighting of 4 candles)

**p. 128**

Because God loves us, He sent us His Son...and it happened like this: Gabriel, an angel from God, visited Mary who was engaged to Joseph. Mary was startled for she could not imagine what was happening.

Gabriel told her, "Do not be afraid...for you have found favor with God...you will [have a son]...and you shall call his name Jesus...He will be great...He will reign forever..."

Mary was surprised and asked, "How shall this be I have no husband?"

Gabriel said, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the most high will overshadow you; therefore, the child to be born will be called Holy, the Son of God."

Mary was humbled and replied, "Behold, the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word."

**Come, O Long-expected Jesus**

**p. 125**

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled...each to his own city. So Joseph & his fiance Mary, who was with child, went to Bethlehem...to be enrolled.

Bethlehem was crowded and there were no sleeping rooms available. But an Innkeeper let them stay in his stable where there was "plenty of clean hay in the manger." This is where Mary gave birth to her firstborn son who she wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in the manger. Our Christ entered the world in a simple stable in Bethlehem.

**When God Is a Child** (vs. 4)

**p. 132**

In that area, some shepherds were watching over their flocks at night. An angel appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them...and they were afraid. The angel said, "Do not be afraid...I bring you good news...; for to you...a Savior is born.... And this will be a sign to you; you will find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."

And then a heavenly host of angels sang out, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men of good will."

**Hark! The Herald Angels Sing** (vs. 1,3)

**p. 150**

The shepherds asked, "What does this all mean...is it real?"

One shepherd said, "Let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened..." So they hurried away and found Mary and Joseph...and the baby lying in a manger.

**O Little Town of Bethlehem** (vs. 1,2)

**p. 144**

According to scripture, the wise men came from the East and did not appear until much later. They followed a star until it came to rest over the place where Jesus was. They rejoiced with great joy...and fell down and worshiped Jesus, giving him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

**We Three Kings** (vs. 1,5)

**p. 128**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Pastor Ken**

**The Lord's Prayer:** Our Father, which 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.

**Scripture: Romans 8:38-39**

**Elder**

**Message: What Is Love?**

**Pastor Ken**

**For God So Love the World**

**Communion Meditation & Prayer**

**Pastor Ken**

**Offering Meditation/Collection**

**Elder**

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**Doxology**

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**Offering Prayer**

**Elder**

**Benediction**

**Pastor Ken**

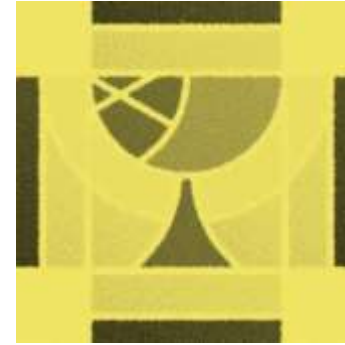
**O Holy Night** (vs. 1)

**Closing Song**

*Christmas is about changed people changing other people's lives  
through acts of love – unconditional and sacrificial love.*

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

\* The Wolf Family \* Erin's Family \* Sharon Cooper (Erick's Mother – Cyst) \* Velma Obert \* Betty \* Briley Freeman (Bone Cancer) \* Robert Townsend (breathing issues) \* Marina Goldshteyn (friend of Linda M. ) \* Danny Roberts (Mars Brother) \* Terry (Mars Sister) \* Debbie Zipf \* De Qawn Henson (Physical Therapy – Friend of Michael H) \* Loretta Richards (Cancer) \* Kevin Nichols (Terminal disease) \* Erni Orso (Kidney Failure & Heart Valve complications) \* Crystal Teel's family (grieving the loss of her father) \* Roman (safety in Ukrainian Army) \* Terry (Mars' sister with stroke) \* Mars (restore strength & handling grief for her beloved pet) \* Ruby Hatcher (Vision in her eye) \* Pat Hale (lungs remain clear) \* Erick Cooper (asylum)



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