

Mt. Zion UMC

Sunday, December 21, 2025, Advent Four – Love

Countdown

Prelude – Carol of the Bells – Hannah Haines

*Pre-Service Video, **This Is the Day***

Birthdays/Anniversaries, Announcements/Invitation Video

Opening Hymn – UMH 242 Love Came Down at Christmas

Lighting of the Advent Candle – The Beck Family and The Davis Family

Choral Response: Christ Be Our Light, Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light.

Shine on Your church gathered today.

Unison Prayer:

Gracious God, we come before You in awe and gratitude. Like the Magi, we seek Your presence; like Simeon, we wait with hope. Today we respond to the gift of Your Son, our Savior and King. Teach us to worship You with our hearts, obey You with our lives, and adore You with all that we are. May our daily surrender reflect the salvation we have received in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Children's Moments – Bethlehem Lullaby (tune Brahms Lullaby)

Anthem – Christmastime – The Faithful Few

Joys and Concerns/Prayer Song – UMH 204 Emmanuel, Emmanuel

Pastoral Prayer/The Lord's Prayer (spoken)

Hymn of Preparation – UMH 250 Once in Royal David's City

Pre-Message Video

Scripture: Matthew 2:1–12; Luke 2:25–35

Sermon – "Responding to the King" – Pastor Shawn

Special Music – Do You Hear What I Hear – Joe Staub and Dan Armacost

Offertory/Doxology UMH 95 (No Alleluias)

Closing Hymn – UMH 238 Angels We Have Heard on High

Benediction

Parting Song – UMH 237 Sing We Now of Christmas, vs. 1