

First Church in Pembroke

Sunday Worship Service

December 21, 2025, 10:00 A.M.

4th Sunday of Advent

“A Love Like No Other”

By: Reverend Joy Matos

Today, we light the Candle of Love

Jay & Jane Hodge

PRELUDE: Silent Meditation Contemplative

Music

MEDITATION SCRIPTURE: John 3:16-18

16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. 18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS: Please speak loudly!

Greet your Church Family:

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE OF LOVE

CALL TO WORSHIP: Congregation in BOLD

P: Shout with joy to God, all the earth!

C: Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious!

P: Come and see what God has done, how awesome his work in man's behalf!

C: He has preserved our lives and kept our feet from slipping

ALL: Praise be to God, who has not rejected my prayer or withheld his love from me!

OPENING HYMN: #110 (Red Hymnal) "O Come, O Emmanuel"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:(All, please speak slowly)

Father God, this morning we celebrate your love, a love unsurpassing, a love like no other. Your Word tells us that you demonstrated your love for us in that even while we were still sinners, Christ Jesus, your Son, died for us. Even when we were living self-centered lives, you sacrificed your only begotten Son for us. Thank you for loving us so much. And thank you for sending your Holy Spirit to indwell us, to instruct and to guide us. May we be filled with your loving presence this morning. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

CALL TO PRAISE (Congregation in bold)

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up unto the Lord.

O Lord, open Thou our lips.

And our mouths shall show forth Thy praise.

GLORIA PATRI (Sung in unison)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son,

And to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning,

Is now and ever shall be,

World without end. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 8:35 – 39 Lexy Stanley

SERMON: “A Love Like No Other” Pastor Joy

HYMN: #130 (Red Hymnal) “Joy To The World! The Lord is Come”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: (Please speak loudly)

A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER:

PASTORAL PRAYER:

THE LORD'S PRAYER: (All, please speak slowly)

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the Kingdom and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

MUSICAL RESPONSE: Musical Interlude

OFFERTORY INVITATION: (2 Corinthians 9:7-8)

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.” (Ushers Will Pass The Collection Plates.)

CHOIR #461 (Red Hymnal) “Come, Ye, Thankful People, Come”

DOXOLOGY: R# 515 “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER: Pastor

CLOSING HYMN: R#116 “Angels We Have Heard on High”

BENEDICTION: (In unison & hold hands)

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us. Amen.

POSTLUDE: Contemplative Music