

# Plymouth First Baptist Church

Sunday December 24, 2023 4th Sunday in Advent: Love

> 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship

Prelude Scott Bradshaw

Welcome Pastor Paul

Lighting of the Advent Candles Paul and Sherri Harrington

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 your 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 youbest evidenced in loving you and our neighbor. We look forward with great anticipation your kingdom on earth which will be firmly and eternally established in love.

Hymn # 258

Go, Tell It On the Mountain Vs. 1, 2,3 Congregation

Responsive Reading John 1

Loyd Jones

Choir Anthem FBC Choir

O Holy Christ, In Love Come Down

Offertory Hymn #278 Congregation

Angels We Have Heard on High

Offertory Scripture and Prayer

Don Wynne

Isaiah 49:13 "Shout for joy, you heavens; rejoice, you earth; burst into song, you mountains! For the LORD comforts his people and will have compassion on his afflicted ones.

Offering Ushers
Doxology Congregation

Special Music I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day Jim Sawyer

Sermon: Love Pastor Paul

Scriptures: Luke 2:1-20;1 Thes. 4:16-18; Matt. 24:30-31; 1 John 4:18-20; 1 Cor. 13:1-3; John 15:9

Facebook video feed ends before the closing hymn.

Closing Hymn #284 Congregation

The Birthday of a King

Closing Prayer Pastor Paul

### Welcome to First Baptist Church

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Let us know you were with us today and place in offering plate. Thank you!

Name:							
Contact Information: (new or changed)							
First-time visitor?							
Prayer request you would like to share or							
a question for the church office?							
Put request on our printed list? Yes / No							
I am interested in joining PFBC.							
I am interested in being baptized.							
I would like to be included in the							
church texting information service.							
Cell phone #							
Communicate with Danita Davis:							
(Office Administrator)							
Message:							
Phone Number:							
Communicate with Pastor Paul:							
(Senior Pastor)							
Message:							
Phone Number:							
Communicate with Pastor Loyd:							
(Assoc. Pastor of Children and Youth) Message:							
Phone number:							



## Advent Readings for your personal meditation throughout the week.

1 John 4:8-12 Luke 1 Luke 2:8-20 Mark 1:1-7 John 3:1-18

Space for additional notes:								



Ministry Rotation

Today: Dianne Swain and Susan Sawyer

Dec. 31: Ann Cody and India Jones



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

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