

First United Church, Mount Pearl Pastoral Charge
December 21st, 2025

Praise Medley: Let Us Build a House Where Love Can Dwell
Sing We the Song of Emmanuel

Welcome and Announcements

Sharing the Peace

Introit: A Candle Is Burning **VU 6 vs 4**

Call to Worship:

This is the fourth Sunday of Advent. Are you ready?

We are ready to welcome hope into our lives.

We are ready to live in peace.

We are invited to dance with joy.

We are called to live in love.

We are ready to welcome the Christ Child!

Maranatha. Come, Lord Jesus.

Let us open our hearts and our lives!

Gathering Prayer: (unison)

God of light and new life, we gather this day, eager to hear your message of Christ's Advent. In this time of joy and love, we are busy with our celebrations. Help us to slow down and remember. Remind us again of the life-changing coming of your chosen One. Forgive us when presents, parties, and visiting get in the way of honouring you. Fill us with expectancy and hope, we pray. Amen.

Lighting the Candle of Love

1: The fourth Sunday of Advent has arrived.

We join the dance of dark and light.

2: Imagine the night sky, a velvety deep black, surrounding and cradling the earth.

1: As the sky darkens, stars appear, one by one.

Darkness cradles the light.

2: Starlight twinkles in the beauty of the darkness.

And the wonder of dark and light dancing astounds us.

1: Light and dark, friends and companions.

One cannot exist without the other.

2: And out of the dance of night and stars bursts forth love: the love of God revealed. May love dance among us, the love we know through Jesus.

(Light fourth candle)

Sung Response: (unison)

**Give me stars in the night,
let the dark and light dance.**

Give me stars in the night, I pray.

Give me stars in the night,

let the dark and light dance,

let the dark and light dance today.

Love is coming. Love is coming.

Love is coming on Christmas Day.

Christ is coming. Christ is coming.

Christ is coming, shout "Hooray"!!

Hymn: What Child Is This **VU 74**

Offertory Hymn: All That We Have

Offertory Prayer: (unison)

Loving God, receive our gifts of money and our heartfelt thanks for the depth of your love revealed in Jesus. We commit ourselves again to your ways of justice, peace, and compassion. Amen.

INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S SERVICE

Lighting of the First Candle: "Emmanuel"

Hymn: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel **VU 1 vs 1** (remain seated)

First Lesson: Isaiah 7:14

Hymn: O Little Town of Bethlehem **VU 64**

Prayer

Lighting of the Second Candle: "Wisdom"

Hymn: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel **VU 1 vs 2** (remain seated)

Second Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-2

Hymn: The First Nowell **VU 91**

Prayer

Lighting of the Third Candle: "God of Might"

Hymn: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel **VU 1 vs 3** (remain seated)

Third Lesson: Isaiah 9:6-7

Hymn: 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime **VU 71**

Prayer

Lighting of the Fourth Candle: "Root of Jesse"

Hymn: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel **VU 1 vs 4** (remain seated)

Fourth Lesson: Isaiah 11:10

Hymn: While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks **VU 75**

Prayer

Lighting of the Fifth Candle: "Key of David"

Hymn: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel **VU 1 vs 5** (remain seated)

Fifth Lesson: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Hymn: Once in Royal David's City **VU 62**

Prayer

Lighting of the Sixth Candle: "Dayspring"

Hymn: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel **VU 1 vs 6** (remain seated)

Sixth Lesson: Luke 1:76-79

Hymn: Joy to the World **VU 59**

Prayer

Lighting of the Seventh Candle: "Desire of the Nations"

Hymn: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel **VU 1 vs 7** (remain seated)

Seventh Lesson: Haggai 2:6-7

Hymn: It Came Upon the Midnight Clear **VU 44**

Prayer

Ministry of Music

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response: Jesus Came Bringing Us Love

Hymn: Hark! the Herald Angels Sing **VU 48**

Benediction

Let us prepare the way for the Christ Child as we open our hearts to God incarnate. O come, O come, Emmanuel!