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Series Title: **THE WONDER OF ADVENT: LOVE**
Key Scripture: **1 John 4:7–12, John 3:16-20**
Recorded Sermon: www.woodvale.ca/pastservices/v/the-wonder-of-advent-part-4-love
Date + Speaker: Sunday, December 28, 2025 + Pastor Kimberley Malloy

The Big Idea
God is love and demonstrated this love through Christ. Loving others is not optional, it is the visible evidence of our relationship with Him and what the world desperately needs.

Starter:
Can you think of a time when you received a gift that felt especially meaningful? What made it memorable?

Discussion:
1. Read 1 John 4:7–12 together. What words are repeated and why do you think these words are emphasized?
2. According to verses 7- 10, how is love described and what does the passage say about the source of love?
3. According to the passage, how did God demonstrate His love for mankind? (Also read John 3:16-20, does this passage give additional insight?)
4. In verses 11–12, what connections do you observe between God loving us and our responsibility to love others?

Diving Deeper:
1. The sermon points to Agape Love – selfless and sacrificial. How does this reshape or expand your understanding of love?

2. Why do you think that God's command to love one another is rooted in His character rather than our emotions or circumstances?

3. This passage challenges cultural ideas of love:
    a. In what ways does God's definition of love differ from what our culture promotes?
    b. How does this truth affect the way we approach loving *difficult people*?

4. What are practical ways you can reflect God's kind of love (selfless, sacrificial and unconditional) in your home, workplace, or community?