

BULLETIN NOTATIONS

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PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

***GATHERING HYMN:** VU 242 “Let All Things Now Living”

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Welcome to all as we join in worship this morning.

As sure as the sunrise, we lift each other up, united.

We come together as faith-filled people.

As sure as the sunset, all our prayers rest in the heart of God.

Let the seeds of our faith grow deep...

connecting us to the vast, rich soil of creation.

In our receiving and our believing, let us worship.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

GATHERING PRAYER:

We gather here, Creator God, open to new experiences of your presence. All around us the majestic wonders of your creation inspire us.

We are not alone. We feel your presence and seek your truth in new and promising ways. Inspire us to be open to the new challenges you place before us, and help us to be open to the gifts of all with whom we share this journey. We pray all of this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

WE LISTEN

ANTHEM: “It Is Good” ~ D. Lantz III

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 119:97-104

READER: Stephen Bronn

⁹⁷ Oh, how I love your law!

I meditate on it all day long.

⁹⁸ Your commands are always with me

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and make me wiser than my enemies.

⁹⁹ I have more insight than all my teachers,
for I meditate on your statutes.

¹⁰⁰ I have more understanding than the elders,
for I obey your precepts.

¹⁰¹ I have kept my feet from every evil path
so that I might obey your word.

¹⁰² I have not departed from your laws,
for you yourself have taught me.

¹⁰³ How sweet are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!

¹⁰⁴ I gain understanding from your precepts;
therefore I hate every wrong path.

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

Thanks be to God.

***HYMN:** VU 559 “Come, O Fount of Every Blessing”

MESSAGE: “Sweet Wisdom”

We Respond

***HYMN:** MV 120 “My Soul Cries Out”

Refrain: My heart shall sing of the day you bring.

Let the fires of your justice burn.

Wipe away all tears,

For the dawn draws near,

And the world is about to turn.

My soul cries out with a joyful shout

that the God of my heart is great,

And my spirit sings of the wondrous things

that you bring to the one who waits.

You fixed your sight on the servant's plight,

and my weakness you did not spurn,

So from east to west shall my name be blest.

Could the world be about to turn? R

Though I am small, my God, my all,
you work great things in me.
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past
to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
and those who would for you yearn,
You will show your might, put the strong to flight,
for the world is about to turn. R

From the halls of power to the fortress tower,
not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears
every tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more,
for the food they can never earn;
These are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,
for the world is about to turn. R

Though the nations rage from age to age,
we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forbears heard
is the promise that holds us bound,
'Til the spear and rod be crushed by God,
who is turning the world around. R

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:

**Holy One, you have called us friends and named us partners in your
work of Creation. Accept the gifts we bring and bless them for your**

**use, that they may reveal to others the depth of your love for all
people and for Creation itself. 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 288 "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

LARGE PRINT HYMNS and RESPONSIVE READINGS
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

Oct 26 – 9:30 am Worship Service

Nov 2 – 9:30 am Worship Service

Nov 9 – 9:30 am Worship Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEFIBRILLATOR: has reviewed the defibrillator file and note that the training that was given to 9 people was done in 2017. We do not have a list of those people who were trained and also feel it is time for a refresher. We will schedule a training session once we have some volunteers. If you have been trained either through our church or elsewhere and would be willing to help in an emergency would you please notify our church office. If you have not been trained but are interested please also let the church office know and we will set up a class once we have enough volunteers. Thank you.

FOR HUNTINGTON DISEASE: Gail DeKoning is selling Amaryllis Plants again for Huntington Disease. They are \$17 each and will be here around the first week of November. Please let her know if you would like to order any.

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

BOOK CLUB: meets the 4th Thursday of each month at 1:30 pm in the Friendship Room at the church. October's book is "Hamnet" by Maggie O'Farrell, October 23 at 1:30 pm. All are welcome!

"She is Back": Diane Watters has agreed to conduct her fun and lively nutrition classes. The first date is October 23rd at 10:30 am and the second date is November 27th at 10:30 am. Now we have more space we can accommodate you and your friends. We are still planning some cooking classes so bring your calendar books and be prepared to learn and have fun!

**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!

Church Office Hours for this week:

Mon-Fri - 8-12pm

Please call before coming in to ensure your needs can be met

THE WEEK AHEAD AT FONTHILL UNITED

Monday Oct 20	8:00 am	Montessori Preschool
	4:00 pm	Music Lessons
	6:30 pm	Pickle Ball
Tuesday Oct 21	8:00 am	Montessori Preschool
	9:00 am	Badminton
	2:00 pm	Music Lessons
	2:00 pm	Afternoon Games
	7:00 pm	Magic Club
	7:00 pm	Council Meeting
Wednesday Oct 22	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 Oct 23	8:00 am	Montessori Preschool
	9:00 am	Badminton
	10:00 am	Walking Group
	10:30 am	Nutrition Class
	1:30 pm	Book Club
	2:00 pm	Music Lessons
	3:00 pm	Choir Practice
	4:30 pm	Music Make-Up Lessons
	4:30 pm	Music Make-Up Lessons
Friday Oct 24	8:00 am	Montessori Preschool
	12:30 pm	Music Lessons
	6:30 pm	Pickle Ball
Saturday Oct 25	11:00 am	Music Lessons
Sunday Oct 26	9:30 am	Sunday Service

Fonthill United Church

October 19, 2025

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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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