

BULLETIN NOTATIONS

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** Indicates to please stand, if able*

Advent III - Joy

PRELUDE: "I Wonder As I Wander" - J. J. Niles

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

*We welcome Bruce who is sharing his musical gifts with us
this morning on cello!*

***HYMN:** VU 14 "To a Maid Whose Name Was Mary" (vs 1 & 6)

We Gather

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Sing praises to God on high, for glorious are God's works.

Sing praises to the ends of the earth.

Shout and sing for joy, O people of God,

for great is the Holy One in our midst,

let us rejoice as we raise our voices in worship this day.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

**HYMN: VU 7 "Hope is a Star" (vs 3 only)*

OPENING PRAYER:

We pray for joy,

in a world that sometimes feels devoid of joy:

God, grant us a vision of your future,

so we may live with joy.

Let it give us strength in hard times

and be a cause for celebration in times of bliss.

Amen.

We Listen

FIRST GOSPEL READING: Isaiah 35:1-10

READER: Heather Jesik

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PIANO & CELLO: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" - Arr. The Piano Guys

CHOIR ANTHEM: "How Should a King Come?" - Arr. Fettke

SECOND GOSPEL READING: Luke 1:46-55

READER: Heather Jesik

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

Thanks be to God.

SOLO: "Mary Did You Know?" by Lowry and Greene

CHOIR ANTHEM: "Dear Little Stranger" - Arr. Gabriel

CHOIR ANTHEM: "Ding Dong Merrily on High", *Traditional*

PIANO & CELLO: "Silent Night" - Arr. The Piano Guys

HYMN: VU 48 - "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" (v. 1), *SEATED*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER:

God, our strength and salvation, we glorify your name. With acts of joyous delight, we show others your timeless grace. Our offerings are presented, knowing that those who are grieving, those who are hungry, and those who are hopeful will be served. May all that we are and all that we give reflect your great joy! Amen.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

We Go Out to Serve

***CLOSING HYMN:** VU 38 "Angels We Have Heard on High" (vs 1 & 2)

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: "I Saw Three Ships" on Piano/Cello - Arr. Robinson

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS

are available on the pew as you enter the sanctuary.

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

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.

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

Dec 21 – 9:30 am Worship Service
Dec 24 – 9:00 pm Worship Service
Dec 28 – 11:00 am Joint Service at Fenwick United

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On Monday, December 1, twelve people from our congregation attended a training session on how to use the defibrillator which included some CPR training and other first aid tips. A special thank you goes to Margot Fraser, Janet Hamilton, Karen Tennant, Sharron Bradley, Debbie Stock, Ralph Watters, Wendy Audette, Helen Wismer, Sandra Harding, Betty Garner, and Judy Crysler. I also participated in the training. The defibrillator is located on the wall in the Narthex, by the elevator. It has been checked, we have new pads installed and everything is in good working order. I hope we never have to use it but it is comforting to know it is available and we have people trained and willing to step up if needed. Lyn Taylor, Chair of Council.

GAMES IN THE AFTERNOON: Tuesdays at 2pm in the Friendship room. Come out and join the fun! ****Please note that there will not be Games in the Afternoon from Dec 16-Jan 6.****

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

Church Office Hours for this coming week:

-CLOSED-

From Dec 15-19th; to re-open Dec 22.

Please call before coming in to ensure your needs can be met

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.

THE WEEK AHEAD AT FONTHILL UNITED

Monday Dec 15	8:00 am	Montessori Preschool
	4:00 pm	Music Lessons
	6:30 pm	Pickle Ball
Tuesday Dec 16	8:00 am	Montessori Preschool
	9:00 am	Badminton
	2:00 pm	Music Lessons
	5:00 pm	School set-up
	7:00 pm	Magic Club
	7:00 pm	Council Meeting
Wednesday Dec 17	8:00 am	Montessori Preschool
	10:30 am	School
	1:30 pm	Pickle Ball
	1:30 pm	Outreach Meeting
	2:30 pm	Music Lessons
	3:30 pm	Music Lessons
	6:00 pm	Cubs
Thursday Dec 18	8:00 am	Montessori Preschool
	9:00 am	Badminton
	10:00 am	Walking Group
	2:00 pm	Music Lessons
	3:00 pm	Choir Practice
	4:30 pm	Music Lessons
	5:30 pm	School Christmas Party
Friday Dec 19	8:00 am	Montessori Preschool
	12:30 pm	Music Lessons
	6:30 pm	Pickle Ball
Saturday Dec 20	11:00 am	Music Lessons
Sunday Dec 21	9:30 am	Sunday Service – Advent IV

Fonthill United Church

December 14, 2025 – Advent III

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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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