

BULLETIN NOTATIONS

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* *Indicates to please stand, if able*

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

***GATHERING HYMN:** MV 4 “All Who Are Thirsty”

All who are thirsty
And all who are weak
Come to the fountain
Dip your heart in the streams of life

Let the pain and the sorrow
Be washed away
In the waves of His mercy
As deep cries out to deep, we sing

Come Lord Jesus, come
Come Lord Jesus, come
Come Lord Jesus, come
Come Lord Jesus, come

To all who are thirsty
And all who are weak
Come to the fountain
Dip your heart in the streams of life

Let the pain and the sorrow
Be washed away
In the waves of His mercy
As deep cries out to deep, we sing

Holy Spirit come
Holy Spirit come
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CALL TO WORSHIP:

Another year passes.

Things end and things begin.

Birth. Life. Death. Life beyond death.

Everything changes. Everything except this:

God’s love is with me.

God’s love is with you.

God’s love is with all creation forever.

And all creation is held safe in that love.

And all creation is transformed in that love.

Let us worship the God who loves us, yesterday, today, and forever.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

GATHERING PRAYER:

Jesus, come into our lives, as Friend, King, Redeeming Light. Teach us your ways of peace and love. Remind us that we are not diminished when we struggle. You offer us direction in our living, not rules or edicts to follow. Help us to partner with creation and not try to govern it with an overpowering hand. Jesus, we know you reign in our lives as a shepherd who gives gentle guidance without controlling us. May this worship empower us to nurture the Christ within us all. Amen.

***HYMN:** VU 215 – “Hope of the World”

WE LISTEN

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Jeremiah 23:3–6

READER: Stephen Bronn

³ “I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. ⁴ I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing,” declares the Lord.

⁵ “The days are coming,” declares the Lord,
“when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch,
a King who will reign wisely

and do what is just and right in the land.

⁶ In his days Judah will be saved
and Israel will live in safety.

This is the name by which he will be called:
The Lord Our Righteous Savior.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 23:33-43

READER: Stephen Bronn

³³ When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. ³⁴ Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

³⁵ The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.”

³⁶ The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar ³⁷ and said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.”

³⁸ There was a written notice above him, which read: this is the king of the jews.

³⁹ One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!”

⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.”

⁴² Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

⁴³ Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

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

Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM: “Rejoice! Sing Praise!” ~ Z. Reissner

MESSAGE: “Cosmic God & Subversive King”

We Respond

INVITATION TO 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:

**Tender God, we pray that these gifts of time, talent, and treasure
that we offer to you will witness to the world that we are a people
of faith. We have faith in your love that one day there will be an
abundance of your peace, justice, and mercy so all of your creation
will share in your blessings. Until that time, these gifts we offer are a
sign of our faith that your kingdom will come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER: *(sung VU 959)*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed by your name;
Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
Now and forever.**

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***CLOSING HYMN:** VU 424 “May the God of Hope Go With Us”

*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

Nov 30 – 9:30 am Worship Service with Communion
Dec 7 - 9:30 am Worship Service
Dec 14 – 9:30 am Worship Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

BOOK CLUB: The book club is meeting on November 27th at 1:30pm and we are reading "The Invention of Wings" by Sue Monk Kidd. All are welcome!

The Christmas Tree in the Narthex has been named the "Memory Tree". For those that purchased a cardinal last year, there is **NO NEED TO PURCHASE ANOTHER ONE** – there is one placed on the tree for you already. I have purchased a supply of cardinals which will be available for \$10.00 each to represent a loved one(s). The idea here is to have the tree filled with cardinals. Please contact Heather Jesik or the church if you are interested in purchasing one. Please provide me with the name of person(s) in Memoriam as well as I will be framing the names. Cardinals can be purchased up until December 8. Thank you for your support. *Sincerely, Heather Jesik.*

PELHAM CARES CHRISTMAS DRIVE: Each year, Pelham Cares holds a drive to help provide toys for children at Christmas. If you would like to donate towards this drive, there is a drop box in the Narthex where you can place your donation; monetary donations only please, no toys. Cheques may be made payable to Fonthill United Church. You can also do an E-transfer. Please do not leave cash for safety reasons, as the box will remain in the Narthex for the duration of the drive. Cut off date is Dec 10th.

– *Sponsored by the Worship Committee*

ADOPT-A-FAMILY 2025: This program is designed to give children of a less fortunate family a wonderful Christmas. Last year we adopted a family of 5, four children and a single mom. The congregation was very generous and we made a family very happy. This year our family consists of a single mom, two little girls, aged 11 and 6 and two boys aged 14 and 8. We provide a grocery store gift card of \$100.00 for the main holiday meal. We also give as much dry goods as can be donated. We provide a large gift of \$60.00 and a small gift of \$30.00, and stocking stuffers for each child. Gift cards are a big hit. We try to include some items for the mom.

There is a donation box for money* in the narthex and a basket for all other donations. There is a list of suggested items. Please take a sheet and see what you would like to give.

*** Please make cheques payable to Fonthill United Church. It will be recorded for your tax receipt.**

A CAPPELLA NIAGARA PRESENTS: Christmas with a Twist! Featuring: The Loo Wops. Tickets \$20 (children 12+under FREE). Sunday, November 30th at 2pm. At Fonthill United Church. For info and tickets: (905) 341-3415

CHORALIS CAMERATA PRESENTS: The Spirit of Christmas on Saturday, December 13th. Concert: 7:30pm Doors: 7:00pm. At St. Andrew's United Church – Morrison St., Niagara Falls. Tickets – Adult: \$28; Senior: \$25; and Student: \$12. For more information contact (905) 327-8600. choraliscamerata@gmail.com.

“FUNNY GIRL”: Tickets are now available from Bob Laing or in person for the Port Colborne Operatic Society’s production of the Broadway hit “Funny Girl”. The Friendship Group usually invites anyone to join with us on Sunday, March 1, 2026. The performance begins at 2:00 pm and the group will dine at the Welland Swiss Chalet after the show. Show tickets are the group rate of \$25 each and the seats are excellent – all of row C and 5 in the centre of row D. These are first come first served and would make an enjoyable addition to your Christmas gift list so friends and relatives are welcome.

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 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.

THE WEEK AHEAD AT FONTHILL UNITED

Monday Nov 24	8:00 am	Montessori Preschool
	4:00 pm	Music Lessons
	6:30 pm	Pickle Ball
Tuesday Nov 25	8:00 am	Montessori Preschool
	9:00 am	Badminton
	2:00 pm	Music Lessons
Wednesday Nov 26	2:00 pm	Afternoon Games
	8:00 am	Montessori Preschool
	1:30 pm	Pickle Ball
	2:30 pm	Music Lessons
	3:30 pm	Music Lessons
	6:00 pm	Cubs
Thursday Nov 27	6:00 pm	A Cappella Practice
	8:00 am	Montessori Preschool
	9:00 am	Badminton
	10:00 am	Walking Group
	1:30 pm	Book Club
	2:00 pm	M&P Meeting
	2:00 pm	Music Lessons
	3:00 pm	Choir Practice
Friday Nov 28	4:30 pm	Music Lessons
	8:00 am	Montessori Preschool
	12:30 pm	Music Lessons
Saturday Nov 29	6:30 pm	Pickle Ball
	11:00 am	Music Lessons
Sunday Nov 30	9:30 am	Sunday Service – Advent I & Communion
	2:00 pm	A Cappella Concert

Fonthill United Church

November 23, 2025 – Reign of Christ

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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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