

# Welcome to



## 18 December 2016 Fourth Sunday of Advent

*May God who gathers us around Himself in the Word and Sacrament to bless us with His forgiveness this morning be your source of comfort, strength and renewal as you worship today. In the Name of Christ, we are all called to come and hear that the Lord is Good!*

Our Gospel reading is Matthew 1.18-25 and our response is, **“Praise be to thee, O Christ”** spoken in unity aloud.

Call to Worship: Psalm 24

Hymns: Opening #185 Prayer #213 Closing #186

At the presentation of our offerings we sing the Doxology # 668

**Studies this week: There will be no studies this week.**

### **Upcoming Opportunities:**

- Thanks to all who participated in the Angel Tree program. This coming year, please remember your child & their families in prayer.

- The Online Directory is up and ready to be accessed. Information sheets for using it are at the Welcome Center. **We will be taking pictures after worship this morning in the Library.** This is a password protected directory and therefore only our members will have access to it. Please see Dave Gardner for more information.

Our Christmas Caroling (at Bentley Commons) & Party (at the Church) will be on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Gather by 6 at Bentley & the Party begins at 7. There will be a special “guest” and an opportunity for pictures with him. Please bring a dish you share if you can and everyone invite a friend.

Christmas Eve Services – 4:00pm – Readings and A Capella Caroling  
11:00pm - Candlelight Service

Christmas Morning – 10:00am

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## Fourth Sunday of Advent Candle Lighting

LEADER: Once God's plan was a mystery, hidden from our sight. Now God has disclosed what was kept secret for so very long; he has brought it out in the light. In the brighter light on this fourth Sunday in Advent, may we see more clearly the glory of God in Christ and sing of the steadfast love of the Lord forever.

**Congregation: "With my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations. I declare that your steadfast love is established forever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens"**

*Light the Fourth Candle*

LEADER: Light four candles, see them glow  
Brightly, so that all may know  
How four candles show the way  
Making our darkness bright as God's day.

**Congregation: I declare that your steadfast love is established forever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

LEADER: Dear God, your faithfulness has been great, leading us to this day of anticipation and celebration. May the glorious light of your steadfast love shine brightly in us and through us, that all may give you praise and glory. In the Savior's name we pray. Amen.

### Sermon Notes

**Maybe Today: I'll Be \_\_\_\_\_.**

It's found in a name, one name alone: \_\_\_\_\_!

1. Logos – The Word of God
2. Anthropos – The People of God

God lives up to His Name: He Keeps His Word

He Keeps His Children