

## **ADVENT: THE GIFT OF LOVE**

As preached on Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>

**Read:** John 1:1-14

1. John takes an entirely different approach to the story of the incarnation. How do you feel as you read through John's description?
2. Scholars have suggested that v.14 is the most important verse in all of scripture. Why? Do you agree?
3. What is the significance of the Greek word "*sarx*"? Why is it important that Jesus was both fully God AND fully human?
4. John tells us in vv.10-11 that many rejected Jesus. Which two groups of people were among those who rejected him? Why did they reject him? Do people reject Jesus for the same reasons today or different reasons?
5. In vv.12-13 John tells us that there were some who did receive Jesus for who he was. What is the gift that these people received as a result?
6. What is the role of love in the incarnation story? How is that love and the reality of incarnation a part of the Church's role in our world today?