



Fourth Week in Advent:
LOVE

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**All are invited to rise as they wish,
in spirit or in body.*

Gathering Music

Welcome Rev. Doug Collins

Prelude CH 162

What Child is This

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Ruan Murphy
The Candle of Peace & Gloria Utley

Sung Response CH 132

When God is a Child

***Opening Hymn** CH 155

Angels We Have Heard on High

A Time for Prayer

*After a pastoral prayer is offered,
you're invited to come forward and light a candle
as we continue our time of prayer.*

Weave CH 495

*You're invited to come forward and with material to
weave into the loom.*

Unison Prayer of Response

*"Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer"
insert located in pew racks.*

Scripture Reading Luke 2:1-20

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea,

to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵ He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸ In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he
favors!”

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary

treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

L: The Word of God for the people of God.

C: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Doug Collins

" Woven In: Thread of Love"

Love Came Down

Insert

Call to Offering

Financial offerings may be placed in either of the two collection plates located in the back of the sanctuary.

You can give online anytime at fctacoma.org/give.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Hymn

CH 414

Eat This Bread

Sharing God's Feast

All who wish are welcome and invited to partake of the elements.

Musical Meditation

Invitation to Discipleship

***Closing Hymn**

CH 144

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Benediction

Dismissal & Postlude

FCC Trio

Worshippers are asked to refrain from congregating indoors. We look forward to catching up in the courtyard.

