

December 1, 2024, Advent 1, Rev. Lynn Hamilton

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude

Land Acknowledgement

Choral Introit *written and arranged by Rev. Kathryn Vance*

The Bible is Opened and Christ Candle Lit

Welcome and Announcements

Outreach Focused Time

Advent Candle Lighting - Week One Hope:

Readers: Bev Hodgson & Paul Malcomson, Marg Walker & Kathryn Vance

Reader 1: Christmas is coming! But waiting is hard! Each day brings us closer to Christmas when we celebrate Jesus' birth and Christian Hope coming to the world.

Reader 2: The angel announced to Mary that her baby would be born and that he will be called Emmanuel, God with Us.

And so we begin the journey to Christmas.

Reader 1: Today we light the candle of hope - Our hope that God's signs and the prophecies are fulfilled.

Hymn VU #6 A Candle is Burning, v. 1 'Hope'

Call to Worship (responsive)

Advent is a time for waiting.

We wait for God, who appears like a tender branch growing from a stump.

Advent is a time for hoping.

We wait for God, who comes with justice and righteousness.

Advent is a time to worship.

We wait for God, praising the One who comes to fulfil promises.

Gathering Hymn – VU #2 Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Opening Prayer & Confession (together)

Minister: God of love,

you come to your people to dwell with us.

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we confess our sins and the sins of this world.

All: Surprising God,

forgive our sleepiness in the presence of your splendour and for when we abandon hope

and expect and look for the same old thing in the same old way. Forgive us our silence when we ought to have spoken up and our carelessness with your world and each other.

Awaken us to your holy, hopeful presence

so we may watch and wait for you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Time for the Young at Heart, *prepared by Lisa Jo Malcomson*

Hymn – VU # 64 O Little Town of Bethlehem

Prayer for Illumination

May the God whom we know through Jesus the Christ be present among and within us this day as we hear the gospel, sing the hymns and reflect on the Word. Amen.

Scripture: Luke 21:25-36

Kathryn Bannister, Marilyn Dixon

Anthem

Sharing Good News

Hymn - VU # 337 Blessed Assurance

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to Offering

Doxology VU # 541 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

Prayer of Dedication of Offering

Invitation to Prayer – VU #148 Jesus, Remember Me

Prayers of the People

The Sacrament of Communion – we share in the Lord's Supper. All are welcome at the table.

Lord's Prayer: Our Father who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses As we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory. Forever and ever. Amen.

WE TAKE CHRIST'S MESSAGE INTO THE WORLD

Hymn – VU # VU 713 I See a New Heaven

Benediction and Commissioning

Go Now in Peace Go now in peace, never be afraid

God will go with you each hour of everyday

Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true

Know He will guide you in all you do

Go now in Love and show you believe

Reach out to others, so all the world can see

God will be there, watching from above

Go now in peace, in faith and in love. Amen, Amen, Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Land Acknowledgement: We acknowledge our Creator and the world around us and our place within it. We acknowledge the many nations who call this land home. We acknowledge the Indigenous and non-Indigenous brothers and sisters who walked this land in the past and those who walk it today, this, the traditional and treaty lands of the Anishinaabeg (Ahnish-in-nah-beg), Neutral, and Haudenosaunee (Ho-deh-no-show-nee) peoples.

Welcome to our church! If you would like to join our mailing list and birthday list, email your contact details to the church administrator office@gracewoodhouse.ca

Lakewood School Christmas program: Outreach committee is again working with Lakewood school on their Christmas program. This provides a much needed boost to families at Christmas. Please consider a donation - just mark "Lakewood School" on your donation.

Stewardship Seconds

December 1, First Sunday in Advent

Our generous giving helps to prepare the way of the Lord by providing hope for those around us.

JOY - Christmas At Woodhouse With Tia & Tommy

Sat Dec 14 @ 2pm, Tickets \$25, call Lisa Jo 519-428-2827

Woodhouse Cookie Walk – Dec 8, 10:30 am

Woodhouse Candlelight Service – Dec 22, 7pm

Broadview offers for Christmas gifting – email Heather King for details – hking@kwic.com

After 15 years of dedicated service our custodian Jeff is moving into a new phase in his retirement. If you see Jeff, please wish him well on his retirement. We are so grateful for his service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Let's Celebrate—December 1-7

☞ Pastoral Charge Birthdays ☜

Joe Horton December 1

Trish Hilbrand December 5

☞ Pastoral Charge Anniversaries ☜

Ken & Wretha Demone December 2

Jim Tiller Jr. & Brenda Cooper December 4

UPCOMING – Sunday December 8, 2024

Scripture Readers: Gord Percival, Ken Demone, **Luke 3:1-6**

Advent Readers: Pat Tiller/ Marion Pepper

Penni Lewis / Win Wilson

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Today Sunday Dec 1st, Steve and Carol Brightman are having a lunch **after church** for Carol's one year transplant, with lunch in the main hall to follow, hope you can make it.

Love Carol & Steve.

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The Lynn Valley Voices present their Advent concert -

“Wintersong” featuring music about remembrance, light and peace - on Sunday, December 1st at 3 pm at St. James United Church, 150 Colborne St. S., Simcoe and on **Sunday, December**

8th at 3:30 pm at Grace United Church, 18 Chapman St. W., Port

Dover. Admission by donation. Questions? 226-400-1399.

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Advent Walk TONIGHT— Starting at St Cecilia’s Church.

Sunday Dec. 1, 7pm, then to St Paul’s, then Grace United,

with refreshments to follow

Volunteers needed for Grace United & Lynn Valley Voices

Fundraising Concert December 8, 3:30 pm

Ushers – 3 needed

Reception Set Up – 1-2 needed

Call Janice Ketchen to sign up 416-505-1658 or email the church office graceunitedportdover@gmail.com

Welcome to the Port Dover – Woodhouse

Pastoral Charge

Woodhouse United Church and

Grace United Church

Sunday December 1, 2024



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Ministers: All People of the Community of Faith

Woodhouse Organist: Pat Tiller

Woodhouse Pianist: Marion Pepper

Grace Pianist: Cheryl Copeman

Office Administrator: Robyn York

Licensed Lay Worship Leader: Heather King

Volunteer Associate Minister: Rev. Sheena Riley-Marini

Volunteer Associate Minister: Rev. Kathryn Vance

Pastoral Charge Minister: Rev. Lynn Hamilton

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Church Calendar: <http://graceunitedportdover.org/calendar>

Week at a Glance MONDAY Dec. 2 to SUNDAY Dec. 8

Day	Time	Event	Where
Mon.			
Tues	10:00 am	Bible Study	Growing Pl.
Wed	10:00 am 3:00 pm	W&M Meeting Grace Choir	Offsite Sanctuary
Thurs	9:30 am 10:00 am	Office Volunteers Woodhouse Choir	Parlour Woodhouse
Fri.	9:30 am 3:30 pm	Grace Trustees Meeting Lynn Valley Voices Dress Rehearsal	Parlour Sanctuary
Sun.	9:30 am 11:00 am 3:30 pm	Woodhouse Service Grace Service Lynn Valley Voices Fundraising Concert	Woodhouse Sanctuary Sanctuary