

Knox Presbyterian Church of LA

Love

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent

**Words to Ponder:** *“Marvels can happen; we invite them all into a sudden state of wanting good. Yes, now every tall story comes true. A child is on his way. . .”*  
Elizabeth Jennings

**Prelude** “Silent Night” **Worship Band**

**Gathering Music** “Joy To the World” **Brass Quartet**

**Words of Welcome | +Passing of the Peace** **Rev. Ann Hayman**

**Lighting the Fourth Advent Candle** “Love” **The Sorey-Fortier Family**

**Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.**

**Wait for the Lord; be strong; take heart.**

(“Wait for the Lord,” Glory to God, #90)

### Call to Worship

**Deacon Janeé Trotman**

Good morning! We’ve gathered for various reasons; some of us are dreading being alone during this season; some of us come to enjoy the holiday music and decorations. Most of us anticipate remembering the Christmas story with its holy family.

**Yes, we love the Christmas story and the images that remind us we too carry God into the world.**

We will sing and pray, dance and sing the old story of God coming into the world as a baby – a vulnerable little person!

**Like Mary and Elizabeth, we will serve God and we will pray that God will keep us safe in a topsy-turvy world. Like Zechariah, we name our children, encouraging them to use their talents for God.**

Ring the bells! Clap your hands! Open your hearts and rejoice.

**We make a circle and light candles! We sing of love!**

Listening for truth and passing it along is an awesome task. We have received the good news that God, the Holy One, comes to us in unexpected and unlikely forms. We receive the divine and invite holiness to be at home in us.

### Opening Hymn

**“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”**

**PH#309**

### Call to Confession

**Deacon Janeé Trotman**

Sin separates us from God and from one another – whether it be action, attitude, or things left undone.

**Sin can be wrong thoughts about the right thing or right thoughts about the wrong thing.**

Now is our opportunity to reflect and work out with God changes that will give us peace and freedom.



**+Doxology**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Deacon Janeé Trotman**

**Announcements**

**Deacon Janeé Trotman**

**Closing Hymn**

**“O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High”**

**PH#83**

**Charge and Benediction**

**Rev. Ann Hayman**

Like the shepherds, sing and dance with each other;

**Like the magi, we will be curious about nature;**

Like Mary and Joseph, nurture the Divine;

**As our own authentic selves we will use our hands and our feet, our voices and our minds, to make plenty of room for our own loved ones and for those in need.**

And as a Christmas gift to satisfy ourselves –

**We must want what we have, do what we can and be who we are!**

**Amen**

**Postlude**

**“We Wish You a Merry Christmas”**

**Music Ministry**