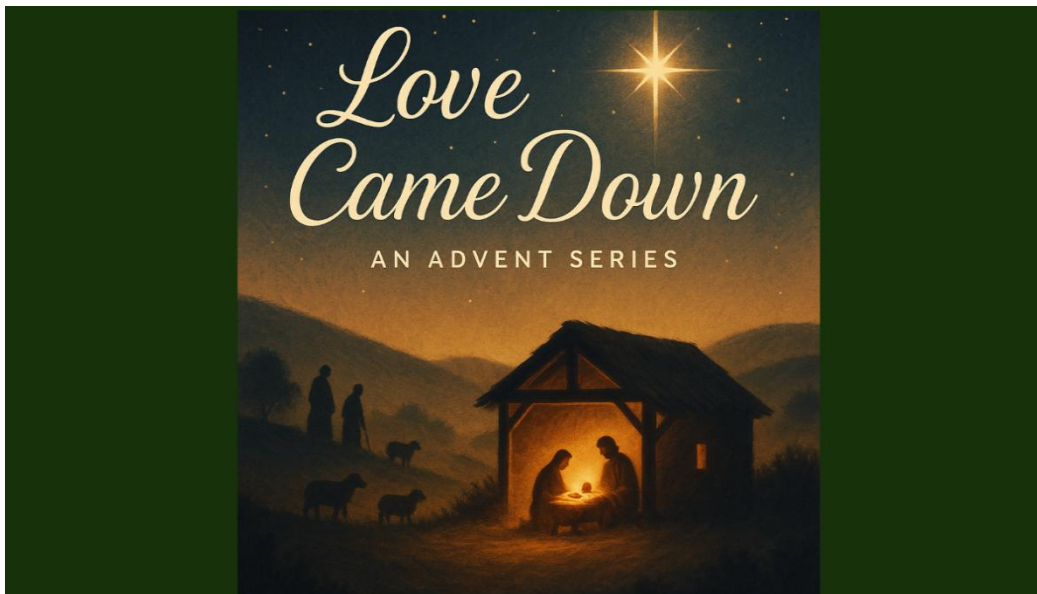


### **Isaiah 55:12-13**

For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song and all of the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn, shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier, shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

### **Luke 1:46-55**

Mary said, "With all my heart I glorify the Lord! In the depths of who I am I rejoice in God my savior. God has looked with favor on the low status of his servant. Look! From now on, everyone will consider me highly favored because the mighty one has done great things for me. Holy is God's name. God shows mercy to everyone, from one generation to the next, who honors God as God. God has shown strength with his arm. God has scattered those with arrogant thoughts and proud inclinations. God has pulled the powerful down from their thrones and lifted up the lowly. God has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty-handed. God has come to the aid of his servant Israel, remembering God's mercy, just as God promised to our ancestors, to Abraham and to Abraham's descendants forever."



**December 14, 2025 9:00 am Third Sunday of Advent**

*\*Please stand if it is comfortable for you*

\*GATHERING SONG

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

WELCOME & GREETING

\*SONG

*Welcome to Our World*

LIGHTING OUR THIRD ADVENT CANDLE – JOY

Isaiah 55:12-13

**Unison Prayer: As Christmas draws near, O God, we can see and feel the joy of Advent. We are a joyful people who await your coming. Multiply this gift among us so that those who struggle are sustained. May the songs we sing and the life we live witness to the world of your glorious grace. Amen**

SUNG RESPONSE     *In This Time of Waiting*     Words on the  
Screens

*In this time of waiting we will sing with joy. Joy in Jesus: darkness won't destroy. In our expectation we will sing with joy; hearts of longing. We will sing with joy.*

WITNESSING GOD'S LOVE TO OUR CHILDREN

*Children Pre-K through 5th grade may go to Children's Church. Pre-K through 2nd grade go to the Nursery and 3rd through 5th grade go to classroom E-8.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Joyous God, creator of laughter and beauty; pleasure and joy, we confess our need for your delight and insight on our journey of life and faith. We see longer lists and fewer days; busy schedules and hurried conversations; fewer dollars and greater needs. It is easy to slip under a gloomy cloud of despair. Yet you call us from darkness and hopelessness into light and joy. You remind us that you are seeking to do a new thing through even us. Forgive our hesitation and fear. Be born in us this day as we make our silent confessions (silent confession).

SUNG RESPONSE     *Emmanuel, Emmanuel*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC     *Breath of Heaven*

**Advent Theme: *Love Came Down***

SCRIPTURE READING     Luke 1:46-55

SERMON     *Mary's Song, Our Joy*

\*SONG     *Little Drummer Boy, Peace on Earth*

A TIME FOR PRAYER

OFFERING OUR LIVES AND OUR BLESSINGS

Invitation

Offertory

Song of Thanksgiving

*Come Thou Long*

*Expected Jesus*

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

\*CLOSING BLESSING

**Participating in Worship:**

Rev. Jenny Arneson, Pastor  
Lisa Wink, Treasurer, Worship Assistant  
Tubbs Family, Advent Readers  
Daniel Taylor, Dir. of Family Ministry, Children's Time  
RiversEdge, Music

**INVITATIONS TO ACTION**

If you are not already receiving our Monday Devotional Word of the Week or our weekly Thursday email that outlines what is happening in the life of this faith community please reach out to the church office so we can get you on this email list at [office@sunprairieumc.org](mailto:office@sunprairieumc.org) or 837-5554.

**Middle and High School Youth Christmas Party Tonight**

All Middle and High School Youth are invited to join us tonight, December 14th from 6-7:30pm for our Christmas Party. We will share in food, crafts, music and games. No need to RSVP. If you have any questions please reach out to Director of Family Ministry Daniel Taylor.

**Children's Christmas Program-- A Child Shall Lead**

On December 21st during worship be prepared to join our children in a surprising journey to the stables of Bethlehem, where A Child Shall Lead us from the miracle of Christ unto the world to the miracle of Christ who lives on in the hearts and commitment of each and everyone of us. This "Christmas in a Bag" program will be full of surprises, as all who attend worship may have the chance to be invited in as part of the story. Arrive like any other Sunday, but be prepared because you may just be randomly handed a bag with a role and a costume. When the Children's moment starts, get suited up and listen for your cue to come up to the stable scene as the story unfolds. With poetry and narration brought to life by our confirmation volunteers, this is sure to be a moment to remember.

**Christmas Blessing and Communion**

We will offer a Christmas Blessing and the sacrament of Communion in a drive-thru style in our church parking lot from 12:30-1:30 pm and then in the lobby of the Colonial Club at 301 Blankenheim Ln. in Sun Prairie from 3:30-4:30 pm on Monday, December 22. This is for anyone who would like to receive a Christmas Blessing and Communion, but may be particularly meaningful if you are not able to come to Christmas Eve worship. Invite others to join you!

**Longest Night Worship**

For many, Christmas is a bittersweet time of the year. For some their hearts are breaking over the loss of a loved one, battling physical or mental health issues, or facing difficult family situations. If you struggle to find joy in this season or just want a quiet, reflective time of worship, we offer our Longest Night Service. Through music and Scripture, prayer and communion, along with the lighting of candles, we hope to break through any darkness in our lives to find the light that Jesus the Christ offers. Our

Longest Night Service will be held on Sunday, December 21 at 4:30 pm. You are welcome to join us in the church sanctuary or online.