

West Main Baptist  
December 24, 2023  
Advent 4: Love

A wooden nativity scene is displayed on a rustic, weathered wooden surface. It includes a yellow sheep, a baby in a manger, and a cluster of red berries with green leaves.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC	<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i>	Handbell Ringers
	Tune, 8th or 9th Century; Kevin McChesney, arr.	

INTROIT *Of the Father's Love Begotten* Sanctuary Choir  
13th Century Plainsong

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 103      *O Come All Ye Faithful*      The Church  
LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE: LOVE      The Stephens Family

*RESPONSE 83 (verse 1)	<i>Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus</i>	The Church
<p><b>Come, Thou long expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free; from our fears and sins release us;          let us find our rest in Thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art;          dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.</b></p> <p><i>(As we sing, the children are invited to come forward for the children's lesson)</i></p>		

*HYMN 142	<i>God's Love Made Visible</i>	The Church
	Instrumental setting by Dave Brubeck	Instrumentalists

ANTHEM *Love Came Down at Christmas* Sanctuary Choir  
Christina Rosetti, *text*; John Rutter, *setting*

*HYMN 148	<i>What Child is This</i>	The Church
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OFFERTORY ANTHEM *A French Carol Concertato* Sanctuary Choir  
(ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH) Hal Hopson, arr. Handbells  
*The Congregation is invited to join in on the refrain:*  
**Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

\*BENEDICTION

Sean Timmons

Thank you to Eme Clatterbuck, Brandie Collins, Judy Gourley, Mary Frances Gourley, Jon & Shelby Lawton, Sandie Parker, Barbara Shaver; Jon Stevens, *handbells*; Jeff Buchanan, Karen Cotta, Kevin Kirk, Sean Timmons, *guitars*; and Luke Clatterbuck, *percussion*.

2024 Budget: \$523,249  
Pledged so far: \$287,315 (55%) # pledges 65  
Committed to Pray: 46, Give Time Talent: 39  
We will continue collecting cards through  
Sunday, 12/31

**Monday, Dec. 25th-Tue. 26th:** Church office closed  
**Wed. Dec. 27th & Thur. 28th:** Office open 9-4  
**Friday, Dec. 29th:** Office open 9-1:00  
**Sunday, Dec. 31st @11:00:** Worship Service Only  
 In the Fellowship Hall- dress casually  
**Monday, Jan. 1st:** Church office closed

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