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*Enter to Worship, Exit to Serve*

***Fourth Sunday of Advent—LOVE***

**Announcements**

***WELCOME*** to our guests and members this Christmas Eve morning! We are pleased you chose to worship with us this morning. Our focus, as always, is to join together to give God all the praise and glory for His bountiful blessings upon us and to share His word of great love for EACH of us. Accept His gift this Christmas—Jesus.

**Candlelight Service:** Return **today** at 5pm—Scripture readings will come from our deacons and music by Timmy Douglas on guitar.

**Lottie Moon Christmas Offering:** Our annual collection for international missions is during this season. Our 2017 goal is $1,100.

**Christmas Poinsettias:** These decorations have been provided by members and friends in memory or honor of loved ones. Please see insert for details. Thank you for supporting this treasured tradition.

**Discipleship Training:** No class this evening or Dec 31st for holiday season. We will begin a new study on Jan 7th. You’re invited!

**Choir Rehearsal:** No rehearsal Dec 27th. Join us in 2018!!

**Wednesday Bible Study:** No study Wednesday, but will resume Jan. 3. Our deacons continue to lead us in this weekly study and time of prayer.

**Adult Christmas Party**: Please join us Jan. 7, 4-6 p.m. Fellowship Hall.

**Men’s Bible Study:** Our men will continue their 6-week study on Monday evenings at 7pm on Jan 8th led by Jim Coleman.

**Women’s Bible Study:** We’ll start a new study in Leviticus on Tuesday, Jan 9th, at 10:30am. All women are invited to study His word together.

**Personalized Bricks:** For a donation of $125/brick, you can help us personalize our new building’s entrance ways and aid in covering costs.

**(See our Activities and Events flyer for more information)**

**Sunday Morning Worship Service Dec 24, 2017**

**† *Gathering for Worship & Praise*:**

Music Prelude

Welcome and Announcements CW Waldrop

Reading & Lighting of Advent Candle Evie Kiefer

\* Call to Worship..*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (#88)* Congregation

**† *Worshiping Him*:**

Prayer Bo Gibbs

\* Worship in Song………..*The First Noel (#85)* Congregation

Children’s Church – please stay and enjoy His message through song and narration today

**† *Returning His Gifts*:**

Prayer of Thanksgiving CW Waldrop

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

\* Choral Response……………*Doxology* Congregation

**† *Hearing His Message for Us*:**

In Song…………….Joy of Every Longing Heart Choir

Good Christian Men Rejoice / Joy to the World!

All Glorious! with Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Sing a Song of Christmas

Awaken Us (We Don’t Want to Miss This)

Sleep Now, Little Child

Love Put a Star in the Sky

Joy of Every Longing Heart (Waiting for You)

**† *Responding to His Word*:**

\*Invitation Song*…………..Live a Merry Christmas* Choir

(You are loved by Jesus and by the Hopewell Family. Answer His call upon your heart.)

\* Closing CW Waldrop

\* Music Postlude