



Plymouth First Baptist Church
December 18, 2022

9:45 AM Sunday School
 10:50 AM Church Family Announcements

11 AM Morning Worship

Organ Prelude

BJ Lyle

Welcome

Pastor Paul

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Today we light the first three candles of the Advent Wreath- the candles of HOPE, PEACE and JOY. We also light the fourth candle representing LOVE. Advent is a special time for us to reflect upon God the Father's love for His son, and his love for us.

Hear the Word of the LORD: Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. Deuteronomy 6:4-5

Let us Pray: Heavenly Father, we thank you that even though we were still in our sinful state, you showed immeasurable love for us by sending your son Jesus to die for our sins. During this Advent season, help us to be overwhelmed with the love that you have for us as your people. May it inspire us to live lives pleasing to you- best evidenced in loving you and our neighbor. We look forward to your coming kingdom on earth which will be firmly and eternally established in love. AMEN.

Ministry of Music

Christmas Angels, Gesu Bambino

String Ensemble

Hymn#249

O Come All Ye Faithful

Congregation

Scripture Reading & Prayer

1 John 4:7-16

Loyd Jones

Ministry of Music

The Angels Cried

Jim Sawyer & Melanie Sawyer

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Paul

Offertory Hymn#256

Love Has Come

Congregation

All Verses

Offertory Scripture & Prayer

Mary Kay Bradshaw

(The Magi) When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. ¹¹ And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

**Offering
 Doxology**

**Ushers
 Congregation**

Sermon: A People of Love

Pastor Paul

The word, *love*, is perhaps the most misused and corrupted word in the English language. That statement may be a bit difficult to defend as we are witness what seems to be a complete destruction of our language. This should not surprise us as the natural bent of this fallen world is to devolve and become more corrupt. Our role as Christians is to be conservators. To conserve means to keep in a safe or sound state, it can mean to protect from loss or destruction. It also means to husband, preserve, and save.

Much of the controversy and trouble of our day is over the corruption of our language. We are on dangerous ground. Isaiah 5:20-21.

There are varying numbers in lists for the word Love in the Koine' Greek language. (2 Timothy 3:1-5 as an example) The original language of the New Testament.

Today we will take a journey to understand 4 of them. Each one has its own context and application.

1. Eros- Romantic Love.

2. Philos- Brotherly love. (2 Tim 3:1-5; Song of Songs 4:10; 1 Peter 3:7)

3. Stergos- Familial Love (family of origin parents etc..)

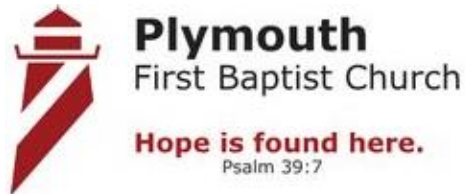
4. Agape- Servant Love for all. Gal. 6:9-10; John 13:1-15; Luke 2:43; Phil 2:1-11
This is the characteristic word for Christianity.

Hymn of Invitation#308

There is A Redeemer

Congregation

The Facebook feed ends before the hymn of invitation. *If you need spiritual counsel, please come forward during the closing hymn or see one of the pastors after the service- We would be honored to speak to you! - God Bless.*



Rev. Paul T. Harrington, Senior Pastor
Loyd Jones, Associate Pastor
Scott Bradshaw, Choir Director
B.J. Lyle, Organist
Danita Davis, Church Office Administrator
Harry Ward, Deacon of the Month