

We Gather In God's Presence

Lighting the Christ Candle

Gathering In Song MV 2 "Come All You People"
Come all you people, come and praise your Maker,
come all you people, come and praise your Maker,
come all you people, come and praise your Maker.
Come now and worship the LORD.

Birthdays, Celebrations, and Life and Work of the Congregation – see last page ...

Call to Worship

We come here to worship God,
to speak to God of our hopes and dreams,
our regrets and fears, hoping God will draw near.

**We seek proof of God's presence with us,
proof that we have found favour with God, and, finally,
proof that we matter, that we are loved by our Creator.**

That is why our forebears build this place of worship.

**That is why we come here each week,
to this cleft in the rock,
hoping to catch a glimpse of the glory of God.**

Let us worship the Lord our God.

Hymn VU 198 "Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us" *to tune Abbot's Leigh (VU 104)*

Come, O Spirit, dwell among us,
 come with pentecostal power;
give the church a stronger vision,
 help us face each crucial hour.
Built upon a firm foundation,
 Jesus Christ, the cornerstone,
still the church is called to mission
 that God's love shall be made known.

We would raise our hallelujahs
 for the grace of yesteryears;
for tomorrow's unknown pathway,
 hear, O God, our humble prayers.
In the church's pilgrim journey
 you have led us all the way,
still in presence move before us,
 fire by night and cloud by day.

Come, O Spirit, dwell among us,
give us words of fire and flame.
Help our feeble lips to praise you,
glorify your holy name.
God, all holy, Son and Spirit,
three in one: what mystery!
We would sing our loud hosannas
now and through eternity.

Opening Prayer (*unison*)

Holy and Gracious God, we come before you this day to give you thanks. We give thanks for this congregation, for our forebears who started this congregation, and for your blessings on this congregation throughout 201 years of work and worship. Fill us anew with your Holy Spirit. Help us honour our forebears by renewing their vision. Help us to seize each moment, each opportunity to strive for Your kingdom, where all are blessed by You. In the name of our Risen Saviour, Jesus, the Christ, we pray. Amen.

We Are Blessed By God

Anthem: Precious Lord, Take My Hand
It Is Well With My Soul

All Four One
All Four One

IN FLANDERS FIELDS
BY JOHN MCCRAE

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

Hymn VU 528 "God of Life" *to tune Beach Spring (VU 374)*

God of life, in Christ you lead us,
guiding us along the way.
In our past, through joys and sorrows,
you have been our strength and stay.
Keep us faithful, true disciples,
in our learning and our praise,
celebrating past and present, consecrating future days.

God of words and Word Incarnate,
words that challenge and embrace,
grant us boldness in our speaking,
while we know your loving grace.

Give us words both clear and winsome,
loving hearts and listening ears,
celebrating past and present, consecrating future years.

God of music, psalms and anthems,
help us sing your faith anew:
melodies expanding worship,
harmonies enriching too.

May our lives be hymns in action,
tuned to Christ in note and rhyme,
celebrating past and present, consecrating future time.

God of days and years and eons,
still you call as in the past.
Work undone demands our labour;
justice yearns for peace at last.

Yours the vision and the challenge;
ours the mission and the praise,
celebrating past and present, consecrating future days.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession & The Lord's Prayer

Almighty and merciful God, from whom comes all that is good, we praise you for all your mercies: for your goodness that has created us, your grace that has sustained us, your wisdom that has challenged us, your patience that has borne with us, and your love that has redeemed us. Help us to love you and all your children, and to be thankful for all your gifts, by serving you and delighting to do your will.

Gracious God, we pray for your church. May we heed your radical call to peace, that we may be a role model for this world of madness and warmongering. This week we pray especially for Dundas Street United Church in Woodstock, and their minister, the Rev. Dr. Sherpherd Munikwa.

We pray for the peoples and leaders of the nations, that they may be reconciled one to another in pursuit of your justice and peace. This week we pray especially for the people of American Samoa, the Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia (Maohi Nui), Kanaky, Kiribati, the Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, the Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu.

We pray for all who suffer from violence, and for all who have died a violent death, on every side of every dispute, around the world, and throughout time. Especially we remember those who have given their lives in service of a world of justice and peace.

The Last Post

MINUTE OF SILENCE

Reveille <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r9RwkNVqtog>

We pray for all who are ill, especially we remember: Donna Auckland, Cecil Jenkins, Marlene Smith, and their loved ones, and caregivers.

And we pray for those who mourn the death of loved ones, especially we think of the friends and family of: Shirley Morris, Elizabeth Rantala, Lorne Scott and Anne Smith.

Compassionate God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy now and forever. This we pray in the name of your Son, the Prince of Peace, who taught us to pray, saying,

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Invitation to Invest in God's Mission

Those saints who have gone before us knew that every blessing they had came from God, and so they gave freely and generously of their time, their gifts, their finances. Following in their footsteps we too give freely and generously to God who has blessed us.

Creator and lover of all souls, we thank you for those saintly souls who have taught us the blessing of knowing you, and the joy of serving you. According to the example of Jesus and the saints, we give ourselves to you and make our resources available to you, for the work of sharing the gospel in this present age, and of acting on behalf of the poor and oppressed. Receive and use our gifts, we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 146

Praise God, O my soul. As long as I live I will praise God.

Yes, as long as I have life I will sing praises to God.

Put not your trust in princes, nor in any mortal,
for in them there is no help.

**When they breathe their last they return to dust;
then their plans come to nothing.**

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
**whose hope is the Maker of heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them,**

the One who keeps faith for ever,
**who gives justice to the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry.**

God sets prisoners free, restores sight to the blind.

**God straightens those who are bent;
loves those who are just.**

God cares for the stranger in the land,
and sustains the widow and orphan;

but the way of the wicked God turns to ruin.

God shall reign forever, O Zion,
your God for all generations.

Scripture: 1 Kings 17:8-16

The Widow of Zarephath

⁸ Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, ⁹ “Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰ So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” ¹¹ As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹² But she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.” ¹³ Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴ For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth.” ¹⁵ She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶ The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

Scripture: Mark 12:38-44

Jesus Denounces the Scribes

³⁸ As he taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹ and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰ They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

The Widow’s Offering

⁴¹ He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³ Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴ For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

Introduction of the Guest Speaker

Nancy Smith *Chair of Unified Board*

Meditation: “Truth or Dare”

We Respond to God’s Blessing

Hymn MV 1 “Let Us Build a House”

Let us build a house where love can dwell and
all can safely live, a place where saints and
children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Build of
hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of
grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and
words are strong and true, where all God’s children
dare to seek to dream God’s reign anew. Here the
cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God’s
grace; here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found in
water, wine and wheat; a banquet hall on
holy ground, where peace and justice meet. Here the
love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and
space; as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach be-
yond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen
serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the
outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's
face; let us bring an end to fear and danger:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named, their
songs and visions heard and loved and treasured,
taught and claimed as words within the Word. Built of
tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of
grace; let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Commissioning and Benediction

Go into the world and make God's love known,
God's justice more than just a dream,
and God's peace a reality,
and may the love of God,
the peace of Christ,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit go with us all.
May it be so.

Amen

Sung Response: "Go Now In Peace"

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there supporting us with love.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen, amen, amen.

Postlude: Let There Be Peace On Earth

All Four One

World War I – 1914-1918

Sparta

Charles Haight

Rev. P.T. Kinghan

Reginald Kirk

James Pound

Harriet L. Smith

Union

Private Earl Colley

Private Kenneth Davidson

Lieutenant Thomas A. Davidson

Captain Clarence Gliddon M.D.

Private Edward Hartzell

Private Fred Jackson

Private Rev. Fred Kinghan

Private Ted Marlatt

Captain Albert Micks

Private Davidson Micks

Private James Olde

Private Arthur Porter

Sapper Thomas Trick

World War II – 1939-1946

Sparta

Clayton Burke

William Henderson

Duncan Prior

Union

H. Fish

G. Hereford

C. McDougall

D. Owen

Crumlin

World War I – 1914-1918

Private Ernie Ashman	Private Clarence Guest
Private Robert Ashman	Private David Hendry
Private Everett Bedggood	Private Stewart Kersey
Private John Billington	Private Harry Preston
Private Robert Crosby	Private William Smith
Private Freeman Duffin	Private Harry Weir
Private Grant Duffin	Private William Williamson
Private Earnest Fitzgerald	Private George Woods
Sapper Richard E. Fox	Sapper John Woods
Private LaMont Gee	Private Randall Woods

World War II – 1939-1946

Angus Armour	J. Kenneth Duffin
Frank Benny	W. Kenneth G. Duffin
George Benny	Ewart W. Jolliffe
Jack Benny	Fred A. Leitch
Jack W. Byers	C. Murray Logan
Jack Crombie	John S. McMartin
Jesse W. Dawkins	George J. Phelps
Ronald J. Dawkins	Hubert W. P. Thomson
Donald F. Duffin	Marian P. Thomson

Dorchester

Grant Bowlby	Russel Kilburne
Harold Boyes, M. D.	Ted Lake
Cliff Broadhurst	Norm Lake
Roy Broadhurst	Neil McDonald
Victor Couch	Charles Miles
Everett Crockett	Ben Mulholland
John Crockett	Jack Percy
Fred Droukett	Lyle Reading
Douglas Ferrar	Betty Robinson
Leo Gent	Morgan Robinson
Bruce Hunt	Jack Rogers
Ted Hunt	Will Spragg
Jack Hunt	Jack Wallis
Andy Johnson	Wes Williams
Bill Johnson	

Announcements.....

Union:

The Unified Board will meet on Wednesday, November 17 at 7 p.m. Mark will be sending a zoom link for the meeting closer to the date.

Our guest speaker today is the Rev. Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa, who is the Executive Minister for Antler River Watershed Regional Council, Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council and Horseshoe Falls Regional Council. Cheryl-Ann was the Executive Minister of the former London Conference. Cheryl-Ann will be joining us by Zoom.

Special Music today is provided by local quartet *All Four One*. They are Peter O'Donnell (Bass), Roger Reid (Lead), Bruce Green (Baritone), and Mike DiFabio (Tenor).

The Reopening Task Group is asking for volunteers to help take attendance each week. A list of attendees names and contact info would be already in a binder, the volunteer would need to check the list and record the attendance date. Please let Lynne Winter or Heather Schneider know if you are willing to help.

The Christmas Shoppe will be happening again this year. They are looking for donations of items or money as well as volunteers to help when the Shoppe is open. If you are able to volunteer, please let Pat Palmer know. 519-764-2368 (leave a message)

The Shoppe will be open: Tuesday Nov. 30, Wednesday Dec. 1, Thursday Dec. 2, and Friday Dec. 3.

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day and also 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on the Tuesday.

Donations may be delivered to the gym of First United Church on Sunday, Nov. 28 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. and Monday, Nov. 29, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
OR bring to Union Church before Nov 28 and Roberta will deliver them.

Send monetary donations to: Sandra Taylor, Treasurer,
24 Caldwell St. St. Thomas, ON N5R 5J2

Dorchester:

The Central Board will meet on Tuesday, November 16 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. Please have all committee reports to Karyn by end of the day on **Friday, November 12th** so that she has time to prepare the agenda and distribute to everyone in advance of the meeting.

ALL:

Lectionary Readings for next week: (Nov 14, Twenty-fifth after Pentecost, Proper 28)

1 Samuel 1:4-20; 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25; Mark 13:1-8