

It was love that sent a Savior To this world of sin and woe;
It was love that left heav'n's portals, And came down to dwell below;
It was love that stilled the waters On the stormy Galilee;
It was love that paid sin's ransom, One dark day on Calvary.

*Love so divine, Love so sublime,
Love that is deeper than any sea;
Love for us all, oh, how can it be!*

It was love that heard my pleadings When I cried out in my sin;
It was love that gave me comfort; It was love that took me in;
It was love that whispered softly, "I will never cast you out;"
It was love that eased my heartache; It was love removed my doubt.

*Love so divine, Love so sublime,
Love that is deeper than any sea;
Love for us all, oh, how can it be!*

It is love that still is knocking At the hearts of sinful men;
It is love that never tires, But that knocks and knocks again;
It is love that solves all problems In this world of care and strife;
It is love, the love of Jesus, That gives hope, and peace, and life.

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Love that is deeper than any sea;
Love for us all, oh, how can it be!*

—Gerald E. Bonney

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STIR up thy power, we beseech thee, O Lord, and come: and with great might succour us, that with the help of thy grace that which is hindered by our sins may be hastened by thy merciful forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. —BCP

Welcome to all who have gathered today. On this fourth Sunday in Advent, let us join in worship of the God who loved the world so much that He sent the gift of His only Son to redeem us from sin and give us eternal life!

Announcements

- **Tonight** - 7:00 p.m. - Christmas Musical Service. Please come to hear about the *Hope of the Ages and Light of the World*
- **December 22** - Christmas Gathering at the parsonage lower level.
- **December 25** - CHRISTMAS - 7:00 p.m. Candlelight Service.
- **January 2** - Communion Sunday
- **January 6** - Epiphany
- **January 9** - Epiphany Sunday
- **The** Christmas card mail sorter is up for “special delivery”. We suggest that the money you save on postage be donated to missions or another worthy project.
- *Please take time to sign the cards in the foyer for the missionaries.*

Call To Worship

Of the coming Christ, scriptures said: A virgin shall conceive and bear a son.
You shall call him Emmanuel, which means God is with us.
 He will be born of the line of David and of his kingdom there will be no end.
You shall call him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.
 In him all the promises made from the beginning of time to the end shall come true.
By him the fullness of God's love shall shine upon the whole world.
 Let us love Him Who first loved us.

Contributions for the beautiful poinsettias in our sanctuary have been donated in loving memory of:

Rudy and Doris Bates	<i>by Bunnie and Bobbie Bates</i>
Earl and Verna Ellis	<i>by Merylin Ellis</i>
Glenn and Ima Owens	<i>by the Owens family</i>
Mark Posson	<i>by Merylin Ellis</i>
Maurice Schenck	<i>by the Owens family</i>
Edwin Snyder	<i>by Rosemary Snyder</i>
<i>and by the Schoharie Valley Singers</i>	

*SERVICES — SUNDAY: Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
 Cobleskill 4:00 p.m.— WEDNESDAY: Midweek Service 7:00 p.m.*

Prayer Requests

- **This** week we are praying especially for our sister church in Marcy, NY. James Brewer is the pastor.
- **Pray** for our nation during this uncertain time. **Pray** for the pulling down of the strongholds of evil in our land. (II Corinthians 10:4)
- **Pray** for the persecuted church, and Christians in danger all over the world.
- **Continue** to pray for:
 - Special requests for those on our hearts, especially Byron S., Ethan, Rowan S., Bernie, and Steven H.
 - The village of **Middleburgh**, that we will reach people with hungry hearts and have fruitful results in our ministry.
 - **Missionaries:** Nichole Barr, the Davises, the Easleys, B. Fay, the Himelicks, the Millses, R. Moulton, the Samborskis, Jack Sherman, Judy Sherman, and the T. Shermans.
 - Bible Colleges - GBSC, PVBI, AWC, UBC, HSBC
 - Safety and protection for our Armed Forces.
 - Our President, Congress, and Supreme Court, that they may make righteous choices.
- **Pray** for these physical need requests:
 - Barry E., David Mills, Mary Braun (Victory Trio), Pastor Gary Mills, Betty Case, Tiffany Colton, Kendall Straight, Paul Easley, Stephen Cassady, Janet Albertson, Joanna Howell, Rollin Mitchell, Lois Schenck.
- **Online** and phone requests:
 - Jennifer Howell, Cliff
- **From** Early Woodland:
 - Doris, Joanne, Pat, Maureen, Betty R., Ronald

Suggested Daily Scripture Reading

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
OT	Zephaniah 1:1-3:20	Haggai 1:1-2:23	Zechariah 1:1-21	Zechariah 2:1-3:10
NT	Revelation 10:1-11	Revelation 11:1-19	Revelation 12:1-17	Revelation 13:1-13:18
PSA	Psalms 138:1-8	Psalms 139:1-24	Psalms 140:1-13	Psalms 141:1-10
PROV	Proverbs 30:11-14	Proverbs 30:15-16	Proverbs 30:17	Proverbs 30:18-20
	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	Zechariah 4:1-5:11	Zechariah 6:1-7:14	Zechariah 8:1-23	Zechariah 9:1-17
	Revelation 14:1-20	Revelation 15:1-8	Revelation 16:1-21	Revelation 17:1-18
	Psalms 142:1-7	Psalms 143:1-12	Psalms 144:1-15	Psalms 145:1-21
	Proverbs 30:21-23	Proverbs 30:24-28	Proverbs 30:29-31	Proverbs 30:32

I John 3:1

Behold, what manner of love the Father has given unto us.
 Behold, what manner of love the Father has given unto us
 That we should be called the sons of God,
 That we should be called the sons of God.

And Can It Be?

Charles Wesley, 1707 - 1788

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Thomas Campbell, 1777 - 1844

1. And can it be that I should gain An in-'rest in the
 2. He left His Fa - ther's throne a - bove. So free, so in - fi -
 3. Long my im - pris - oned spir - it lay, Fast bound in sin and

Sav - iour's blood! Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who
 nite His grace! Emp-tied him-self of all but love, And bled for
 na - ture's night. Thine eyes dif-fused a quick-'ning ray. I woke; the

Him to death pur - sued? A - maz-ing love! How can it be
 Ad - am's help - less race. 'Tis mer-cy all, im - mense and free!
 dun - geon flamed with light. My chains fell off; my heart was free.

REFRAIN

That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me? A - maz - ing love! How
 For, O my God, it found out me! A - maz-ing love!
 I rose, went forth, and fol - lowed Thee.

can it be That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
 How can it be That Thou, my God,

Wonderful Story of Love

J. M. Driver, 19th Century

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1. Won-der-ful sto-ry of love! Tell it to me a - gain. Won-der-ful
 2. Won-der-ful sto-ry of love! Tho' you are far a - way-- Won-der-ful
 3. Won-der-ful sto-ry of love! Je - sus pro-vides a rest-- Won-der-ful

sto-ry of love! Wake the im-mor-tal strain! Angels with rapture announce it;
 sto-ry of love! Still He doth call to - day: Calling from Calvary's mountain,
 sto-ry of love! For all the pure and blest: Rest in those mansions a-bove us,

Shepherds with wonder re-ceive it; Sin - ner, oh, won't you be - lieve it?
 Down from the crystal-bright fountain, E'en from the dawn of cre - a - tion,
 With those who've gone on before us, Sing-ing the rap - tur - ous cho - rus,

REFRAIN

Wonderful sto-ry of love! Won - der - ful! Won - der -
 Wonderful sto-ry of love! Wonderful sto-ry of

ful! Won - der - ful! Won-der-ful sto-ry of love!
 love! Won-der-ful sto-ry of love!