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3 CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICES—3:00, 5:00, 7:00 PM

Join us on Friday, December 24 for a beautiful, festive service led by the SBPC worship team and chancel choir. We've added another service, so there are now 3 services, 3:00 and 5:00 pm in the sanctuary and on the outside patio, and 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. All services will be livestreamed. Come for this joyous time of welcoming the Christ child, Immanuel, God with us!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26—NO IN-PERSON WORSHIP

On December 26, our worship service will be online. Our campus will be closed that Sunday, so please join us for the livestream at 10:00 am as we continue to celebrate Immanuel, God with us!

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS MARKET (ACM)

If you did not get a chance to shop at the live Alternative Christmas Market, you can shop at the ACM Mini-Market this Sunday before or after worship. And you can always shop anytime online! So check out all the great gifts that impact real lives in our community and around the world!

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IMMANUEL: GOD WITH US WEEK 4: LOVE

IMMANUEL

GOD WITH US

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. **Isaiah 7:14**

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. **John 3:16–17 (NIV)**

Jesus (God with us) gives us love as an...

1. **Expression of God's love and mercy for all.**
For God so loved the world...

Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments.
Deuteronomy 7:9 (NIV)

And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him, to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace." **Luke 1:76–79 (NIV)**



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SUNDAY SERVICE // 10:00AM

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2. Example of sacrificial and forgiving love.

...that he gave his one and only Son

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. **1 John 4:7–12 (NIV)**

3. Invitation to abundant and forever life.

...that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

Philippians 1:8–11 (NIV)

*Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of Earth,
Born to give them second birth...*

**Hark! The Herald Angels Sing—Charles Wesley
(1707-1788)**

ADVENT ART IN SANCTUARY

The art in our sanctuary this Advent season was chosen to honor and express gratitude for the rich tradition of creative and worshipful artists in our church. The paper angel banners that hang on the chancel proclaim the birth of the Newborn King and were designed and expertly crafted in the 1990s by a team from our congregation, led by Sheryl Durkin, Nancy Stansbury and Matilda McLaughlin. The delicate banners hung on the chancel for years during Advent, were often displayed for weddings, and have been lovingly preserved by our facilities team. The gold stars were handcrafted by Matilda McLaughlin and our facilities team member Kenny Nunnery, and hang over the cross every year during Advent, reminding us that Jesus came to be the Light of the World. The paintings in our lobby were created in our worship services many years ago by former members Kathy Harvey and Joan Drachman. We give thanks to God for the gifts he freely gives and to our church community for the willingness to share those gifts to the glory of God.

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