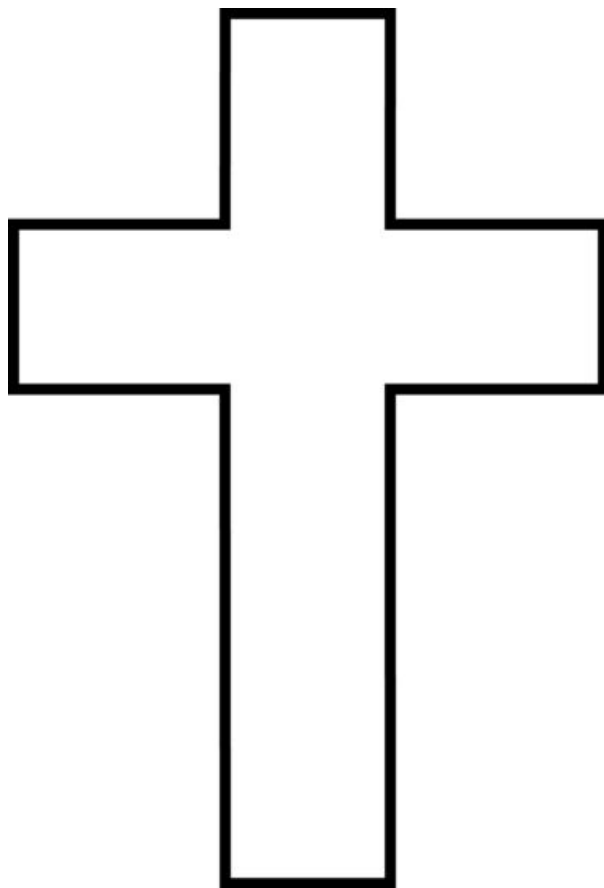


St. David's Presbyterian Church
98 Elizabeth Avenue, St. John's, NL A1B 1R8

Order of Service for
Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 24th, 2023
Christmas Eve



Elders on Duty: Eleanor & Aubrey Bonnell

Manager on Duty: Ken Templeton

Prelude

Entry of the Bible

Call to Worship:

God Almighty is coming to live among us:

Let every heart prepare a welcome.

God comes to us as a helpless baby in our midst:

Let every heart prepare an embrace.

God comes to us, if we are ready or not:

Let every heart prepare to receive the Lord.

Reader: **The fourth candle of Advent invites us to reflect God's love in our lives. We light this candle so that we can see who we are called to love today.**

(The candle of Love is lit)

Reader: Let us pray:

People: **Holy One, help us to know we are deeply loved and to share that same unconditional love with others. May our lives reflect the warmth and wonder of this flame. Make your church a place of love and acceptance in our community. Amen.**

Hymn # 795 Christ is Coming

Unison prayer of Confession:

God of mystery and mercy,

You came to offer us love,

but we confess we can be stubborn and selfish in the ways we live.

You came to reconcile all people,

but we often nurse grudges and resist repairing relationships .

Forgive who we have been,

amend who we are,

and direct who we shall be,

Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn # 139 Hark! The herald angels sing
Children's Time and Prayer

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

1 Corinthians 13:1-7	(p.1711)
Responsive Psalm: Luke 1:46b-55	(p.1523)
Ruth 1:8-19a	(p.391)
Luke 1:26-38	(p.1522)

Hymn # 159 Oh come, all ye faithful

Sermon: "Love"

Collection of Offering and Offertory Prayer of Dedication

Doxology Hymn # 79

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Hymn: #558 The Son of God proclaim

The Apostles' Creed #539

Communion Service Liturgy #564

Hymn #153 Joy to the World

Benediction

Postlude

We **WELCOME** everyone to our worship today and pray that this hour might be one of refreshment and spiritual joy.

An unstaffed **Nursery** for infants and toddlers is available through the door at the front right hand side of the Sanctuary.

A **Fellowship Time** is held downstairs after worship. Please come and join us!

There is additional **parking** available for Sunday Mornings next door at Elizabeth Tower's parking lot and across the street at the English School District parking lot.