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## ADVENT IV - LOVE

December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

♪↑ Rise to sing, as you are able

♪+ Remain seated to sing

**Prelude:** “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” (Es Ist Ein Ros’)

Malcolm Arnold

### Welcome and Candle Lighting

#### Call to Worship:

God’s love is here, surrounding us and calling us.

**We open our hearts to God’s love.**

Love calls us to be bold and to care deeply.

**Let us worship the God of love.**

♪↑ **Hymn:** “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

VU 60

#### Advent Candle Lighting:

**Reader:** We lit the candles of hope, peace and joy on the last two Sundays.

***Light the first, second and third candles***

Today we light the fourth candle of Advent, the candle of Love. This candle signifies the depth of God’s love revealed in Jesus. As we light this candle, may it remind us of the love that calls us to serve, sacrifice, and share without limit.

**All: God of love, may Your love dwell within us and inspire us to live in ways that reflect Your heart. Amen.**

***Light the fourth candle***

♪↑ **Hymn:** “Hope Is a Star” (*verse 4*)

VU 7

#### Prayer

**Scripture Reading 1:** Micah 5:2-5a

♪+ **Hymn:** VU 64 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

VU 64

**Scripture Reading 2:** Luke 1:39--55

♪+ **Hymn:** “Song of Mary”

VU 899

(My Soul Gives Glory to My God)

**Anthem:** “Light an Advent Candle”

Words and Music: Becki Slagle Mayo

**Sermon:** The Gift of Love

**Reflective Music:** “The Angel Gabriel”

Paul Manz

♪↑ **Offering Hymn:** The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy” \*\*

VU 73

**Dedication of Offering**

**Prayers of the People**

♪+ **Lord’s Prayer** (*said together*)

**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,**

**for ever and ever. Amen.**

♪↑ **Hymn:** “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

VU 48

**Commissioning and Benediction**

♪↑ **Benediction Response: "Love Shines as the Solitary Star"** MV 220

Love shines as the solitary star,  
faith is the inner light.  
You and I together  
mirror the Light of Lights,  
and illumine the pathway home. *(repeat)*

**Postlude: "Angels We Have Heard on High"** Dale Wood

\*\* Hymn Survey Favourite

**Worship Leaders:**

Minister: Rev. Richard Chung  
Scripture Reader: Patrick Zhu  
Advent Wreath: Ed Williams, Sharon Bliss  
Music Director: Colleen Coulter  
Organist: Madelene Klassen  
Ministry of Music: Knox Choir  
Viola: Brandon Cheong  
Usher/Greeters: Dave Cass, Chris Lay  
Live-Streaming: Kevin Wong  
Webminder: Debra Danny

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**December 22, 2024: Advent IV Love**

**Title:** The Gift of Love

**Scripture:** Micah 5:2-5a; Luke 1:39--55

**Synopsis:** Love defines the heart of Advent and the essence of the Christmas story. As we reflect on Mary's visit to Elizabeth and her song of praise, we see love in action—courageous, selfless, and transformative. This Sunday, we explore how God's love moves us to acts of compassion and commitment, reminding us that love is a gift meant to be shared.

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We acknowledge we worship on the unceded territories of the x\_wm\_əθk\_wəy'əm\_\_(Musqueam), S\_kw\_x\_wú7mesh (Squamish), and Sel'il\_wituh (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations. We thank them for having cared for this land and look forward to relating with them as covenant people of God as we continue to care for this land together.

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