

Sermon on the Mount Mennonite Church  
1512 E. Mulberry, Sioux Falls, SD  
Advent, December 23, 2018

Prelude

“Peace Lamp already lit on Ark”

Call to Worship & Invocation: Matt. 11:28-30; # 690

Christmas **theme** hymn #178 HWB “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus.”

Focus Statement: LOVE

Lighting Four Advent Candles

Song S&R # 90 v. 2 “I’ve got Love like an ocean, Hope/anchor, Peace/ocean, Joy/fountain

Praying together with outstretched arms, look up and all together say,

“God Send Us Your Love”

Old Testament Reading: Micah 5:1-4

Responsive Hymn (Stand if able) # 592 HWB “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”  
(love, joy v.1)

New Testament Reading: Matthew 1:18-25

~~Responsive Hymn (Stand if able) #208 HWB “Love Came Down at Christmas”~~  
(love 4x v. 1, 2x v. 2, 4x v. 3)

Sermon: “Love”

Responsive Hymn (Stand if able) #201 HWB “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”  
(peace, joyful v. 1)

Prayer & Offering

Congregational Time of Sharing & Prayer –

Favorite joyous moments at Christmas, favorite tradition

Closing Hymn – Christmas **theme** hymn #185 HWB “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed:  
(love, joy, hope, peace v.3)

Benediction: II Corinthians 13:14