

BULLETIN NOTATIONS

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**Make our prayers deep enough to plumb the depths of our souls
and bring us to your throne of overflowing grace.
This we pray in Jesus' name – blessed Saviour, dear Companion.
Amen.**

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

We warmly welcome Rev. James McKnight to the pulpit this morning.

We Gather

***HYMN: VU 477 "I Come with Joy"**

CALL TO WORSHIP:

A loving Saviour calls to us in soul and heart.

**In the Holy Spirit, Christ comes near,
and asks that we be near to God,
and closer still to one another.**

Faith beckons us to see, and understand;
**to truly love, to care for friend and stranger,
every soul ..**

and so to find ourselves – in purpose and in promise,
in meaning and fulfillment and in truth.

**Today, and in this hour,
we bring our prayers and our thanksgiving
to the God of Life and Love.**

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

OPENING PRAYER:

(after Beth W. Johnston, Bridging Waters Pastoral Charge, Nipawin,
Sask.)

**God of abundance and generosity,
you call us to celebrate your love each and every day,
so love will overcome divisions and build a bridge to unity.
You call us to lift our hearts in prayer and praise
and to raise our spirits in holy song.
Lift our worship to greater heights this day.**

***HYMN: VU 299 – "Teach Me, God, to Wonder"**

We Listen

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 (NKJ Version, alt.)

Christ the Power and Wisdom of God

READER: Sheila Laundry

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 15 (a contemporary rendering)

Who may be a guest in God's house?

READER: Sheila Laundry

One: Lord, who may dwell in your sanctuary?

Who may live on your holy mountain?

All: Those whose walk is blameless,
who do what is right,
who speak the truth from their heart
and have no slander on their tongue;

One: who do their neighbour no wrong
and cast no slur on their fellow being;

All: who avoid vexatious persons
but honour those who honour life;
who keep their oath even when it hurts,
and stand their ground for truth;

One: who lend money to the poor without interest;
who do not accept a bribe against the innocent.

All: Whoever does these things
will never be shaken.

SUNG RESPONSE: VU 559 (vs 1)

**Come, O Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing your grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing
call for songs of endless praise.**

Teach me some melodious sonnet,

sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount; I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unfailing love.

GOSPEL READING: **Matthew 5:1-12** (NRS Version)

The Beatitudes

READER: Rev. Jim McKnight

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

Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM: *"How Can I Keep From Singing?"* arr. Stan Pethel

MESSAGE: "Keeping Our Focus"

*HYMN: VU 678 "For the Healing of the Nations"

We Respond

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

*SUNG RESPONSE: VU 537

Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands (vs 1 & 2)

OFFERING PRAYER:

Gracious God, we pray that you receive the gifts we offer you with thankful hearts. Strengthen us in heart and soul and mind and strength that we might use them well and in our calling to do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly by your side.

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (VU 914) - spoken

We Go Out to Serve

*CLOSING HYMN: VU 686 "God of Grace and God of Glory"
(*Tune: VU 651*)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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.

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

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

Feb 8 – 9:30 am Worship Service

Feb 15 – 9:30 am Worship Service

Feb 22 – 9:30 am Worship Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL REPORT: Please send in your annual reports to the church office by February 13th!

GAMES IN THE AFTERNOON: Tuesdays at 2pm in the Friendship room. Come out and join the fun!

THE BOOK CLUB'S BOOK OF THE MONTH: The next book for the Book Club reading on February 26 at 1:30, is "Between Two Kingdoms",

A memoir of A Life Interrupted by Suleika Jaouad. Barb Dochstader has copies available if anyone would like to read it.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: will be in March, I'm looking for someone who would like to help with the program. If you can help speak with Maxine Mcphail, thank you.

Please note that the office hours have recently expanded

Church Office Hours this week:

Mon 8:00 - 1:05 pm

Tues 8:00 - 12:40 pm

Wed-Fri 8:00 - 1:05 pm

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 Feb 2	8:00 am	Montessori Preschool
	4:00 pm	Music Lessons
	6:00 pm	Garden Club
Tuesday Feb 3	8:00 am	Montessori Preschool
	9:00 am	Badminton
	2:00 pm	Music Lessons
	2:00 pm	Afternoon Games
Wednesday Feb 4	8:00 am	Montessori Preschool
	1:30 pm	Pickle Ball
	2:30 pm	Music Lessons
	3:30 pm	Music Lessons
	6:00 pm	Cubs
	6:00 pm	A Cappella Practice
Thursday Feb 5	8:00 am	Montessori Preschool
	9:00 am	Badminton
	10:00 am	Walking Group
	2:00 pm	Music Lessons
	3:00 pm	Choir Practice
Friday Feb 6	8:00 am	Montessori Preschool
	12:30 pm	Music Lessons
	6:30 pm	Pickle Ball
Saturday Feb 7	11:00 am	Music Lessons
Sunday Feb 8	9:30 am	Sunday Service

Fonthill United Church

February 1, 2026

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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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