

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ABERDEEN

The FOURTH Week of Advent: LOVE

December 24, 2023 at 10 am

*“This is how God **loved** the world: he gave his one and only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16)*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

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HYMN #48: “LO, HOW A ROSE E’ER BLOOMING”

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

“CAROL SING”

THE READING AND PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

Meditation: *“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”*

Matthew 1:18–23

This is how Jesus the Messiah was born. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Joseph, to whom she was engaged, was a righteous man and did not want to disgrace her publicly, so he decided to break the engagement quietly.

²⁰ As he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. “Joseph, son of David,” the angel said, “do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit. ²¹ And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

²² All of this occurred to fulfill the Lord’s message through his prophet:

²³ “Look! The virgin will conceive a child!
She will give birth to a son,
and they will call him Immanuel,
which means ‘God is with us.’”

GIVING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

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HYMN #9: “O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL”

BENEDICTION

* *Please stand if you are able*

POSTLUDE

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CALENDAR

- TODAY, December 24** Fourth Sunday of Advent: Casual Service (10:00)
Christmas Eve Family Service (5:00 pm)
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (10:00 pm)
- Sunday, December 31** Worship Service (10:00)
Sharing Table (before and after the service)

* *Please stand if you are able*