

Season of Advent Week 4 – Love



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Gathering and Preparation

Prelude: Memorial Slide Show

Christmas Carols 10 minutes before service

Processional: Glory to God

Glory, glory, glory to God in the highest,
Glory, glory, glory to God be praise!
Glory, glory, glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.

Welcome:

Check In:

Acknowledgement of the Land

Ahniin, We acknowledge that the land on which St. Paul's United Church is located is the traditional land of the Wendat and Anishinaabe First Nations.

Today, this meeting place is still the home to many Indigenous People from across Turtle Island, including Metis and our neighbours on Christian Island, Beausoleil First Nation. We are grateful to have the opportunity to worship and work on this land. We are all Treaty people.

This week, we give thanks for those who demonstrate love and help to build confidence in First Nations communities. For the beloved aunties who sew Ribbon Skirts, for the Elders who teach beading, for the coaches who help children grow strong and skilled.

We commit ourselves to walking in a new way together: a path of healing and hope.
Chi-Meegwetch

Call to Worship

Instead of waiting on presents and Christmas treats

We choose to wait for Christ

Instead of fear, hate, and complacency

We choose to be bold and courageous in our love

Instead of being bound by the pressures and expectations of traditions

We choose to trust in you

And so, filled with God's love,

We praise Creator today in beloved community

Where all of us belong.

Opening Prayer Reader: TBD

Lighting of Advent Candles: Love Candle

Sung Response: We Light This Candle

We light this candle for love

Await the new life within.

May our hearts now live each day,

so love can find a way,

so love can find a way.

Peace of Christ

Listening

Scripture: John 1:1-18 NRSV **Reader:** Kirsty

INSERT Special Presentation: Cantata

Life and Work of the Church (Announcements)

Offering of Thanksgiving:

Offertory Music: Choir

Offertory Response: VU#55 verse 4 In the Bleak Midwinter

What can I give Him, Poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb,

If I were a wise man I would do my part,

Yet what I can I give Him, Give my heart.

Celebrations and Concerns

Prayers of the People Reader: TBD

Going Forth

Song for the Journey: VU#61 Of the Father's Love Begotten

Extinguishing of the Candles

Blessing

Closing: Gloria VU#37

Postlude



**The Poinsettias have been
Provided for the Glory of God in Memory of...**

Mel Brown

Doug & Lorraine Bumstead

George & Marjorie Burton

Rocco Commisso

Ken & Bessie Cowan

Don & Jean Craig

Millie Dell

Ellen Barber

Faragher & Price Family

Fred Earl

Helen French

Harold & Arlene French

Gunter & Ruth Freund

Doug Hill

Jake Just

Tom & Greg Rogers

Ginger & George Leck

George Leck Jr.

Marjorie & Clarence Lusk

Michael & Mark McConnell

Phyll & Jim McCullough

Bryson McQuirter

Jack & Edna Parker

Irene & Charles Payne

Christopher Payne

Cliff Pendlebury

Lorne Profit

John Steele

Eefie van den Dool

Aileen & Jim Wallace Sue Webb

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