

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A warm welcome to all on this fourth Sunday of Advent! In this holy season we remember that God keeps his promises. Rejoice with us in the covenant of God's love.

CALL TO WORSHIP

PASTOR: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

CONGREGATION: *The same was in the beginning with God.*

PASTOR: All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made

CONGREGATION: *In him was life; and the life was the light of men.*

PASTOR: And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

CONGREGATION: *That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.*

PASTOR: He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

PASTOR AND CONGREGATION: *But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:*

John 1:1-5; 9-12

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TONIGHT - 7:00 PM - Christmas Musical

- **December 24 - Christmas Eve - No service**
- **December 25 - Christmas - 7:00 PM - Candlelight Service**
- **December 31 - New Year's Eve Fellowship (8 PM) and Watch Night Service (10 PM).** The Rev. Don Myers will be speaking.
- **January 4, 2009 - Communion**
- **January 16-18 - Midwinter Youth Convention**
- **January 18 - Sanctity of Human Life Sunday**
7:00 PM - PVBI Praise Singers quartet will be ministering to us.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- This week remember to pray for our sister church in **Massena**. Timothy Montgomery is the pastor.
- Pray for **comfort** and healing for:
 - the Babcock family members who are mourning the death Thursday of Warren Babcock's brother, Larry.
 - Paul Church and family mourning the death of his son in a car accident Thursday.
- Recent requests for physical needs -
 - **Hazel (Mrs. Meredith) Foster , Keith Posson, Charlotte** (Neil Adams' cousin), **Roger Eilers, Alberta Heckman, Cathy Posson, Jean Ford.**
- Recent requests from our Cobleskill church: **Laverne, Helen, Ralph, Kathleen, Genevieve, and Sharon.**
- The village of **Middleburgh**, that we will reach people with hungry hearts and have fruitful results in our ministry.
- Our service personnel, especially **Wesley Lum, Jacob Eggleston , Donnie Gray, Anthony & Joyce Willey, Ryan Mills, and Charles Laraway.**
- Our country, and our President and government leaders, that they may make Godly choices.
- Please let us know of anyone who is ill, facing a time of hospitalization, or would like a home visit.

Suggested Daily Scripture Reading

	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>
OT	Zechariah 1:1-21	Zechariah 2:1-3:10	Zechariah 4:1-5:11	Zechariah 6:1-7:14
NT	Revelation 12:1-17	Revelation 13:1-13:18	Revelation 14:1-20	Revelation 15:1-8
PSA	Psalms 140:1-13	Psalms 141:1-10	Psalms 142:1-7	Psalms 143:1-12
PROV	Proverbs 21	Proverbs 22	Proverbs 23	Proverbs 24
	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	
	Zechariah 8:1-23	Zechariah 9:1-17	Zechariah 10:1-11:17	
	Revelation 16:1-21	Revelation 17:1-18	Revelation 18:1-24	
	Psalms 144:1-15	Psalms 145:1-21	Psalms 146:1-10	
	Proverbs 25	Proverbs 26	Proverbs 27	

Celebrate Christmas

Decorate your Christmas tree.
Ring a Christmas bell.
Sing a joyful carol
With a jubilant noel!

Light your Advent candle wreath.
Rejoice with friends on Earth.
Give thanks to God for sending Christ
In this, His Christmas birth.

Share your joy of Christmas
And God's blessings from above.
Celebrate God's Graciousness!
Celebrate God's Love!

-Peggy Ferrell, Prayers and Poems



As his parents labored on a foreign mission field, their young son attended school in America. When Christmas Day came, the school's headmaster tried to cheer up the boy. The headmaster asked what he most wanted for Christmas.

For the boy, the answer came easily. He pointed to a framed picture of his father and said, "I would like most of all for my father to step out of that frame." (No doubt he felt the same way about his mother.)

The deepest meaning of Christmas is about God's stepping out of the "frame" of the universe, out of heaven, and revealing the greatest love ever seen among men.

John's account of this Good News sums it up: "And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth" (John 1:14).