

# LOVE

ADVENT SEASON



## SEVERN RUN EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)*

A Church devoted to the pursuit of Scripture, Prayer, Fellowship and Worship as an effective and ultimately victorious means of reaching our community for Christ.

# THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

*"Fourth Sunday of Advent"*

Sunday, 21 December, 2025

✦ Indicates standing if able

## WELCOME & GREETING

*Pastor Jesse M. Crutchley*

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE OF LOVE



## INVOCATION

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 97:8–10*

"Zion hears and is glad, And the daughters of Judah rejoice Because of Your judgments, O LORD. For You, LORD, *are* most high above all the earth; You are exalted far above all gods. You who love the LORD, hate evil! He preserves the souls of His saints; He delivers them out of the hand of the wicked."

### ✦ HYMN

No 01

*Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

### CONFESSING CHRIST

*1 John 4:12–19*

"No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son *as* Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. We love Him because He first loved us."

### CONFESSION OF SIN

Confessional Prayer

*Ruling Elder Bill Doerfel*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Romans 5:8–11*

“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. And not only *that*, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.”

### ❖ HYMN

Nº 02

*Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendor*

## TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Giving of Our Gifts

Offertory

- ❖ Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him all creatures here below,  
Praise Him above, ye Heav’nly hosts;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.
  
- ❖ Gloria Patri: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the  
beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end; Amen, Amen.

(Child care is now available for children ages four and under.)

## RECEPTION OF NEW COMMUNICANT MEMBERS

Josie Lynham

## THE WORD PREACHED

Reading of Scripture  
“Love”

*Matthew 2:13-23*  
*Pastor Jesse M. Crutchley*

## PASTORAL PRAYER

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

- ❖ INVITATIONAL HYMN  
*Lovely Child, Holy Child*

Nº 03

COMMUNION WITH CHRIST IN THE SUPPER

❖ HYMN

Nº 04

*Love Has Come!*

**BENEDICTION**

❖ Postlude



*Please join us in the narthex for cake to celebrate Josie's new  
Communicant membership!*

*All visitors are welcome!*

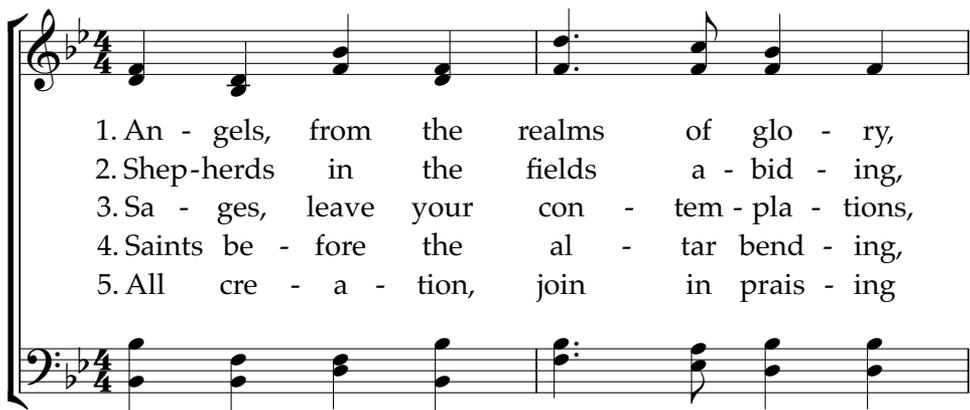
## SERMON NOTES

"Love"

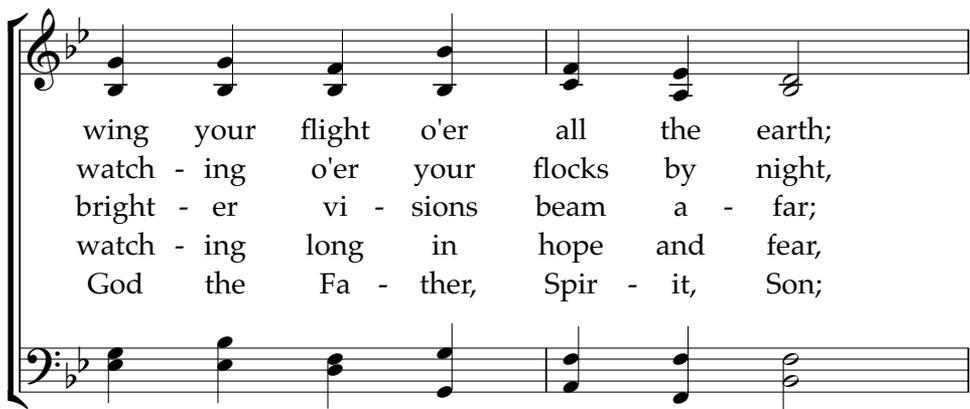
*Matthew 2:13-23*

**13** Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him." **14** When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt, **15** and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, "Out of Egypt I called My Son." **16** Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men. **17** Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying: **18** "A voice was heard in Ramah, Lamentation, weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, Refusing to be comforted, Because they are no more." **19** Now when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, **20** saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the young Child's life are dead." **21** Then he arose, took the young Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel. **22** But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea instead of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And being warned by God in a dream, he turned aside into the region of Galilee. **23** And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, "He shall be called a Nazarene."

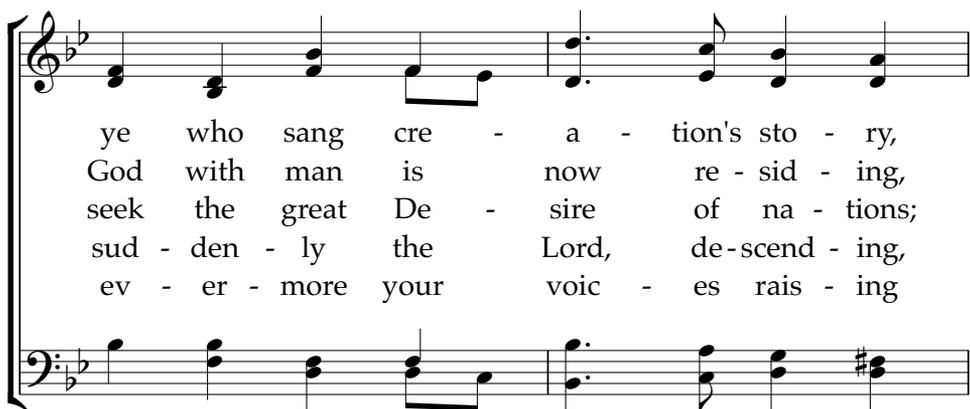
# Angels, from the Realms of Glory



1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry,  
 2. Shep-herds in the fields a - bid - ing,  
 3. Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions,  
 4. Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing,  
 5. All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing



wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
 watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,  
 bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;  
 watch - ing long in hope and fear,  
 God the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;



ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,  
 God with man is now re - sid - ing,  
 seek the great De - sire of na - tions;  
 sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,  
 ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing

now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:  
 yon - der shines the in - fant Light:  
 ye have seen His na - tal star:  
 in His tem - ple shall ap - pear:  
 to th'e - ter - nal Three in One:

Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship,

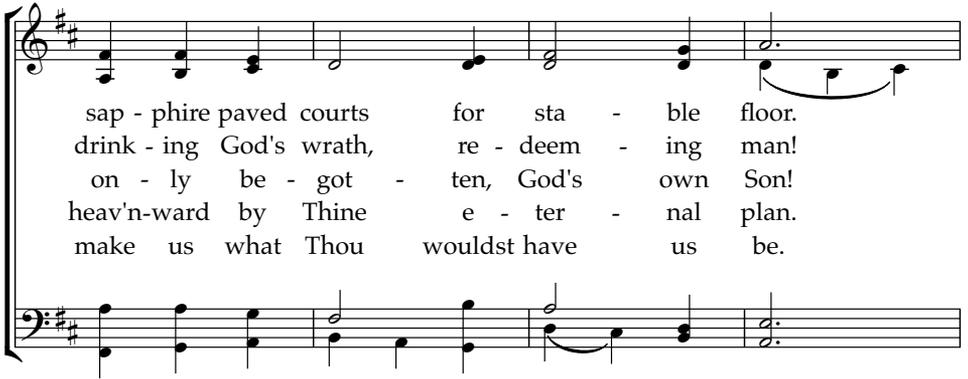
wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

## Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendor

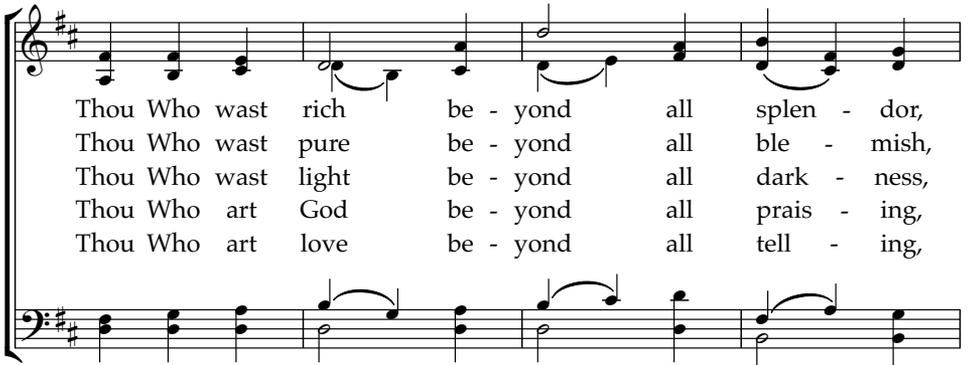
1. Thou Who wast rich be - yond all splen - dor,  
 2. Thou Who wast pure be - yond all ble - mish,  
 3. Thou Who wast light be - yond all dark - ness,  
 4. Thou Who art God be - yond all prais - ing,  
 5. Thou Who art love be - yond all tell - ing,

all for love's sake be - cam - est poor;  
 for the un - clean came as the Lamb.  
 came to His world, the light of man.  
 all for love's sake be - cam - est man;  
 Sav - ior and King, we wor - ship Thee.

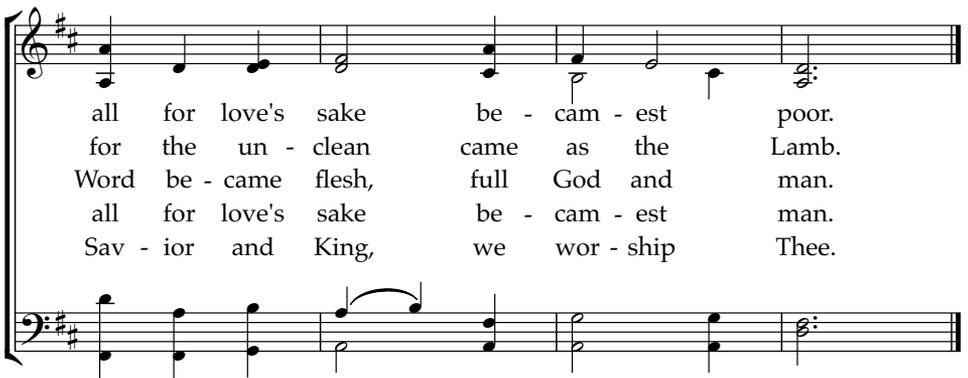
thrones for a man - ger didst sur - ren - der,  
 He took the sins of man up - on Him,  
 Come to His own, un - known re - ject - ed,  
 stoop - ing so low, but sin - ners rais - ing,  
 Em - man - u - el, with - in us dwell - ing,



sap - phire paved courts for sta - ble floor.  
drink - ing God's wrath, re - deem - ing man!  
on - ly be - got - ten, God's own Son!  
heav'n-ward by Thine e - ter - nal plan.  
make us what Thou wouldst have us be.



Thou Who wast rich be - yond all splen - dor,  
Thou Who wast pure be - yond all ble - mish,  
Thou Who wast light be - yond all dark - ness,  
Thou Who art God be - yond all prais - ing,  
Thou Who art love be - yond all tell - ing,



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for the un - clean came as the Lamb.  
Word be - came flesh, full God and man.  
all for love's sake be - cam - est man.  
Sav - ior and King, we wor - ship Thee.

## Lovely Child, Holy Child

1. Love - ly child, ho - ly child,  
 2. Child of light, born to - night,  
 3. Rest Your head, sweet - est head;  
 4. To this boy, our great joy,

gen - tle, mild, un - de - filed;  
 our de - light, prom - ise bright;  
 gifts we'll spread at Your bed.  
 we em - ploy hymns of joy;

in - fant King, fair - est King,  
 child so fair: see Him there;  
 Je - sus Lord, be a - dored,  
 child so fair: see Him there;

gifts we'll bring and an - thems sing:  
 now de - clare Him ev - 'ry - where:  
 may this word now be out - poured:  
 now de - clare Him ev - 'ry - where:

*f*

Al - le - lu - - - ia,

*p*

al - le - lu - - - - ia!

*f*

Al - le - lu - - - - ia,

*p*

al - le - lu - - - - ia!

## Love Has Come!

1. Love has come, a light in the dark - ness!  
 2. Love is born! Come share in the won - der;  
 3. Love has come, He nev - er will leave us!

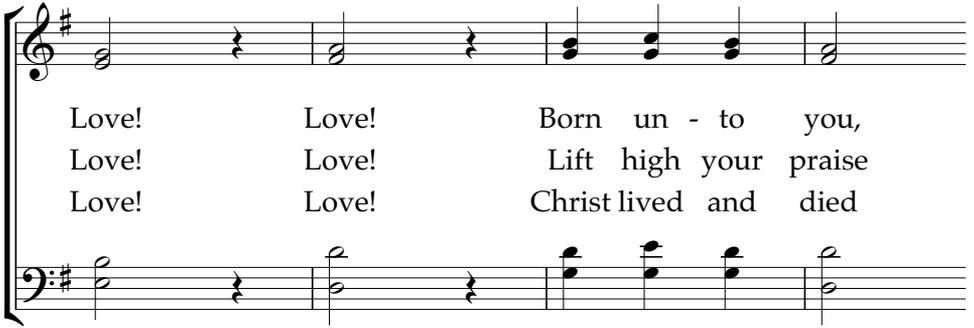
Love ex - plodes in the Beth - le - hem skies.  
 Love is God's own Son be - come flesh.  
 Love is life ev - er - last - ing and free.

See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it;  
 See, the Lord takes the form of a ser - vant;  
 Love is Je - sus o - bey - ing His Fa - ther;

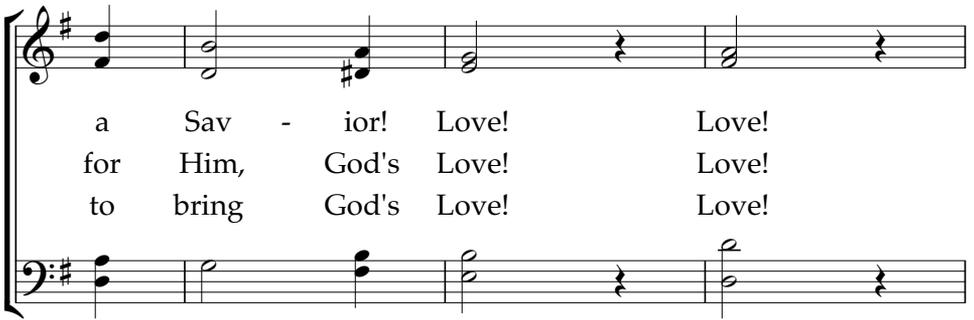
Hear how their song of joy a - ris - es;  
 hum - bles Him - self, as man ap - pear - ing;  
 e - ven un - to the cross sub - mit - ting;

Text: vs.1,3(alt) by Ken Bible  
vs.2 adapted from Philippians 2:6-8  
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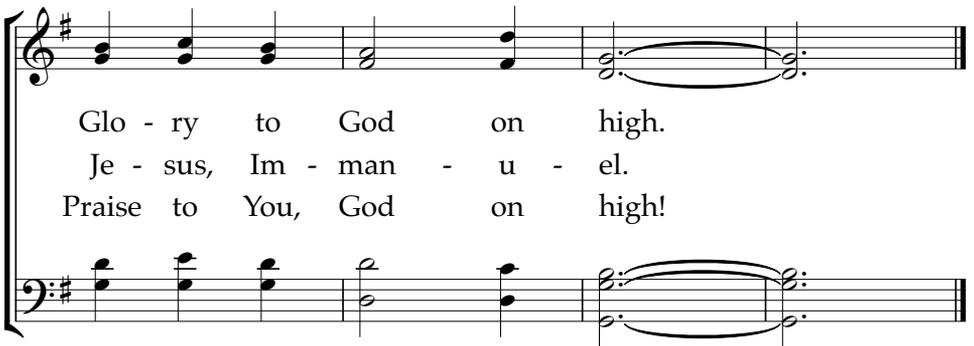
BRING A TORCH  
17th cent. French carol melody



Love! Love! Born un - to you,  
Love! Love! Lift high your praise  
Love! Love! Christ lived and died



a Sav - ior! Love! Love!  
for Him, God's Love! Love!  
to bring God's Love! Love!



Glo - ry to God on high.  
Je - sus, Im - man - u - el.  
Praise to You, God on high!

# CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY

"Love"

Matthew 2:13-23

J H H E R O D S R O F W H E N I J H T Y  
H D E V I E C E D F L W S N A R I S E R  
T G E G D J E W W O R D O C D E A T H U  
U W N L D E C Q G T O S X A I V L T P N  
R Q I I L N E K O P S N A L L I W H O K  
B H W W Y I V Q A A E L U L T M Q A R A  
C X M C I A F P N T J O S E P H Y T P D  
J R E D M S S L H X G L N D D O G R U I  
E T N L E L E E U N B E J D R N A I Z V  
T H G I N P N B I F H T Y T R R A A M A  
V E T E L Q A Y H H U G S R O E B Y P D  
C Y E E R W A R C N P E U S O H A P A D  
C L G H W S A I T I D Z E O Y D E M N F  
F N I T Z A H S T E T Q G O R A O N V K  
A M M A O W T M P Y D Q U N R H U U E R  
V E K A T O O K Y H S N L E I W T Y G J  
U N T I L T K E G I G P D B O R A T I W  
J Z H F H D I E E S H V Y N V T B W A S  
X T H E R E K S Q M A E O S S O E G B U  
E F R O F I E L O R D B U N B E H O L D

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BEHOLD  
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CALLED  
CHILD  
DEATH  
DECEIVED  
DEPARTED  
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WORD  
YOU  
YOUNG

What verse in Matthew 2 contains the underlined words? \_\_\_\_\_

Write the whole verse out: \_\_\_\_\_

## SREPC CHOIR SPECIAL

“Fourth Sunday of Advent”

*Love*

### **Gaudete!**

*\* The lyricist and composer of this song are unknown but it has been sung by Christians on the third Advent Sunday for many centuries. The words were first found in Piae Cantiones, a collection of Finnish and Swedish sacred songs published in 1582. The tune comes from the Hussite Jistebnice hymnbook of 1420.*

**Refrain: Gaudete, gaudete! Christus est natus ex Maria Virgine - Gaudete!**

*(English Translation)* Rejoice, Rejoice! Christ is born of the virgin Mary - Rejoice!

**v.1 - Tempus adest gratiae, hoc quod optabamus, carmina laetitiae Devote reddamus.**

*(English Translation)* The time of grace is here, this which we desired, songs of joy let us devoutly render.

**v.2 - Deus homo factus est natura mirante, mundus renovatus est a Christo regnante.**

*(English Translation)* God has become man, to the wonderment of nature, the world has been renewed by the reigning Christ.

**v.3 - Ezechielis porta clausa pertransitur, unde lux est orta, salus invenitur.**

*(English Translation)* The closed gate of Ezekiel is passed through, whence the light is risen, salvation is found.

**v.4 - Ergo nostra contio psallat iam in lustro; benedicat Domino, salus regi nostro.**

*(English Translation)* Therefore let our congregation now sing in brightness; we bless the Lord, greetings to our King.

# What's Happening at Severn Run

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Sun  
**21**  
Dec

- ▶ Morning Service - 11am - 4th Sunday of Advent - *Love*
- ▶ No Sunday School - Resumes 1/4/26
- ▶ Communion Served
- ▶ Evening Service - 5pm - Meatball Sub Dinner to follow.

Mon  
**22**  
Dec

Tues  
**23**  
Dec

Wed  
**24**  
Dec

Thur  
**25**  
Dec

Fri  
**26**  
Dec

Sat  
**27**  
Dec

Sun  
**28**  
Dec

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## DECEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <small>Fall break</small>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <small>Christmas Day</small>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			

▶ Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - 6:30pm

▶ Merry Christmas!

## Serving at Severn Run...

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*This Week - December 21 - 4th Sunday of Advent - Love*

Sunday Deacon  
Ushers  
Sound Room Morning Service/Evening Service  
Communion Prep  
Sunday School Nursery  
Sunday School 5-7 Year Old Class  
Sunday School Breakfast Set-Up  
Church Hour Nursery (Infant - 2yrs)  
Church Hour Toddlers (3 - 4 yrs)  
SRCCHA Set-Up

Nick Clark  
Mike Bartelheim/Roy Griffith  
Nick Clark/Ryan Lynham  
The Schingecks  
No Sunday School  
No Sunday School  
No Sunday School  
Monica Best/Cristina Lynham  
Cate Dwyer/Deborah Mackall  
No Set-Up

*Next Week - December 28*

Sunday Deacon  
Ushers  
Sound Room Morning Service/No Evening Service  
Communion Prep  
Sunday School Nursery  
Sunday School 5-7 Year Old Class  
Sunday School Breakfast Set-Up  
Church Hour Nursery (Infant - 2yrs)  
Church Hour Toddlers (3 - 4 yrs)  
SRCCHA Set-Up

Duane Dwyer  
Noah Donovan/Joe Hresko  
Nick Clark  
The Schingecks  
No Sunday School  
No Sunday School  
No Sunday School  
TBD/Geneva Leigh  
Michelle Bartelheim/Bekah Howie  
No Set-Up