

Knox United Church  
December 21, 2025

Advent 4  
Love



## Advent 4 – Love

### Worship Order, 10:00 AM

(将临期第四主日—爱) 2025 年 12 月 21 日

🎵↑ Rise to sing, as you are able    🎵+ Remain seated to sing

**Prelude:** “Meditation on 'Veni, veni, Emmanuel'”

序曲: “冥想 'Veni, veni, Emmanuel'”

**Welcoming & Candle Lighting**      欢迎仪式与烛光仪式

**Call to Worship:**      呼唤敬拜

God meets us in ordinary life.

**In difficult choices, in unexpected moments.**

Love calls us to courage.

**We come to worship the God who is with us.**

🎵+ **Introit:** “All Earth Is Waiting” (*verse 4 only*)

VU 5

开场白: “整个地球都在等待。” (*仅限第 4 节*)

**Advent Candle Lighting:**      降临节蜡烛点燃仪式

**Reader:** Joseph chose trust instead of fear.

**All: Love often calls us to courage.**

**Reader:** God comes in vulnerable ways.

**All: We light this candle of love, grateful for God's presence.**

(*Light the candles of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love*)

🎵+ **Hymn:** “Hope Is a Star” (*verse 4 only*)

VU 7

圣诗: “希望是一颗星” (*仅限第 4 节*)

**Prayer**      祷告

🎵↑ **Hymn:** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

VU 1

圣诗: “来吧, 来吧, 以马内利”

<p><b>Scripture:</b> Matthew 1:18-25</p> <p>经文： 马太福音 1:18-25</p>	<p>p. 783</p> <p>🎵↑ <b>Hymn:</b> “Go, Tell It on the Mountain” VU 43</p> <p>圣诗： “去吧，告诉山上的人”</p>				
<p>🎵+ <b>Hymn:</b> “Song of Mary” (My Soul Gives Glory to My God)</p> <p>圣诗：《圣母颂》（我的灵魂荣耀我的天主）</p>	<p>VU 899</p> <p><b>Commissioning and Benediction</b> 差遣与祝福</p>				
<p><b>Anthem:</b> “Advent Lullaby”</p> <p>圣歌：《降临节摇篮曲》</p>	<p>🎵↑ <b>Benediction Response:</b> “Jesus Came Bringing Us Love” MV 33</p> <p>祝福回应： “耶稣降临，给我们带来希望”</p>				
<p><b>Sermon:</b> Choosing Courage Over Fear</p> <p>讲道：选择勇气而非恐惧</p>	<p><b>Postlude:</b> “Flourish on an English Carol – Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day”</p> <p>后奏曲：“欢唱一首英国圣诞颂歌——《明天将是我的舞日》”</p>				
<p><b>Ensemble:</b> “Hope is Dawning on the World”</p> <p>合奏： “希望之光正照耀世界”</p>					
<p><b>Announcements</b> 公告</p>					
<p>🎵↑ <b>Offering Hymn:</b> “In the Bleak Midwinter” (verse 4)</p> <p>奉献： 《严冬》 （第4 节）</p>	<p>VU 55</p> <p><b>Worship Leaders:</b></p> <table> <tr> <td> Presider: Rev. Richard Chung  Music Director: Colleen Coulter  Guest Organist: Gerald Harder  Advent Wreath: Chris Lay,  Margaret Pendray </td> <td> Scripture Reader: Gloria Candido  Ministry of Music: Knox Choir  Ensemble: Kimberly Cheong,  Brandon Cheong, Charlie Gatley,  Luke Gair, Lana Whyte </td> </tr> </table>	Presider: Rev. Richard Chung Music Director: Colleen Coulter Guest Organist: Gerald Harder Advent Wreath: Chris Lay, Margaret Pendray	Scripture Reader: Gloria Candido Ministry of Music: Knox Choir Ensemble: Kimberly Cheong, Brandon Cheong, Charlie Gatley, Luke Gair, Lana Whyte		
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<p><b>Dedication of Offering</b> 奉献祈祷</p>	<table> <tr> <td>Head Usher: Dave Cass</td> <td>Greeter: Catherine Shen</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Live-Streaming: Kevin Wong</td> <td>Webminder: Debra Danny</td> </tr> </table>	Head Usher: Dave Cass	Greeter: Catherine Shen	Live-Streaming: Kevin Wong	Webminder: Debra Danny
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<p><b>Prayers of the People</b> 会众祷告</p>					
<p>🎵+ <b>Lord’s Prayer (spoken)</b> 主祷文（口述）</p> <p>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.</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <p><i>This bilingual worship order reflects our welcome toward Chinese members of the community, as part of our commitment to being a welcoming and inclusive church.</i></p> <p>本双语礼拜程序体现了我们对社区华人朋友的欢迎，也是我们致力于成为一个欢迎并包容的教会的一部分。</p> <hr/> <hr/> <p>+++</p> <p>Land Acknowledgment:</p> <p>We acknowledge we worship on the unceded territories of the  x_ʷm_əθk_ʷəy_əmə_ (Musqueam), S_kw_x_wú7mesh (Squamish),  and Sel_íl_ʷitulh (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.</p> <p>+++</p> <hr/> <hr/>				

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**Title:** Choosing Courage Over Fear

标题：选择勇气而非恐惧

**Text:** Matthew 1:18-25

文本：马太福音 1:18-25

**Synopsis:** Faced with a hard decision, Joseph chose trust and courage. Love takes shape in the everyday choices we make to follow God's lead.

概要：面对艰难抉择，约瑟选择了信赖和勇气。爱体现在我们日常生活中跟随神的指引所做的每一个选择中。

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### **Advent & Christmas Series: "God with Us in Uncertain Times"**

将临期及圣诞节系列讲道：“在动荡的时代，上帝与我们同在”

This season isn't about waiting for everything to be perfect. It's about learning how God shows up in real life — in the middle of uncertainty, change, questions, and even danger. Advent prepares us, Christmas celebrates God's arrival, and the days after reminding us: God stays with us, no matter what.

这个季节并非等待一切完美，而是学习上帝如何在真实的生活里显现——

在不确定、变化、疑问，甚至是危险之中。将临期预备我们，圣诞节庆祝上帝的降临，而之后的日子则提醒我们：无论发生什么，上帝都与我们同在。

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