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entrance to the sanctuary. We thank you for your support!*

Fourth Sunday in Lent

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**We Gather**

\***OPENING HYMN:** VU 706 “Give Thanks for Life” (vs 1, 3 &4)

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

We come today to hear a word of hope.

**We come to hear the truth;  
to know again that God gives life.**

The light of Christ has come to us in birth:  
glowing, irresistible and warm;  
growing with us and within us, through our lives.

**As faithful friends,  
we live and grow together and with God.**

The light and presence of the living God  
are with us here today,  
**and we worship God together.**

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE & EXTINGUISHING LENTEN CANDLES

OPENING PRAYER

(after Marie McNally, Shiloh-Inwood Pastoral Charge, Inwood, Ont.)

**God Most Holy, we seek to be your faithful disciples in this  
despairing world.**

**Guide us where you would have us go.**

**Inspire us to do what you would have us do.**

**Bless us, and our endeavours,**

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**as we seek to share your love – in thought and word and deed.  
Grant us a holy boldness to live the good news of a God who loves  
us so much that God’s only begotten Son was given to us, in love, to  
save us. May we be strengthened and renewed, O God,  
as we embrace the love that meets us in our worship.  
In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

\***HYMN:** VU 366 “like a child”

**We Listen**

GOSPEL READING: Deuteronomy 24:17-22

READER: *George Dewar*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 19:13-15

READER: *George Dewar*

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

**Thanks be to God.**

CHOIR ANTHEM

MESSAGE: “Faith’s Pathway to Life”

\***HYMN:** VU 584 “Through the Heart of Every City”

**We Respond**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

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

OFFERING PRAYER:

**Gracious and loving God, for all your gifts to us we give you thanks.  
As sign and symbol of our hope for others and ourselves,  
receive the gifts we offer here in prayer, and bless them to the deep  
expansion of your earthly realm in these, our despairing, present  
days. 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 633 “Bless Now, O God, the Journey”

\***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.

**UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS**

- Mar 22 - 9:30 am Worship Service & Annual Mtg
- Mar 29 - 9:30 am Worship Service – Palm Sunday
- Apr 5 – 9:30 am Worship Service - Easter

**ORDERING EASTER DAFFODILS:**  
On Easter Sunday, we hope to surround the cross with daffodils. If you would like to make a donation and have a daffodil placed in the sanctuary in memory of a loved one, please call or email the church office ([fonthilu@vaxxine.com](mailto:fonthilu@vaxxine.com)). Cut-off is March 29th. You can donate via e-transfer, cash, through the offering or bring in to the office. Any balance remaining from the proceeds of your donations will be donated to Pelham Cares.



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE:** the four churches: Fonthill United, Fenwick United, Wesley United, PCC, and Central United will come together at Fonthill United Church this year for the special Good Friday Service on Friday, April 3, 2026.

**THE BOOK CLUB’s:** next book is entitled, "This Is How It Always Is" by Laurie Frankel. If anyone wants a copy please see Margot Fraser. The Book Club will be meeting to discuss and chat about this book on Thursday, March 26th at 1:30 p.m.

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

**CHORALIS CAMERATA:** presents Stainer’s Crucifixion on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> @ 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](mailto:choraliscamerata@gmail.com).

**TAIZE SERVICES:** at Fenwick United Church. Thursday evenings at 6:30pm. Dates: March 12, 19, 26 & April 2.

**JOB OPPORTUNITY:** Pelham Friends Church in Fonthill has an immediate need for a part-time Office Administrator/Bookkeeper (10-14 hours/week). To receive more information including a job description, or to send in a resume, please email: [friends@pelhamfriends.ca](mailto:friends@pelhamfriends.ca). Subject header: Office Administrator. Address to: The Board. Sandra will be training for this position.

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:**

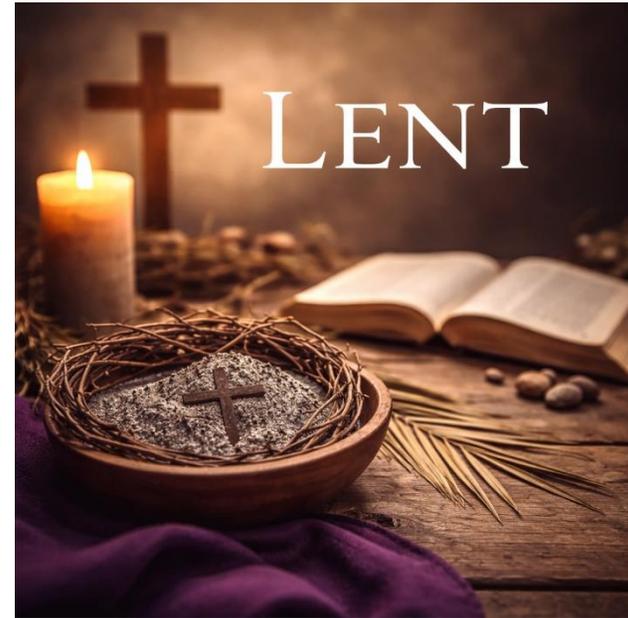
- 1) Mail a cheque to the church at: Fonthill United Church, Box 926, Fonthill ON LOS 1E0.
- 2) Drop your cheque donation, anytime, through the mail slot in the exterior office door at the church.
- 3) Bring cash donations into the office when the church office is open.
- 4) Send an e-transfer to: [fonthilu@vaxxine.com](mailto:fonthilu@vaxxine.com).
- 5) Sign up for the pre-authorized remittance program (PAR). Contact the church office to register.

**THE WEEK AHEAD AT FONTHILL UNITED**

Monday Mar 16	8:00 am	Pre-School
	4:00 pm	Music Lessons
	6:30 pm	Pickle Ball
Tuesday Mar 17	ST. PATRICK'S DAY	
	8:00 am	Pre-School
	9:00 am	Badminton
	2:00 pm	Afternoon Games
	2:00 pm	Music Lessons
	7:00 pm	Magic Club
Wednesday Mar 18	8:00 am	Pre-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 Mar 19	6:00 pm	A Cappella Practice
	8:00 am	Pre-School
	9:00 am	Badminton
	10:00 am	Walking Group
	2:00 pm	Music Lessons
Friday Mar 20	3:15 pm	Choir Practice
	8:00 am	Pre-School
	12:30 pm	Music Lessons
Saturday Mar 21	6:30 pm	Pickle Ball
	11:00 am	Music Lessons
Sunday Mar 22	9:30 am	Sunday Service & <b>Annual Mtg</b>

# Fonthill United Church

## March 15, 2026



**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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