



Love

**December 24, 2023, 10:30 a.m.
Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**First United Methodist Church of Newton
111 Ryerson Avenue, Newton NJ**

Order of Worship

(*Please rise in body or in spirit.)

PRELUDE		Christie Spriggs
GREETING		Rev. Todd Lattig
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE (Love)		Debbie Seebeck
*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)		Kathleen Meredith
In the midst of our circumstances God offers reassurance.		
Do not be afraid.		
But just because it's good news, doesn't mean it's easy to hear.		
God offers us hope.		
There is enough, you are beloved, all our welcome here.		
May we be strengthened and emboldened by these promises to us!		
*HYMN	"What Child is This"	UMH 219
*OPENING PRAYER (unison)		Kathleen Meredith
Grant us courage, Lord, to say yes when you call. Like Mary's 'yes,' may it be grounded in trust. And bolstered by hope. Yes, Lord. Yes. Amen.		
ANTHEM	"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" Melinda McCoy-Miller, flute	Chancel Choir
MISSION MOMENT		Rev. Lattig
COMMUNITY PRAYER		Rev. Lattig
CHORAL RESPONSE TO PRAYER		Chancel Choir
KIDS ROCK CHILDREN'S SERMON		Rev. Lattig
SCRIPTURE READING		Kathleen Meredith

Luke 1:26-38

²⁶ In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of King David. ²⁸ Gabriel appeared to her and said, "Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you!"

²⁹ Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean. ³⁰ "Don't be afraid, Mary," the angel told her, "for you have found favor with God! ³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and

Join us tonight at 7:00 p.m. for our Christmas Eve Candlelight and Carols Service

This Week's Schedule

Monday, Dec 25
Saturday, Dec 30
Sunday, Dec. 31

Merry Christmas!
9-2 Treasures of Hope
10:30 Combined Service
No Sunday School
New Year's Eve!

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Today's Worship Leaders

Pastor
Music Coordinator/Joy Fellowship
Advent Candle Liturgist
Liturgist
Greeter
Camera Operator
Soundboard Operator

Rev. Todd Lattig
Christie Spriggs
Debbie Seebeck
Kathleen Meredith
Evelyn Cornwell
Jen Phlegar
Jay Morrison