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10:00 AM

CONTEMPORARY JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Today, the Fourth Sunday in Advent we will light the fourth candle which represents LOVE, in addition to the previous three candles which represents, Hope, Peace and Joy. Jesus demonstrated self-giving love in His ministry as the Good Shepherd. Advent is a time for kindness, thinking of others, and sharing with others. It is a time to love as God loved us by giving us His most precious gift, His Son. As God is love, let us love also. In the Gospel of John 13:34-35, we find the words, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Let us pray together: Teach us to love, O Lord. May we always remember to put you first as we follow Christ's footsteps, that we may know your Love and show it in our lives. As we prepare for our celebration of Jesus birth, also fill our hearts with love for the world, that all may know Your love and the one whom You have sent, Your son, our Savior. **Amen.**

As we sing stanzas 1-4 of "**Light the Advent Candle**" FWS 2090, the two purple, one pink and one purple candles will be lit by **Joseph Persaud and family.**

HYMN #196 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

HYMN #203 "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

HYMN #217 "Away in a Manger"

HYMN #218 "It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

Congregation: Sings "O, Come All Ye Faithful" vs 1 & 2

Greeting: "The Real Reason" (Karl and Joanna Fuchs)

Read by Alissa Changoor

Reading: "The True Meaning of Christmas" (M.S. Lowndes)

Read by Aaron Khadaroo, Chantal McKenzie, Agnes Park,
Paul David Stipp, Ariana Williams

Song: "Away In A Manger" All Sunday School Kids

Reading: "Peace on Earth" (Henry Wadsworth Longfellow)

Read by Maureen Asuncion, Abigail Changoor, Keziah Persaud

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 2:1-20

MESSAGE WITH CHILDREN

by Rev. Austin Park

"Do Not Be Afraid. I Bring You Good News of Great Joy!"

Choral Reading: "My Christmas Wish for You" (Ruth Kephart)

By Maureen Asuncion, Abigail Changoor,
Keziah Persaud, Rahsaun Spence

Closing Reading: "Precious Moments" Read by Alissa Changoor

Congregation: sings "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem" vs 1 & 2

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Love Came Down at Christmas" (Joel Rancy)

ANNOUNCEMENT

HYMN #239

"Silent Night, Holy Night"

HYMN #245

"The First Noel"

HYMN #238

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

HYMN #246

“Joy To The World”

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Rev. Austin Park

Organist: Rose Schrader

Pianist: Ha Jin Choi

Acolyte: Jennifer Baksh

Head Usher: Matthew Baksh

Ushers: Gordon Rambarran, Iva Woolcock

Greeters: Poonam Baksh, Juliet Ramson

Usher on Guard: Gordon Rambarran

Flower Steward: Juliet Ramson

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