



Fourth Sunday of Advent

Love

December 18, 2022

The livestream and video at:
<https://youtu.be/vJpuBMTsR9M>

Processional

Prelude

African Alleluia

Ensemble & Church

(Congregation invited to Join the Ensemble)

Welcoming the Holy Spirit

Acolytes

Advent Candles

Love

Burns Family

One: We begin worship by lighting the Advent Candles.

(light the first candle- Hope)

One: In Christ we have Hope.

All: Hope assures us that the Lord knows every hair on our head.

One: The Second Advent Candle reminds us that Christ is the Prince of Peace.

(light the second candle - Peace)

One: Jesus said, "My Peace I leave with you."

All: Let peace begin with me.

One: The third Advent Candle is Guadete, "rejoice" or Joy.

(light the third candle - Joy)

One: Joy is a sacred gift from the Lord.

All: May we always give thanks to the Lord for Joy, for happiness.

One: Today we light the fourth Advent Candle, the Candle of Love.

(light the fourth candle - Love)

One: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son."

All: "Now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love."

* Hymn **Come thou long expected Jesus** *Hymnal # 196*

Scripture **1 Corinthians 13:1-13** *Pew Bible N.T. #164*

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks Be to God.

Prayer Time – Announcements, Prayers & Celebrations

Unison Prayer (unison)

One: Glory Be to God in the highest.

All: Lord God, help us be drawn into the celebration of this season,

teach us to feeling the love You share with us,

Inspire us to sharing that same love with all we meet.

**Warm our hearts with the images of the manger,
show us how to be the midwives of Christ to our world.**

One: Come, O Come, Emmanuel.

All: Glory to God in the Highest Heaven.

Silent Meditation

Pastoral Prayer

Peter Freytag

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

Offering

A Time for Advent

Ensemble

Words and Music by: Stewart Harris

* Scripture **Matthew 22:34-40** *Pew Bible N.T. #24*

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks Be to God.

* Hymn **Love Came Down at Christmas** *Hymnal #242*

Sermon

Love

Rev. Peter Freytag

* Hymn **The gift of Love** *Hymnal #408*

* Benediction *Peter Freytag*

Recessional

Go Now in Peace

Congregation

* *(Please stand if you are able)*

This Week's Calendar:

Office Hours:

Monday to Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 21, Choir rehearsal

Next Sunday, December 25, 2022

11:00 a.m. English Worship Service

3:00 p.m. Tongan Worship Service

Christmas Eve – 4 p.m.

We will celebrate Christmas Eve services with carols and candles at 4 p.m. followed by cookies, coffee, and punch. If you can contribute to the goodies, please contact Ellen Dockter but “Nothing that requires cutlery.”

End of Year Giving - From our Treasurer

Dec. 23 will be the last opportunity you will have to give a gift to Burns Church and have it applied for 2022.

Prayer Requests:

- Stella Marker (99) passing
- Virginia Knieff (99) passing
- Earl P. in rehab
- Ann, friend of the Schnier family had open heart surgery.
- Renee V. prayers for Kurt Brown with bone cancer.
- Wayne Short, fell and got stitches on his head.
- Holly A. PET scan looks improved.
- Jim L.'s daughter-in-law seeking a kidney transplant.
- Don B. seeking a kidney transplant.
- Frank and Barbara S. as Frank's health slowly deteriorates.
- Hurricane recover in Florida, Puerto Rico, Cuba and elsewhere

Senior Pastor: *Peter Freytag* Accompanist: *Collen Blake*
Tongan Pastor: *Atonio Toluta'u* Office Manager: *Paea Kelemeni*
Christian Ed: *Stephanie Iverson* Ad Council Chair: *Mike Sumrall*
Lay Delegate: *Melba Taylor* Tongan Lay Leader: *Ngalu Kelemeni*

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