

BULLETIN NOTATIONS

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PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

We Gather

***HYMN:** MV 1 “Let Us Build a House” (*verses 1, 3 and 5*)

Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive
Built of hopes and dreams and visions
rock of faith and vault of grace
here the love of Christ shall end divisions
All are welcome, all are welcome
all are welcome in this place

Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine, and wheat
a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet

Here, the love of God through Jesus
is revealed in time and space
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us
All are welcome, all are welcome
all are welcome in this place

Let us build a house where all are named
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured taught and claimed
as words within the Word

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Built of tears and cries and laughter
prayers of faith and songs of grace
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Although in body, we might be far apart;
**in heart and soul, in mind and strength and Spirit,
we are close:**

as close as breath and faith;

as heartbeat, or as hope and prayer.

A single, Holy Spirit holds us close and breathes into our being:
“I have called you by your name, you are mine.”

Today, we worship God, the One who has, in a beloved Son,
been baptized into all our human life.

Thanks be to God!

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

OPENING PRAYER:

(after Kate Crawford, First-St. Andrew’s United, London)

Welcome us to worship, O God, for our lives are busy.

Some of us are tired and filled with sorrow.

**Some of us come rejoicing, ready to lift our hearts
in grateful prayer and praise.**

Welcome us to worship, O God,

and help us make a place within each heart

where we can welcome you in joy and peace

and make our lives complete.

This we pray in Jesus’ name – beloved Son, and Saviour. Amen.

HYMN: VU 374 “Come and Find the Quiet Centre”

We Listen

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 42:1-9, God’s servant brings justice

READER: *Trudy Pickersgill*

RESPONSIVE READING: Acts 10:34-43, Peter's sermon to the Gentiles

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One: Speaking to Cornelius, and his relatives and close friends,
Peter said:

**All: I now see how true it is that God shows no favouritism, but
that in every nation, those who are godfearing and do what is right
are embraced by God.**

One: God's word was sent to the people of Israel, that they might
receive the good news of peace through Christ Jesus, who is Lord of
all. I need not tell you what happened throughout Judea, starting
from Galilee after the baptism proclaimed by John.

**All: We know about Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed him
with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and
healing all who were oppressed by the forces of evil, for God was
with him. And we can bear witness to all that he did in the
countryside of the nation and in Jerusalem.**

One: He was put to death by hanging on a cross; but God raised him
to life on the third day, and allowed him to appear, not to the whole
people, but to witnesses whom God had chosen in advance – to us,
who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. God
commanded us to proclaim him to the people, and affirm that he is
the one who has been designated by God as judge of both the living
and the dead.

**All: It is to him all the prophets testify, declaring that everyone
who trusts in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.**

***SUNG RESPONSE:** VU 20 (vs 5)

**All praise to you, eternal Son
whose advent has our freedom won;
and praise to you whom we adore,
with Holy Spirit evermore!**

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 3:13-17, Jesus is baptized

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

Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM

MESSAGE: "Seasons of Life"

INVITATION TO THE 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:

(after Fern Gibbard, Naramata Community Church, B.C.)

**Though we do not bear gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh,
O God, we offer ourselves and what we have. We remember our
baptismal vows to serve the living Christ in all we do and we pray
you guide us in the ways of life and love in this world you have
entrusted to our care. 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 706 "Give Thanks for Life"

***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.

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.

Stay and celebrate with our members that are having birthdays

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

Jan 18 – 9:30 am Worship Service
 Jan 25 – 9:30 am Worship Service
 Feb 1 – 9:30 am Worship Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us after Church on January 11th (today) to celebrate the January birthdays and anniversaries of our members. There will be cake and great conversation.

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**Sadly Grant Black passed away Christmas Eve.
 Family will have a private burial in the Spring.
 Condolences may be sent to Kerry Black
 C 31. 300 Mill Road Etobicoke On M9C4W7.**

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Training for volunteers to run the slides for Sunday services:

**When: January 15
 Where: Sanctuary
 Time: 1pm-3pm**

Rowena is on vacation from January 5th to 11th – we are delighted to have Rev. Jim McNight as our guest preacher on January 11th.

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: to be reviewed on January 22 at 1:30pm is Wish You Were Here but Jodi Picoult. We still have a couple copies if anyone wants to read it. Please talk to Gail if interested. You won't want to miss this one!

Church Office Hours for this week:
 Mon-Fri 8-12pm

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.

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 12	8:00 am	Montessori Preschool
	4:00 pm	Music Lessons
	6:30 pm	Pickle Ball
Tuesday Jan 13	8:00 am	Montessori Preschool
	9:00 am	Badminton
	2:00 pm	Music Lessons
Wednesday Jan 14	2:00 pm	Afternoon Games
	8:00 am	Montessori Preschool
	1:30 pm	Pickle Ball
Thursday Jan 15	2:30 pm	Music Lessons
	3:30 pm	Music Lessons
	6:00 pm	Cubs
Friday Jan 16	6:00 pm	A Cappella Practice
	8:00 am	Montessori Preschool
	9:00 am	Badminton
Saturday Jan 17	10:00 am	Walking Group
	2:00 pm	Music Lessons
	3:00 pm	Choir Practice
Sunday Jan 18	8:00 am	Montessori Preschool
	12:30 pm	Music Lessons
	6:30 pm	Pickle Ball
Sunday Jan 18	11:00 am	Music Lessons
	9:30 am	Sunday Service
	2:00 pm	A Capella

Fonthill United Church

January 11, 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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