

## Order of Service – 24th December 2017

Welcome:

### Music

Advent Candle

**Hymn – CH 315 Once in Royal David's City**  
(Children go through to church)

Prayer

Intimations & News:

Theme - Christmas Time  
A few words

Reading: A time for believing Matthew 1: 18- 25  
A few words

**Hymn: CH 304 O Little town of Bethlehem.**

Reading: A time for sharing Luke 2: 8 - 18  
Reflection: Remembering Zeist, Christmas 1944

**Hymn – CH 301 Hark the herald angels sang**

Reading: A time for affirming Matthew 2: 1 - 12  
A few words

**Hymn – CH 316 Love came down at Christmas**  
(Offering brought forward for dedication)

Reading: A time for incarnating John 1: 1 - 14  
Litany We believe in a word.

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

**Hymn – CH 306 O come, all ye faithful (verses 1 – 3)**

Benediction –  
**Threefold amen.**

Rutherglen United Reformed Church  
Minister: Rev. John Sanderson  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2017

SC 017385

Welcome to our service on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent.

Any newcomers worshipping with us today are invited to sign the 'visitor's book'. There is a loop system for the hard of hearing and Bibles are stored on the shelves at the rear of the sanctuary for those who wish to use them. Hymns are usually from the purple hymnbook (CH) but we also use the grey songbooks (RSB), which can be found in the backs of the seats. Leaflets that give more information about our fellowship and booklets about Church Membership are also available at the rear of the sanctuary. Further information and news about Rutherglen URC is available on the Church Facebook page – 'Rutherglen United Reformed Church' or on the website: [www.rutherglenurc.org.uk](http://www.rutherglenurc.org.uk)

***Forthcoming Services at Rutherglen URC:***

**24<sup>th</sup> Dec**      6.30pm Nativity Service: 'What? How? Who?'  
Following the service refreshments will be served in the hall and we hope a very special guest will be able to take a wee detour and pop in for a few minutes on what will already be Christmas morning in many parts of the world.

11.30pm Watchnight Service  
Refreshments in the hall following the service

**25<sup>th</sup> Dec**      10.30am Christmas Day Service

**31<sup>st</sup> Dec**      11am Service

**7<sup>th</sup> Jan 2018**   11am Service & Communion  
(Please note there will be no Early Communion on this date)

***Wednesday Workers:*** Wednesday Workers are taking a wee break over January and will meet again on 7<sup>th</sup> February. We will start at 9:00 and work to 11:30 and then have our tea and coffee. There is no need to be there at the start but come along any time.

**We believe in a word**

All:            We believe in a word that forms on the lips of the creator  
and echoes in our souls: a word that is LOVE.

Left:           We believe in a word that breaks the silence of evil  
and disturbs the noise of ignorance: a word that is LOVE.

Right:          We believe in a word that brings life out of death  
and laughter with the morning: a word that is LOVE.

Left:           We believe in a word that tears up the darkness  
flooding it with light: a word that is LOVE.

Right:          We believe in a word that speaks to all loneliness  
with self-giving compassion and care: a word that is LOVE.

All:            We believe in a word that speaks to our futures  
calling us by name, to trust anew, and believe once more  
in a word called LOVE.

**There will be no intimations 31/12/17 restart again 7/1/18**