

**WELCOME TO THE
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF DUNELLEN, NJ**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2025

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT: LOVE

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Advent Reading for LOVE

LEADER: Today is the 4th Sunday of Advent and we light the candle of LOVE. It is the birth of God's LOVE in person that we celebrate today! "For God so loved the world that he gave his one & only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16) Jesus loved us all the way to the cross. "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8) As we light the candle of LOVE: May we "have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge." (Ephesians 3:18-19).

ADVENT PRAYER

ALL: Father God, we thank you for your LOVE, we thank you for Jesus! Holy Spirit, please keep us abiding in the love of God in Christ. We love you Lord! O come, O come Emmanuel. God with us! Amen!

SONG *The First Noel* Hymn 162 (v1, 2, 6)

CONFESSION

LEADER: When Jesus was born of the virgin Mary, He became like us in all things but sin. Now reborn in Him we are set free from all our sin. Let us confess our sin to the Lord, who loves us and gave His life for us, in order that we might walk into the new life Jesus won for us. (Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE

1 John 4:10, 16

LEADER: "This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them."

WELCOME & GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER

SONG *Away in a Manger (Forever Amen)* On Screen

SCRIPTURE *Luke 1:46-53, 68, 77-79; Luke 4:16-21; Luke 6:32-25, Luke 10:25-28, Luke 24:51-53; Galatians 3:26-29*

SERMON: **O HOLY NIGHT** Rev Tim Osborne
3. Chains Shall He Break, for the Slave is our Brother

SONG *O Holy Night!* Hymn 160 (v.1-3)*

PROFESSION OF FAITH 1 John 3:1

ALL: "See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!"

OFFERING, OFFERTORY, DOXOLOGY & DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

SONG *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* Hymn 157 (v.1-2)

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* Hymn 157 (v.3)

POSTLUDE



1. _____ God! Jesus toppled oppressors & _____ the lowly. (Lk 1:46-53)
And in His name all oppression shall cease. Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we.

2. Bless the Lord who _____ & redeemed us to walk in _____. (Lk 1:68, 77-79)
His gospel is peace. And in His name all oppression shall cease. Let all within us praise His holy name.

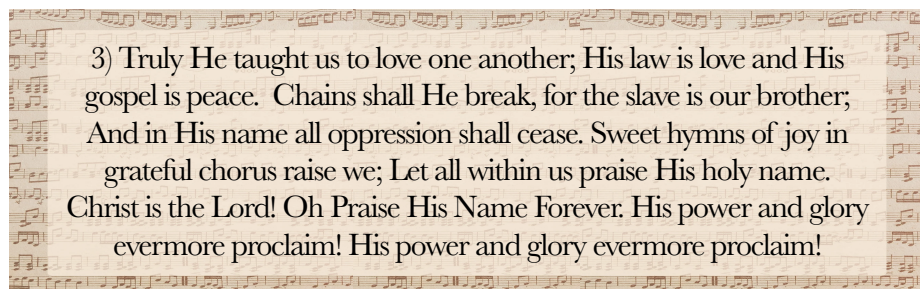
3. Jesus came to _____ the _____, imprisoned & oppressed. (Lk 4:16-21)
Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother; And in His name all oppression shall cease.

4. Jesus _____ us to love our _____, do good & lend freely like God. (Lk 6:32-35)
Truly He taught us to love one another. His law is love... for the slave is our brother;

5. Jesus said to _____ we love _____ fully & _____ neighbors as self. (Lk 10:25-28)
Truly He taught us to love one another; His law is love and His gospel is peace.

6. Jesus is on Heaven's _____, worship Him & _____ God! (Lk 24:51-53)
Christ is the Lord! Oh Praise His Name Forever. His power and glory evermore proclaim!

7. All _____ with Christ are _____ in Him, equal heirs with no division. (Gal 3:26-29)
Truly He taught us to love one another; Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother



FPCD SERMON BY REV. TIM OSBORNE ON 12.21.25 - ADVENT 4

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