



Sunday, December 24, 2023

Join us for the Advent IV — LOVE worship service on Sunday, **December 24th** in person at 10:30 a.m. or online [here](#). Christmas Eve services are at 5:00, 6:30 and 8:00 p.m. We are streaming the 5:00 p.m. **Christmas Eve service**, which you can access by [clicking here](#).

This week at Riverbend United

December 22, 2023

Christmas blessings to you, friends of Riverbend United Church.

We light our candles to welcome the birth of the Christ.
We pray for peace for our neighbours and the world.
We gather with friends and family.
We renew our faith as we move into another year of the Christian life.

And all the while, the divine love swirls through us and amongst us:
God in form, *Emmanuel*: God with us.

Sunday morning, we'll honour the fourth Sunday in Advent at 10:30 and I invite you to come ready to share your Christmas traditions or favorite memories.

Then on this holy night of Christmas Eve, come and worship as we hear and sing the Christmas story and share the Light of Christ. It's my favourite night of the year.

Peace, dear friends,

Valerie

A Christmas Blessing by Kate Bowler

God, we are waiting for love,
not the simple kind or the sweep-you-off-your-feet kind,
but the absurd kind.

The kind wrapped in rags,
resting in a bucket of animal feed.
Love enough to save us all.

Blessed are we who look for Love
deeper, fuller, truer — than we have ever known,
than we could have ever hoped for.

Blessed are we who seek You,
the light that dawned so long ago
in that dark stable.
Love given.
Love received.

Receive this gift, dear one.
Love has come for you.



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