

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**December 24, 2017**

*(\*indicates standing as you are able.)*

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WELCOME

PRELUDE "Bring a Torch, Jeannette Isabella" arr. Joel Raney  
Arlene Zook and Tom Evitts

\*HYMN "O Little Town Of Bethlehem" 230

\* LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

We light the first candle of Advent as a reminder that the Child of light will come as God's promised hope for our world

**Come, O Child of Hope We Pray.**

**Enter our hearts and show us Your way.**

**Promise of God, Heaven's pure Light,**

**Hope for our world shining bright!**

**Come, O Child of Hope, we pray.**

We light the second candle of Advent as a reminder that the Child of Light comes as the Prince of Peace to our world.

**Come, O Child of Peace We Pray.**

**Enter our hearts and show us Your way.**

**Promise of God, Heaven's pure Light,**

**Peace for our world shining bright!**

**Come, O Child of Peace, we pray.**

We light the third candle of Advent as a reminder that the Child of Light comes to be our Redeemer, bringing eternal joy to the world.

**Come, O Child of Joy We Pray.**

**Enter our hearts and show us Your way.**

**Promise of God, Heaven's pure Light,**

**Joy for our world shining bright!**

**Come, O Child of Joy, we pray.**

We light the fourth candle of Advent as a reminder that the Child of Light comes embodying God's Love, bringing salvation to all.

**Romans 16:25-27**

**Come, O Child of Love We Pray.**

**Enter our hearts and show us Your way.**

**Promise of God, Heaven's pure Light,**

**Love for our world shining bright!**

**Come, O Child of Joy, we pray.**

\*THE PEACE

BELL CHOIR "The First Noel" arr. Kevin McChesney

LAMBS' TALK "Where Children Belong" 223  
(Following the Lambs' Talk, Children are invited to Junior Church)

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(using the word "sin")*

\*HYMN "Love Came Down at Christmas" 241

\*SCRIPTURE Luke 2:1-20

CHANCEL CHOIR "Behold Our God" arr. Mary McDonald  
Piano: Arlene Zook, Organ: Tom Evitt

SERMON The Gift of Christmas

OUR GIFTS TO CHRIST

THE OFFERING

"The Secret of Christmas" by S. Cahn & J. Van Heuser  
Duet: Jorgan Landi, Don Dickinsor  
(tune of "The First Noel")

\*Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise Him, all creatures here below;**

**Praise Him above ye heavenly host;**

**Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

**Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel. Born is the King of Israel**

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*HYMN "Angels We Have Heard on High" 238

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen" arr. J. Raney  
Arlene Zook and Tom Evitt

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Rev. Steven M. Livermore Pastor  
Rev. Fran Norton Worship Leader  
Mr. Tom Evitts Organist/Choir Accompanist  
Mr. Don Dickinson Chancel Choir Director  
Ms. Ronda Washinger Bell Choir Director  
Ms. Arlene Zook Choir Accompanist

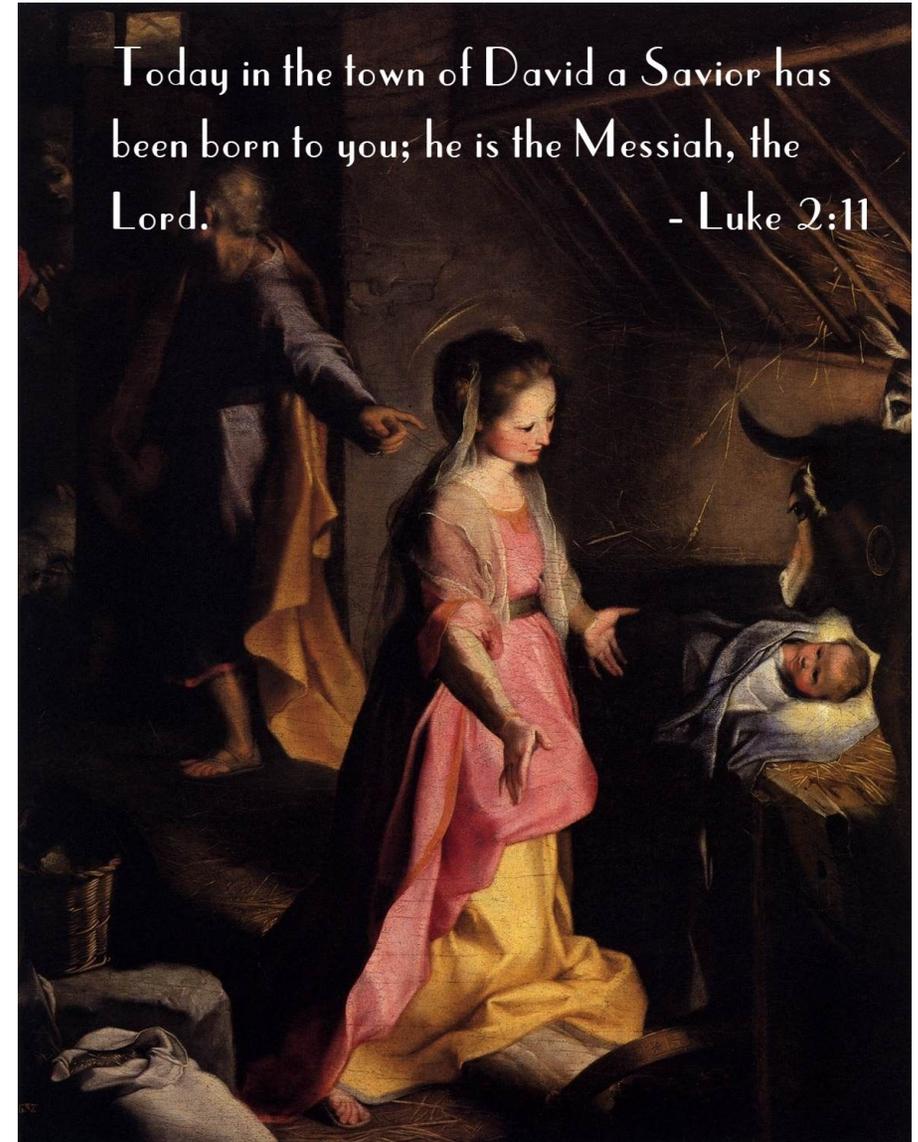
Luke 2:1-20

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. 2 (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) 3 And everyone went to their own town to register. 4 So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. 5 He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. 6 While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, 7 and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. 8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 14 "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

16 So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. 17 When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, 18 and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. 19 But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. 20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.



Today in the town of David a Savior has  
been born to you; he is the Messiah, the  
Lord. - Luke 2:11

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