THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHESTER

An Open & Affirming Congregation of
The United Church of Christ
December 21, 10:00 a.m.
Fourth Sunday of Advent

WELCOME — Cheryl Archer, Deacon

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH — Hilarie Clark Moore/Jeff Moore

I John 4.19. We love because God first loved us.

love / in a young girl's song / fearful / determined / hopeful / bursting / love / in a mother's song / tender / embracing / challenging / stern /love / is god's song / curious yet timid / playful and wondering / coming among us again. / We light a candle for love.

Lighting the Candle of Love - *(Light four candles: purple, purple, pink and purple.)*

UNISON PRAYER

Let Us Pray: Dear God, as our Advent pilgrimage draws to completion, grant us the courage to share your love. Love for the unexpected challenge in our lives, love for the vulnerable one in our midst, love for the presence of God in all creation. Amen.

*HYMN — *Angels We Have Heard on High* — 135

CANTATA — *Voices of Christmas*

The Voices of Christmas

O Come Emmanuel

The Promise is Near

Chosen Mary, Gentle One

Still is the Night

OFFERTORY

CANTATA — *Voices of Christmas* (continued)

Shepherds, Come Rejoicing

Listen to the Stars

Joseph's Song

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Good Christians, Now Rejoice

*BLESSING & BENEDICTION

(*all who are able may stand)

LOOKING AHEAD

December 21	**10:00 am** 5:00 pm	**Worship** Soup Kitchen	December 25		
December 22	5:00 pm	Stuff-A-Cruiser toy pickup	December 26	**8:15 am**	**No Coffice Hours**
December 23	8:30 am	Yoga	December 28	**10:00 am** 5:00 pm	**Worship** Soup Kitchen
December 24	**5:00 pm**	**Christmas Eve Service**			

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome! No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here at the United Church of Chester, an Open and Affirming Church and a member of the United Church of Christ. **The United Church of Chester is centered in Christ's love, embracing, nurturing, serving all, and committed to justice and peace**.

The Deacon for the month of December is **Cheryl Archer.** You were greeted this morning by **Deb Calamari**. The poinsettias are provided by members of our congregation in memory or celebration of loved ones. Coffee Hour is being hosted by someone special. Thank you all!

Christmas Eve Service:
Please join us for A Festival of Lessons and Carols this Wednesday, December 24 at 5:00 pm for our traditional candlelight service

ALAN'S OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday - 8:30 am to 12:30 pm, or by appointment

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday - Wednesday - 9am-1pm.

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