



December 21, 2025 9:00 am Fourth Sunday of Advent

**Please stand if it is comfortable for you*

PRELUDE

WELCOME & GREETING

*SONG OF BEGINNING *Sing We Now of* No. 237
Christmas, vs. 1-3 Red Hymnal

LIGHTING OUR FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE – LOVE

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Unison Prayer: O God who is love, move among us in this magical, mystical time. Encourage us once again with the strength of love. Humble us with the gift of love. Make us very good at love so that we may delight in the joy of your presence and the life of your people, one and all. We pray in Jesus' name, the One in whom the fullness of your love has been pleased to dwell. Amen

SUNG RESPONSE *In This Time of Waiting* Words on
the Screens
*In this time of waiting we will bring hearts of love. Peace and hope
and joy bound up in Love. In our expectation we bring hearts of
love: hearts of longing. We bring hearts of love.*

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.*

*HYMN *There's a Song in the Air,* No. 249
vs. 1, & 3-4 Red Hymnal

MINISTRY OF MUSIC *Christmas Lullaby*

Advent Theme: Love Came Down

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 6:32-36

SERMON *All You Need is Love*

*HYMN *Joy to the World,* No. 246
vs. 1, 2 & 4 Red Hymnal

A TIME FOR PRAYER

OFFERING OUR LIVES AND OUR BLESSINGS

Invitation

Offertory

Doxology

Come, Emmanuel, Come
No. 94 Red Hymnal

*CLOSING BLESSING

*SUNG RESPONSE *O Come, O Come,* No. 211
Emmanuel, vs. 2 Red Hymnal

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful, it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end.

Luke 6:32-36

"If you love those who love you, why should you be commended? Even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, why should you be commended? Even sinners do that. If you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, why should you be commended? Even sinners lend to sinners expecting to be paid back in full. Instead, love your enemies, do good, and lend expecting nothing in return. If you do, you will have a great reward. You will be acting the way children of the Most High act, for God is kind to ungrateful and wicked people. Be compassionate just as God is compassionate.

Participating in Worship:

Rev. Jenny Arneson, Pastor

Rev. Brad Mather, Dir. of Caring Ministries, Preaching
Bednar Family, Advent Readers

Daniel Taylor, Dir. of Family Ministry, Children's Time

Heavenly Handbells, Music; Steve Crego, Director

Harold Silvester & Michelle Flood, Special Music

Sue Lundeen, Organist

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 or 837-5554.

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.

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!

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Church Office Hours

Our church office will close at 12 pm on December 24th and will be closed for Christmas on December 25th.

Christmas Eve Worship

5 pm

Worship with the Christmas Eve Band

7 pm

Worship with the Chancel Choir

9 pm

Worship with special music by Michelle Flood and the music of the Harp by Gini Werling. This service included Holy Communion

All Christmas Eve services will end in candlelight and the singing of Silent Night.

Nursery care will be offered at 5 pm and 7 pm services.

Children's time at 5 pm and 7 pm

Children's Christmas Eve Worship Activity bags will be available.