

Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle for Love!

Dallas Abbott and Richard Hansen and Deacons

*Hymn #25: *Away in a Manger*

Prayer for Illumination

1st Reading Isaiah 9:2-4; 6-7

Anthem Bring A Torch, Jennette Isabella

2nd Reading Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)

Sermon *Before the Light or the Dark* Ray Bagnuolo

*Hymn #23: *Angels We Have Heard on High*

Offering our Gifts and Tithes

*Hymn #592 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

Offering our Joys and Concerns for Prayer

The Prayer of Jesus

*Hymn #47 *Still, Still, Still*

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

**All that are able please stand*

Palisades Presbyterian Church

Palisades, New York 10964

Christmas Eve, December 24, 2006 10:00 A.M.



*We are a Christian
community welcoming all
as we seek to grow in faith
and serve others.*

Reflection:

When the Pharisees heard how he bested the Sadducees, they gathered their forces for an assault. One of their religion scholars spoke for them, posing a question they hoped would show him up: “Teacher, which commandment in God’s law is the most important?”

Jesus said, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and intelligence.’ This is the most important, the first on any list. But there is a second to set alongside it: ‘Love others as well as you love yourself.’ These two commands are pegs; everything in God’s Law and the prophets hangs from them.” - Matthew, Chapter 22

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Fourth Sunday of Advent – Love!

Prelude

Church Bell

Introit

Call to Worship

Leader: His birth changed everything.

All: Life on this planet and beyond took on a new meaning.

Leader: Those who had lost hope or trembled in fear

All: Were about to discover a new peace, a new hope, and a new way of loving.

Leader: A love not wrapped in paper but found in a call to be there for others, likeable or not.

All: A call to the teachings of the one born long ago in a dusty First Century village, the one we follow today.

Leader: Let us raise our voices, then, in remembrance, anticipation, and resounding hope, peace, joy, and love!

All: And in a commitment to follow the teachings of Jesus and to serve one another. Amen.

***Hymn #38:** *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*

Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

Creator God,
we behold the gift of the child Jesus once again,
and we are reminded of how we often forget
the fullness and meaning of Jesus in our lives.

We get distracted, tasky, and overwhelmed.
There seems to be so much, so many vying for our attention
and our dollars. It's easy to forget many things, even you.

Please, help us to slow down and breathe, and
to fall gently into your presence and comfort
during this time of worship and beyond.

Bless us with calm; with knowing how much we are loved
and how much love we have to share,
all because of the gift of the child named Jesus.

Fill us with the greatest love of all, forgiveness for ourselves
and one another, as we consider our shortcomings,
in these silent moments ahead.

Silent Confession

Choral Response

Declaration of Forgiveness:

***Hymn #322** Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.

Offering to One Another of a Sign of Peace