

BULLETIN NOTATIONS

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First Sunday of Lent

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Gather

***OPENING HYMN:** VU 260 “God Who Gives Life Its Goodness”

CALL TO WORSHIP:

The good news of the gospel is:

**manna in the desert, water turned into wine,
love after loss, forgiveness after pain.**

The good news of the gospel is:

**release for the captive, hope for the hopeless,
mourning turned to dancing,
and strangers turned to friends.**

So come on in. There’s no time to waste!

This surprising good news is here for you.

Let us worship this good-news God.

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE & EXTINGUISHING LENTEN CANDLES

GATHERING PRAYER:

Loving God, somewhere along the way we picked up the message that in order to be faithful, we have to be serious. But then you say the kingdom of God is like a mustard seed—unruly and untamed. You turn water into wine—surprising and extravagant. And we wonder: Can we be like that mustard seed? Can we be faithful and curious? Can we be messy and still be yours? We know the answer already. The Spirit whispers: of course, of course. In worship today forgive our doubt. Pull us closer into your embrace. Help us to live with faith like a mustard seed, we pray in your holy name. Amen.

***HYMN:** VU 114 “Forty Days and Forty Nights”

We Listen

FIRST GOSPEL READING: John 2:1-11

READER: Keith Rae

SECOND GOSPEL READING: Matthew 13:31-32

READER: Keith Rae

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

Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM: “Down in the Valley to Pray” ~ arr. J. Althouse

MESSAGE: “Good News that Catches Us by Surprise”

We Respond

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

***SUNG RESPONSE:** TLUS 60 “There’s Enough for All”

OFFERING PRAYER:

**Here, O God, we offer our very selves and the fruit of our labours.
Bless both us and our gifts for your purpose in the world,
transforming others as we are also transformed. In giving, may we
also learn how to receive, in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

***HYMN:** VU 466 “Eat this Bread”

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

We Go Out to Serve

***CLOSING HYMN:** VU 481 “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

*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

- Mar 1 - 9:30 am Worship Service
- Mar 8 - 9:30 am Worship Service
- Mar 15 – 9:30 am Worship Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFICIAL TAX RECEIPTS: Have been mailed out this week for those who were unable to pick them up.

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.

CHORALIS CAMERATA: presents Stainer’s Crucifixion on Sunday, March 15th @ 2pm at Knox Presbyterian Church located at: 53 Church St., St. Catharines. Tickets – Adults \$28, Seniors \$25, Students \$12. For more information, email: choraliscamerata@gmail.com.

“WELLSPRING CANCER SUPPORT”: We have been invited to tour the Wellspring Cancer Support facility. It is an opportunity to find out more about the services they offer to all people struggling with cancer and their families and care givers. If you can bring someone with you please do so. You are invited on February 25th at 12:30 for lunch, provided by the Outreach Committee, at the centre and then receive information and a tour. Please sign up in the Narthex if you can attend as space is limited. -The Outreach Committee

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Mark your calendar! March 6th at 2pm located at: Kirk-on-the-Hill, Haist St.

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 23	8:00 am	Montessori Pre-school
	4:00 pm	Music Lessons
	6:00 pm	Garden Club
Tuesday Feb 24	8:00 am	Montessori Pre-school
	9:00 am	Badminton
	10:00 am	Council Meeting
	2:00 pm	Music Lessons
Wednesday Feb 25	2:00 pm	Afternoon Games
	8:00 am	Montessori Pre-school
	1:30 pm	Pickle Ball
	2:30 pm	Music Lessons
	3:30 pm	Music Lessons
	6:00 pm	Cubs
Thursday Feb 26	6:00 pm	A Cappella Practice
	8:00 am	Montessori Pre-school
	9:00 am	Badminton
	10:00 am	Walking Group
	10:00 am	Garden Club
	1:30 pm	Book Club
	2:00 pm	Music Lessons
Friday Feb 27	3:15 pm	Choir Practice
	8:00 am	Montessori Pre-school
	12:30 pm	Music Lessons
Saturday Feb 28	6:30 pm	Pickle Ball
	11:00 am	Music Lessons
Sunday Mar 1	9:30 am	Sunday Service – Lent II

Fonthill United Church

February 22, 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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