





December 22, 2019 ADVENT 4



OUR MISSION

TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE BY LIVING THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS:

showing mercy, promoting justice, offering forgiveness, acceptance, and hope.





(** indicates rising in body or spirit as you are able.) (The congregation reads in unison those items in bold print.)

Prelude:

Welcome: All are welcome in this place.

All are welcomed by God's grace.

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Love

~ Don, Heather & granddaughters Mya, Madison & Piper Duncan

**Singing: VU 7 Hope Is a Star (vs. 1-4)

Children's Church

**Singing: VU 4 God of All Places

**Call to Worship:

Come, people of God! Lift your hearts to the God who created us. Sing, like Miriam did, leading the Hebrews in joyful celebration! Dance, like David did before the Ark of the Covenant! Rejoice, as Mary did when told she would bear a son; and give thanks, as the people of God have done since they were given voice.

Let us worship God.

**Prayer of Approach:

O God of stars and stable, we praise you for drawing us near to you today, whether we are shepherds who were working in the fields outside the city, or people who have arrived early to stay at a comfortable shelter nearby, or travelers who come from afar to seek a new king.

God, hear our prayer,

O come, O come, Emmanuel. Amen.

**Singing: MV 134 Dreaming Mary

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Offering Invitation

Song during the Offering: VU 20 Hark! The Glad Sound

- **Offertory Response: VU 55 In the Bleak Midwinter (v.4)
- **Offertory Prayer: Star giver, Life bringer, Love sharer, bless these gifts we bring that your Light might shine more brightly, your Life be lived more abundantly, your Love be shared more abundantly, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Response: We Give you Praise, God of our Journey.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Ministry of Music: Mary, Did You Know? - offered by Knox Choir

Scripture: Matthew 1: 18-25 - offered by Cathy Heighton

The Word of God for the People of God

Thanks be to God

Message: THE PATH OF LOVE - Rev Sandra Cox

**Singing: VU 54 Unto Us a Boy is Born

**Blessing:

**Parting Song: Go Now in Peace

Go now in peace, never be afraid, God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true, Know he will guide you in all you do. Go now in love and show you believe, Reach out to others so all the world can see, God will be there, watching from above, Go now in peace, in faith and in love. Amen, amen, amen.

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Postlude



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IMPORTANT DATES & SPECIAL SERVICES

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES DECEMBER 24 TH	
4:00 PM	Family Service
8:00 PM	Lessons & Carols with Communion
1 st Sunday after Christmas Dec 29 th	
10:30 a.m. *No Sunday School*	
Epiphany, Jan 5 th	
10:30 a.m.	

December 2019 Outreach Meal Events ALL ARE WELCOME

Freedom Kitchen Free Supper Every Monday 5 -7pm Sackville Public Library

No One Dines Alone a FREE Christmas Dinner Wednesday, December 25th, 2-5 pm Knox United - Cann Hall

C.O.M.E Meal Event - January 2020 January 16th 4:30 - 6pm A Free Eat In - Take Out Meal

Knox United - Cann Hall

Greeters: Robert & Linda MacLeod, Paige Moore

Elder: David Duggan, Beth Robinson

Christ's Disciples in Ministry: Everyone

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