

**BULLETIN NOTATIONS**

**VU**-Voices United Hymn Book | **MV**-More Voices Hymn Book  
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\* *Indicates to please stand, if able*

*“The only thing I can't resist is temptation.” ~ Oscar Wilde*

*“Lead us not into temptation. Just tell us where it is; we'll find it.”  
~ Sam Levenson*

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

“There are two ways of spreading light; to be the candle or the mirror  
that reflects it.” ~ Edith Wharton

**INTROIT:** Tune HWC 101 “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

His name is Wonderful, His name is Wonderful,  
His name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord;  
He is the mighty King, Master of everything,  
His name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.

He's the great Shepherd, the Rock of all ages,  
Almighty God is He;  
Bow down before Him, love and adore Him,  
His name is Wonderful Jesus, my Lord.

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** *(responsively)*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Lord God is our God.

**We will exalt Him.**

For He has worked wonders.

**The Lord is our strength and our song.**

Every Word of God is tested.

**He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him.**

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Then we will say on this day,  
**we will give praise and thanks to the Lord.**  
Let us worship.  
**Let us pray.**

GATHERING PRAYER:

**Gracious and generous God,  
Creator and giver of all that is good.  
We acknowledge that all that we have is from You.  
We offer praise and thanks for the beauty of the earth,  
for our work, our loved ones, and all the gifts we have been given.  
We come this morning to renew our commitment to serve You and  
be grateful stewards of Your creation.  
May we do this with a joyful spirit of mind and heart.  
We pray in the Name of Jesus through whom all things came into  
being. Amen.**

\***HYMN OF PRAISE:** VU 651 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

**TIME OF REFLECTION and CONFESSION**

**This year, we want to further understand Your ways.  
To experience You; to be thrilled and satisfied in You.  
To draw near to You. And to love You by obeying You.  
To learn how to deal with temptations that surround us  
Jesus, You said that all things are possible for those who believe.  
We respond by crying out, “Lord, we believe; help our unbelief!”  
Raise the dead things in our spirit to life again!  
Lead us to walk daily in Your glorious presence!  
And bring our loved ones to behold the wondrous grace of Jesus!  
We pray not only as individuals, but as a church, a body,  
a family, and as Your royal priesthood.  
And we pray all this in Jesus' name, Amen!**

*Silent Reflection*

**Help us now to live our earthly lives, close to You.  
Drawing near to You. Relying upon our Mediator.  
Delighting in Your throne of grace.  
Help us shine with the radiance of Your glorious light!**

**\*HYMN:** Tune VU 662 “Lead Me Lord”

**Lead me in your righteousness  
Make Your way plain before my face.  
For it is You and You Lord only  
that makes me dwell in safety.**

**RESPONSIVE READING VU pg. 863** “Psalm 141”

*READER: Stephen Bronn*

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Matthew 4:1-11

The Temptation of Jesus

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.’ But he answered, ‘It is written,

“One does not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.” ’

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

“He will command his angels concerning you”,

and “On their hands they will bear you up,

so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.” ’

Jesus said to him, ‘Again it is written, “Do not put the Lord your God to the test.” ’

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, ‘All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

“Worship the Lord your God,

and serve only him.” ’

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Let us hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**Thanks be to God.**

CHOIR ANTHEM: “We Can Share His Love” ~ Price/Besig

INVITATION TO OFFERING

**\*SUNG RESPONSE:** VU 540

**Grant us, God, the grace of giving,  
with a spirit large and free,  
that ourselves and all our living  
we may offer faithfully.**

**\*OFFERING PRAYER:** *(in unison)*

**Gracious God,**

**You have taught us that it is better to give than to receive.**

**You have blessed us with abundance**

**and we can never out-give you.**

**Receive these offerings that come from our hearts**

**as well as our hands.**

**May Your blessing magnify their benefits.**

**We pray in the Name of Jesus who gives us all things. Amen.**

May our prayers rise like incense to God’s Throne.

PASTORAL PRAYER

*(Lord hear our prayer, and in your love, answer)*

**THE LORD’S PRAYER:** *(sung – VU 959)*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil**

**for the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,**

**now and forever.**

**\*HYMN VU 115:** “Jesus, Tempted in the Desert”

MESSAGE: “Everyday Temptations”

**\*CLOSING HYMN VU 266:** “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**AFTER WORSHIP**, everyone is invited to stay for refreshments and fellowship on the lower level.

**LARGE PRINT HYMNS and RESPONSIVE READINGS** are available on the pew as you enter the sanctuary.

**PRAYER LIST**  
As we face life’s challenges, we are encouraged by those who surround us with their prayers. If you would like your name to appear on the prayer list, please tell the minister or a member of the Pastoral Care Committee.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**REMINDER:** Everyone is asked to please wear your name tags at church on Sundays, to make it easier for newcomers to remember your name.

**A CAPPELLA NIAGARA CHORUS:** Now starts on a new evening! New guests are invited to join with us on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

**THE OUTSIDE SIGN:** Dick Hamilton has kindly committed to changing the message on the outside sign at the front of our church property on a weekly basis. We are looking for someone who would be willing to fill in for him when he is away or is otherwise unable to make the changes. If you can help out please contact Dick directly. He will be able to show you what is involved.

**\*\*If you have experienced any difficulty accessing the church website lately, please know the problems have been corrected.\*\***

**UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS**

Jan. 26 – 9:30 am	Sunday Service
Feb. 2 – 9:30 am	Sunday Service
Feb. 9 – 9:30 am	Sunday Service

**TO MAKE A DONATION TO FONTHILL UNITED CHURCH,  
YOU ARE WELCOME TO:**

- 1) Mail a cheque to the church at: Fonthill United Church, Box 926, Fonthill ON L0S 1E0.
- 2) Drop your cheque donation, anytime, through the mail slot in the exterior office door at the church.
- 3) Bring cash donations into the office when the church office is open.
- 4) Send an e-transfer to: [fonthilu@vaxxine.com](mailto:fonthilu@vaxxine.com).
- 5) Sign up for the pre-authorized remittance program (PAR). Contact the church office to register.

***Donations on Sundays may be placed in the offering plate at the entrance to the sanctuary. We thank you for your support!***

**THE WEEK AHEAD AT FONTHILL UNITED**

Monday Jan 20	8:00 am	Montessori School
	4:00 pm	Music Lessons
	6:30 pm	Pickle Ball
Tuesday Jan 21	8:00 am	Montessori School
	9:00 am	Badminton
	2:00 pm	Music Lessons
Wednesday Jan 22	8:00 am	Montessori School
	1:30 pm	Pickle Ball
	2:30 pm	Music Lessons
	3:30 pm	Music Lessons
	6:00 pm	A Cappella Practice
	6:00 pm	Cubs
Thursday Jan 23	8:00 am	Montessori School
	9:00 am	Badminton
	2:00 pm	Music Lessons
	3:00 pm	Choir Practice
Friday Jan 24	8:00 am	Montessori School
	12:30 pm	Music Lessons
	6:30 pm	Pickle Ball
Saturday Jan 25	11:00 am	Music Lessons
Sunday Jan 26	9:30 am	Sunday Service

# Fonthill United Church

## January 19, 2025

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### MISSION STATEMENT

Words inspire us. Music uplifts us.  
 United in God's love,  
 we strive to be an inclusive community,  
 learning together and supporting others with compassion.

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