# **WORSHIP SERVICE**

December 24, 2023

**Prelude**Sam Taber

Welcome

**Advent Reading and Lighting of Candle** 

Opening Christmas Carols
Love Has Come! (#256)
O Come. All Ye Faithful (#249)

**Opening Prayer** 

Special Music Amy Shaner Ordinary Baby

### **Worship Songs**

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen Sing We Now of Christmas

#### Message

Pastor Dave Morgan

Closing Christmas Carol Emmanuel (#243)

**Benediction** 

**6880** 

Following our service, someone will be available at the front of the sanctuary to pray with you or to simply hear your heart, should you wish.

### **OUR VISION AND MISSION**

To be a biblically mature, grace-based church.

We will accomplish our vision by:

Reaching Up

through worship, exaltation, and prayer; **Reaching In** 

through preaching, teaching, and fellowship; **Reaching Out** 

through evangelism, missions, and social outreach,

that we may present everyone perfect in Christ.

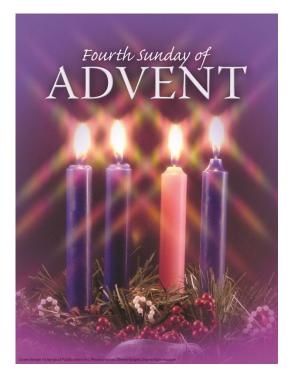
### **ALWAYS HAS, ALWAYS WILL**

Thanks so much for worshipping with us today. As you leave, please go with the knowledge that God loves you! He always has; He always will. No matter what's gone wrong in your life, He'll accept you just as you are—no questions asked. He loves you, period! All He asks is your love in return. So today—right now—why not tell Jesus in your own words that you love Him. When you do, He promises to give you His peace, begin a beautiful change in you, and that He'll always be there for you—always has, always will!

### **CHURCH PERSONNEL**

AV.........Ben Shaner, Sam Frazier, Sam Taber, Beverly Funk, Kat Kennedy, Bernie Anderson Council .. Susan Kifer. Richard Frazier. Jan Hawes. Bob Kline, Bruce MacGregor, Ben Shaner, Pastor Thom. Pastor Dave Auditor...... Len Peterson Benevolence Fund......Bruce MacGregor Caring~Connection Team ...... Jan Hawes Communion Preparation...... Nancy Watkins Compassion Ministry ...... Jerri Dempster Dinner for Eight ...... Jerri Dempster Facilities ..... Richard Frazier, Bob Kline Kitchen Ministry.. Phyllis Forsythe, Sue Bennett, Brenda Berube, Lee Kennedy, Pam Knapp Library ......Sarah Charles (Adults), ...... Bev Funk (Children) Missions ...... Shirley Lymburner Offering Table ...... Church Office Operation Christmas Child ...... Sam Frazier Prayer Chain ...... Church Office Secretary/Clerk ...... Karen Heidebrink Sew Blessed...... Bette Frazier Treasurer......John Kifer Trustees Trust Funds... Bruce MacGregor, Mal Cook Ushers/Greeters...... Jane Cook, Heidi Peterson Worship .... Karen Heidebrink and Worship Team

# THE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF WOLFEBORO



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Office Hours: Mon-Thur, 9 AM-12 PM

"A Passion for God, Compassion for People"

# A WORD TO OUR VISITORS

We are so happy that you have joined us this morning! Our hope and prayer is that you will feel welcomed and encouraged as we worship our God, learn from His Word, and experience His love to begin a wonderful week.

If we can help you in any way, please let us know. We are here to serve you.

If you fill out an Information Card, located in the pews, and drop it in an offering box, we can send you additional information of our church.

Thank you so much for being our guest!

# OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

**Today** 10:00 AM Worship Service

Live Streaming

5:00 PM Christmas Eve

Candlelight Service

Live Streaming

Mon Merry Christmas!

**Tues** 12-1:00 PM AA **Wed** 12-1:00 PM AA

6:30 PM Worship Team Practice

**Thurs**12-1:00 PM AA **Fri** 12-1:00 PM AA

## **SERMON NOTES**

"BATTLE FOR TRUST" (Luke 1:39-56) Pastor Dave Morgan

NEXT SUNDAY: "A Jarring Effect" (Acts 2:42-47)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OUR CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE** begins at 5:00 this evening! We look forward to seeing you for this joyful celebration!

WHAT'S THE BIBLE ALL ABOUT? BIBLE 101: Would you like to sharpen your Bible study skills? Be able to find passages more confidently? Locate maps, lists, profiles, footnotes and other study aides that can enhance your understanding? Would you like to discover "Jesus" in the Old Testament, long before He was born? If yes, Pastor Thom invites you to a 3-4 session (week) workshop to help you become more familiar with your Bible and better able to navigate its rich contents. It will begin on January 9th, at 5:30 PM in the church Fellowship Hall. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. Hope to see you there!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will resume on January 10<sup>th</sup>, with Lysa Terkeurst's book *Becoming More Than a Good Bible Study Girl*. These six sessions include a short DVD segment followed by discussion of the book's content. The author guides readers into knowing God's truth so that it impacts our everyday lives. Good way to start the New Year! We'll meet Wednesdays, 10:30-11:45 AM, in the Fellowship Hall. Books and a sign-up sheet are in the Fellowship Hall. Cost: \$10. This study is led by Jan Hawes.

**DINNER FOR 8:** A sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship hall. This is a great way to meet new folks!

**THERE IS A SIGN-UP SHEET** in the Fellowship Hall for Toddler Room coverage for the months of January - March. Thank you for your help!

**OUR WORSHIP SERVICES** are regularly video recorded and posted online. If you have a concern, contact one of our Pastors. To find our services, go to firstchristianwolfeboro.org and click on "Join Us Live."

**THERE ARE DROP BOXES** in the foyer and Fellowship Hall in which to place your tithes and offerings either before or immediately after the service. Thank you so much!