

BLUFF POINT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
DECEMBER 7, 2014
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

LOVE

On this second Sunday of Advent we are going to center our thoughts on the Love of God for all of us.

WELCOME AND GREETING

ORGAN PRELUDE / LIGHTING CANDLES

***SONG OF PRAISE - #2071** *“Jesus, Name Above All Names”*

***CALL TO WORSHIP –**

L. God’s love has been made known among us, for God has sent Christ into the world that all people might live.

P. If God so love us, we also ought to love one another.

L. No one has ever seen God, but if we love one another, God abides in us.

P. Let us worship God and seek to love as God has love us.

CONGREGATION PRAYER:

Gracious God, we hear the promise of the coming of Jesus into a manger and into our hearts and homes. Bless our Advent waiting; fill our worship with anticipation of your love; and dedicate us to prepare your way by lifting up the valleys in our lives and making smooth the rough places of others. For we pray in the name of Emmanuel – God with us. Amen.

***SHARING OF THE PEACE** - Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

PRAISE HYMN - #211 *“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”*

SPECIAL MUSIC – *“Child of Peace”*, Aimee Perry, soloist

CHILDREN’S TIME –

LIGHTING SECOND CANDLE IN ADVENT WREATH

FIRST CANDLE LIT – Children will come forward to light candle

Reader 1 – This is the second Sunday in Advent, the time of preparing for the coming of Christ our Savior. Today our word is Love. God sent His Son into the world so that the world would know love, pure love, given out of sacrifice.

SECOND CANDLE LIT –

Reader 2 – We light the second Advent candle, remembering that we are Loved by God who sent Jesus to us to show us how much He loves us. Let us rejoice and remember that God is Love.

Reader 3 – Let us pray. Gracious God, help us to remember this day that we are awaiting the coming of Emmanuel, God with us in the form of Jesus Christ, who gave himself up for us that we might receive eternal life and love. Amen.

PRAYER HYMN - #2080 *“All I Need Is You”*

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING/OFFERTORY/DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING – Holy One, you have given yourself to us in Creator, in Christ, in the Spirit. We now give back to you: this money that seems so little; this worship that seems so small; these words that never quite get it right. Receive what we offer and transform it by the power of your Spirit into: enough money, sufficient praise, worthy words for proclaiming and enacting your love in the world. Amen

SCRIPTURE READING – Isa.40: 1-5(p.667 OT); Mark 1: 1-8(p.34NT)

PROCLAIMING THE MESSAGE OF CHRIST – *“Was Love Enough?”*
Rev. Judy D White-Wunder

COMMUNION INVITATION ANTHEM – *“Christmas Communion Song”*
SHARING GOD’S LOVE THROUGH HOLY COMMUNION, P.13

CLOSING HYMN - #224 *“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”* vs.3

**BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE**

Administrative Council Meeting following worship. Very brief but important meeting.

SERVING CHRIST THIS WEEK

Organist: Cindy Heggie
Choir Director: Aimee Perry
Liturgist: Ron Salyer
Communion Steward – Meredith Nielsen
Greeters: Blanche and Dorwin Fingar
Ushers: Ann Shepardson and Marilyn Sands
Scripture Reader: Ron Salyer
Fellowship: Bev Dean, Ron Sergent and Waneta Nielsen
Sunday School: Sarah Stackhouse
Nursery: Sherri Hunt and Michele Covert
Counters: Bill Sutherland and Elly Stempien

SERVING NEXT WEEK: (12/14/14)

Organist: Cindy Heggie
Choir Director: Aimee Perry
Liturgist: Ron Salyer
Greeters: Ed and Sally Head
Ushers: Dana and Helen Schillinger
Scripture Reader: Stacy Wyant
Fellowship: Ron and Jane Salyer
Sunday School: Pam Althouse
Nursery: Phil Pearce and Sonya Andersen
Counters: Bill Sutherland and Elly Stempien

This Week Schedule:

Tues. UMW luncheon, Noon at Antique Inn
Choir Rehearsal, Tues. 7pm
Wed. Bible Study, 10am
CHRISTMAS FOR THE NEEDY – DEC. 9 – 10TH – If you'd like to volunteer please see Donna Johnston.

DEC.14TH – Christmas Caroling – We will meet at church at 3pm and go to Clinton Crest, Penn Yan Manor and Homestead. If you live in town, please meet us at Clinton Crest at 3:15pm. We will conclude by going to the Living Well for cookies and hot cocoa. If anyone would like to make cookies please let Pastor Judy know.

DEC. 21ST – OUR CHILDREN'S SUNDAY WORSHIP

DEC.24TH – OUR TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE. - 7PM

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