



## LOVE: THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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**LEADER:** On this Fourth Sunday of Advent, we join in worship to celebrate LOVE—recalling God’s extended love to all peoples. God is love. God created love and gifted love. As we wait on the second coming of Christ, remind us, O Lord, that your love abides forever.

**RESPONSE:** Lord, deepen our love for you and our love for others.

**LEADER:** Transform us in the power of your love. Let your love guide us whenever we think, speak, or act. Let us love each other as you have loved us. *“Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.”* [1 John 4:7]

**RESPONSE:** Lord, deepen our love for you and our love for others.

**LEADER:** We thank you for the assurance that when nothing else can help, your love will provide the strength to carry on. May you kindle in our hearts, the pure flame of your eternal love; empower us so we may walk in your light and your love.

*Light the three purple candles and the one pink candle.*

**ALL:** We light the candle of love today, proclaiming that our hearts are filled with your pure, everlasting, and all-encompassing love. Lord, as we wait and worship, may we be persistent in hope, may we pursue peace with passion, may joy overflow in us, through us, beyond us, and may you magnify your love in us beyond measure, now and always, we pray, Amen.