

# THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

55 Smith Street

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December 20, 2020

## Fourth Sunday in Advent

**Bolded words** indicate where you may join in speaking.

\*Those who are able are asked to stand.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE GREETERS.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

### GATHERING

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

**We are walking toward a silent night, drawn by the chords of love. We are moving to the sounds of angelic voices lured by a holy melody. We are growing in Your likeness supported by Your Spirit's nudges. We recognize the divine love that fills the universe pulling us to love and serve You.**

\*HYMN NO. 366

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**God of Love, Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us. Lord God, we adore You because You still come to us now. You come to us through other people and their love and concern for us. Help us to find Your love, even in places we may not have thought we would find it. Amen**

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE - LOVE

The Falzone Family

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Still, Still, Still”  
Piano Solo: Linda Schaller

arr. David Lantz III

### THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT

*Psalm 13 (Pg. 494)*

NEW TESTAMENT

*Luke 1:5-25 (Pg. 56)*

EPISTLE

*James 1:2-4 (Pg. 228)*

L: Word of God for the people of God  
**P: Thanks be to God**

SERMON

“Rediscovering Love In Our Differences”

\*HYMN NO. 104

“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”

### SENDING

PASTORAL PRAYER

\*LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who 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.**

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

## THIS WEEK AT E.S.P.C.

WE WELCOME all who worship with us today. Members, friends and visitors are all invited to share in the ministries and activities of our congregation.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Please use the blue prayer request cards in the pews for your prayer requests. Place them in the offering plate so Pastor can include them in the Pastoral Prayer.

LAY READER for today is Sharon Laverdure.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS this week are Hollie Falzone, Bob Huffman and Ronald Bruce.

THE FLOWERS this week are sponsored by Sharon and Rich Laverdure in memory of loved ones.

### Church Staff

Nicole Vogel  
Jen Carmella  
Linda Schaller  
Bob Lee  
Sami Carmella

Pastor  
Secretary  
Music Director  
Sexton  
Nursery Attendant

## THIS WEEK AT E.S.P.C.

Today ~ Adult Education Class, 9:00 a.m.  
~ Worship, 10:00 a.m.  
~ Baptism following worship

Thursday ~ Christmas Eve service, 7:30 p.m.

***In Honor of The Christmas Holiday, The Church Will Be Closed on  
Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup> and Monday, December 28<sup>th</sup>***