

BULLETIN NOTATIONS

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PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

**Wherever and whenever possible,
may I choose to be a light in the darkness.**

INTROIT: HWC 74 "Majesty"

**Majesty, worship His majesty.
Unto Jesus be all glory, honour, and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority
flow from His throne unto His own;
His anthem raise.
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.
Magnify, come glorify
Christ Jesus, the King.
Majesty, worship His majesty;
Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.**

CALL TO WORSHIP: *(responsively)*

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Come to worship Jesus Christ, Alpha and Omega, the one who is, who was, and is to come (Rev. 1:8).

We come to worship the one who rules justly (2 Samuel 23:34).

Come to worship Jesus Christ, the faithful witness

The firstborn of the dead,

The ruler of the kings of the earth! (Rev. 1:5)

Bread of Heaven, God with us! (John 6:51, Mt. 1:23.)

Good Shepherd, True Vine! (John 10:11, John 15:1.)

Eternal Word, Great I AM (John 1, John 8:58).

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Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace! (Isaiah 9:6).

We come to worship Jesus Christ, King of kings and Lord of lords! (Rev. 19.16.)

To him be glory and dominion forever and ever! Amen. (Rev. 1:6.)

GATHERING PRAYER: *(in unison)*

**God of Eternity, we stand with the courage of those who insisted,
even in perilous times,**

**that not even the most powerful rulers of this earth hold our
eternal destiny in their hands.**

**We are secure in Christ, whose reign is just, whose power is
endless, and whose love is unfathomable.**

**God of Eternity, we join the chorus of saints who continue to
declare that Christ is our King.**

In Whose Name we pray Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE: VU 235 O Worship the King

TIME OF REFLECTION AND CONFESSION:

Shepherd King,
you lead your sheep to green pasture,
and keep them safe from harm.
You love each member of your flock
and know each one by name.

Shepherd King,
forgive us when we wander far
and follow others' call.
Forgive us when we hide our face,
afraid of what we are.
Forgive and draw us back again
into your close embrace,
and in your presence once again
we'll worship our true King.

Silent Reflection

RESPONSE: HWC 427 (vs. 1)

**Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways!
Reclothe us in our rightful mind;
In purer lives Thy service find,
In deeper rev'rence, praise.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

God said, "But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

**Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us also forgive one another.
We will extend the peace of Christ to all whom we encounter this day and in the days to come.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM: 99 VU pg. 819

READER: Wendy Crossfield

SCRIPTURE READING: John 13:1-17

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' Jesus answered, 'You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.' Peter said to him, 'You will never wash my feet.' Jesus answered, 'Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.' Simon Peter said to him, 'Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!' Jesus said to him, 'One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.' For he knew

who was to betray him; for this reason he said, 'Not all of you are clean.'

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, 'Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

Let us hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.
Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM: 'Let the Church Rejoice' – J. Martin

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 593:** “Jesu Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

MESSAGE: “The King On His Knees”

***CLOSING HYMN VU 337:** “Blessed Assurance”

***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

PELHAM CARES CHRISTMAS DRIVE: Each year, Pelham Cares holds a drive to help provide toys for children at Christmas. If you would like to donate towards this drive, there is a drop box in the Narthex where you can place your donation; monetary donations only please, no toys. Cheques may be made payable to Fonthill United Church. Please do not leave cash for safety reasons, as the box will remain in the Narthex for the duration of the drive. The cut-off date for accepting donations is December 8, 2024.
– *Sponsored by the Worship Committee*

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 will present “Holiday Memories” on Saturday November 30 at 2:00 pm at Fonthill United Church. Tickets are \$15; free for children under 12. For information and tickets call 905 341-3415.

CHORALIS CAMERATA will present, “Christmas Enchanted” on Saturday December 7 at St. Andrew’s United Church, Niagara Falls. Doors open at 7 pm; concert at 7:30 pm. Tickets: adult \$25, senior \$22, student \$10. Call 905 931-9225 or visit www.choraliscamerata.com.

LESSONS, CAROLS & COOKIES our musical advent service will be taking place on Wednesday, December 4 at 2:30 pm here at Fonthill United Church. There will be a reception in the church hall following the service.

UBUNTU NIAGARA presents “Empower the People” on Friday, November 29, 2024 at 7:00 pm at Trillium United Church in St. Catharines. Tickets: adult \$25, 12 and under free. Call 905 935-5369 ext. 200 or at the door. This is a fundraiser for World AIDS Day for the Stephen Lewis Foundation.

The Christmas Tree in the Narthex has been named the "Memory Tree". I have purchased a supply of cardinals which will be available for \$10.00 each to represent a loved one(s). The idea here is to have the tree filled with cardinals. Please contact Heather Jesik by email or at church if you are interested in purchasing one. Please provide me with the name of person in Memoriam as well as I will be framing the names. Cardinals can be purchased up until December 8. Thank you for your support. Sincerely, Heather Jesik.

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

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| Nov. 30 – 2:00 pm | A Cappella Niagara concert at Fonthill U. |
| Dec. 1 – 9:30 am | Advent 1 Communion |
| Dec. 4 – 2:30 pm | Lessons, Carols & Cookies |
| Dec. 8 – 7:00 pm | Carol Sing at Central United Church |
| Dec. 15 – 9:30 am | Special Musical Sunday Service |
| Dec. 24 – 9:00 pm | Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion |

THE WEEK AHEAD AT FONTHILL UNITED

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| Monday Nov 25 | 8:00 am | Montessori Preschool |
| | 4:00 pm | Music Lessons |
| | 6:30 pm | Pickle Ball |
| Tuesday Nov 26 | 8:00 am | Montessori Preschool |
| | 9:00 am | Badminton |
| | 2:00 pm | Music Lessons |
| | 6:00 pm | A Cappella Niagara Practice |
| Wednesday Nov 27 | 8:00 am | Montessori Preschool |
| | 1:30 pm | Pickle Ball |
| | 2:30 pm | Music Lessons |
| | 3:30 pm | Music Lessons (Friendship Room) |
| | 6:00 pm | Cubs |
| Thursday Nov 28 | 8:00 am | Montessori Preschool |
| | 9:00 am | Badminton |
| | 2:00 pm | Music Lessons |
| | 3:00 pm | Choir Practice |
| | 8:00 am | Montessori Preschool |
| Friday Nov 29 | 12:30 pm | Music Lessons |
| | 6:30 pm | Pickle Ball |
| | 11:00 am | Music Lessons |
| Saturday Nov 30 | 2:00 pm | A Cappella Niagara Concert |
| | 9:30 am | Worship Service – Advent 1 - Communion |

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.
- 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!

Fonthill United Church

November 24, 2024

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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.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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