



**Formartine Parish Church of Scotland**  
**Order of Service**  
**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> of December 2024**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**Please use Pitmedden Kirk Zoom link**

**Responsive Call to Worship**

**Leader:** God who spoke to Mary and Elizabeth,  
**All:** **speak your Word to us now.**

**Leader:** God who blessed them with new life,  
**All:** **bless us with great expectation.**

**Leader:** God who gave them songs of praise to sing,  
**All:** **receive our joyful praise.**

**One:** God who loves beyond all measure,  
**All:** **we are here to worship you with hearts full of love.**

**Praise:** Hymn 284 (Galloway Tam)  
Hope is a candle, once lit by the prophets

**Advent Candle Lighting**

**Leader:** Last Sunday we lit the candle of Hope, remembering the hope which comes in Christ, the candle of Peace, remembering God's dream of a peaceful world, and the candle of Joy, remembering the Spirit within us who brings joy. (Light Candles). Today we light the fourth candle of Advent, the candle of Love.

Scripture tells us "There is no fear in love, for perfect love casts out fear." (1 John 4:18). God created this world in love and this world will end in the love of God. God's love pervades all aspects of this life. From birth to death, pain to delight, strangers to lovers, God's love is there.

We light this candle in Love. (Light Candle)

**All: On this day, we remember God is Love.**

**Praise:** Hymn 474 to 644 (Thornbury)  
Hail to the Lord's Anointed

**Prayer of Approach**

**Meditation of John**

**Praise:** Hymn 285 (Gabriel's Message)  
The Angel Gabriel from heaven came.

**Prayer Of Understanding**

**Readings:** Micha 5: 2-5

Luke 1: 46-55

## **Prayers for Others**

Leader: Embrace them with your compassion and strength to persevere.

**All: Hear our prayer.**

**Praise:** Hymn 291 (Kingsfold)  
When out of poverty is born

**“Celebrating God’s Love”**

## **Dedication of the Offering**

**Praise:** Hymn 374 (The Servant Song)  
From heaven you came, helpless babe.

## **Dismissal and Grace**

**Choral Amen.**

## **Worship arrangements**

United services of worship alternate between Kirks.  
Sundays at 10.00am

**22 Dec Lessons and Carols at 7pm in Pitmedden Kirk**

**24 Dec Christmas Eve Intergenerational service at 7pm in Tarves Kirk**

NB: There is no service on Christmas Day

29 Dec Sunday worship in Pitmedden Kirk at 10.00am

See posters, our FB and website for more information. [www.formartineparishchurch.org.uk](http://www.formartineparishchurch.org.uk)

## **Pastoral Care:**

Please contact Rev Valerie Mitchell on 07932 142519  
or Rev Alastair Bruce on 07929 832061

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