



Westminster United Church

"Embracing Our Community"

November 19, 2017
10:30am

Our Mission Statement



Westminster United Church is a Christian family sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with the congregation, the community and the world at large. We provide a spiritual home for worship, celebration of the sacraments, and Christian Education.

Statement of Inclusion



We embrace people of all ages, gender, race, sexual orientations, gender identity, abilities, ethnicity, social and economic circumstances, in the membership, ministry, leadership and life of this congregation.

Hymns, responsive readings and unison prayers are displayed on screen.

Please do not leave handbags or valuables unattended.

Thank you to those participating in today's service:

Greeters and Candle lighters	Westminster Youth
Scripture Reader	Debbie Joyce
Ushers:	Team 5 - Jim Wild, Kerry Delaney Fitz Morrison, Jolene Baker Keith Baker, Dave Parks, Mary Parks
Tech Booth	Jim Fielder, Brock Fielder
Coffee and Tea Servers	Team 5 - Glenda Locksley Bob Locksley, Liz Aldred Arlene Jones
Volunteer Custodian(s)	Team 4 - Bob Dingman, Bill Beer Maureen Dingman, Bonnie Beer



Thank you
for
silencing
your cell
phone.



(* Indicates to please stand as you are able.)

We Gather Together

Prelude - Mega Hymn Medley

**Welcome and Announcements -
The Life and Work of the Church**

Call to Worship on Anniversary Sunday:

Past, Present and Future -- a candle-lighting liturgy

Gathering Verse (from Taize):

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful

In the Lord I will rejoice, look to God, do not be afraid

Lift up your voices the Lord is near

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Opening Prayer

Passing the Peace: We greet one another saying, "The peace of
Christ be with you." "And also with you."

***Hymn: VU #413 O Splendour of God's Glory Bright**

The Bible is placed, candles lit

To Offer Ourselves

Invitation to Offering (*our commitment to support
the Life and Work of the church*)

*(Children and youth are encouraged to place their offerings in the
offering plate at this time, too.)*

Offertory - The Potter's Hand (SALT)

***Sung Response: MV 187 We Give Our Thanks**

We give our thanks to God, we give our thanks to God (x2)

We give our hearts to you, (x3)

Because you first loved us.

Offering Prayer

To Hear God's Word

Jr. Choir - Clap Your Hands - *Integrity Worship*

Time with all God's Children

Song: VU #291 All Things Bright and Beautiful vs 5

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful: in love, God made them all.

God gave us eyes to see them,

and lips that we might tell how great is God our maker,
who has made all things well.

(Children and Youth will leave for J.a.M)

Ministry of Music: O, God, Beyond All Praising
- *Holst of the Song*

Congregation joins in v 3

Then, hear O gracious Saviour, this song of praise we sing.
May we, who know your favour, our humble service bring;
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

Scripture Background

Scripture: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14

Sermon

To Respond in Faith

Time of Silent Reflection

Hymn: VU #529 Great God, We Sing That Mighty Hand

Celebrating the Lord's Supper

*We celebrate an open table which means all are welcome.
You are invited to come forward and receive a piece of bread,
and a glass which contains grape juice. If you would prefer to receive
communion in your seat, please feel free to remain seated,
alert an Usher and we will come serve you.*

One: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

One: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them up to the Lord

One: Give thanks to the Lord

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise

One: Creator God,

Over the eons you have moved within the cosmos
The earth is yours and all that is in it...

...Speaking truth to power he challenged "the way it is"
with a vision of "the way it could be".

**All: And so we watch and listen,
as you call us into the future in love and hope,
as you challenge us to take new paths.**

One: Come, meet us now at this table,
Pour your spirit upon us and on this bread and cup...

...all glory is yours, God most holy, now and forever.

All: AMEN

**Sharing the Bread and the Cup
Prayer after Communion
The Lord's Prayer**

To Go Into the World

***Hymn: VU #288 Great is Thy Faithfulness**

***Blessing and Sending Forth**

***Sung Response: If I Take the Wings of Morning**

If I take the wings of morning
And dwell in the uttermost part of the sea,
Even there Your hand will guide me
And Your right hand hold onto me.
God, You will be there,
Wherever and forever,
Yes, You will be there for me, forever, amen,
Forever and ever, forever, amen,
Yes, You will be with me, forever, amen.

Postlude - Jubilation - Handel



As you leave, remember that God is with you through the week.

Prayer for The Week

God, encourage us to live and share this heritage of faith we have been given, May we serve you by serving others. Amen.

Church on our Conference Prayer Cycle

Woodville PC, Kawartha Highlands

Prayer Requests during the Service

Our weekly worship service provides a time for submitting prayers of concern, thanksgiving and praise. You will find prayer forms in the pew pockets.

Prayer/praise requests are collected along with the offering. Please place the completed prayer cards in the baskets as they are circulated and your weekly offering in the metal plates. The requests are read in the service during our prayer time together and then forwarded to the Prayer Group who will continue to pray for each concern.

What's Happening at Westminster?

Upcoming Services

November 26 Wrapping up of our series with the Prophets



All Welcome

Coffee and tea are served after worship in the gym. Purchases of the organic coffee, tea, and Fair Trade chocolate bars we sell every Sunday enable us to provide the organic coffee & tea after church.

Family ADVENTure Day!

When: Sunday, December 3, 12:00– 3:00pm

Where: Right here at Westminster

What: A fun, family day to celebrate the Season of ADVENT!

Come for lunch and stay for the family crafts and activities!



This is a free event, sponsored by your Christian Education Committee. Spaces are limited, so you **MUST REGISTER** for this event to receive your free ticket! Registration will take place in the gym following worship TODAY on Nov. 19. Hope to see you there!

Wine, Women and the Word

The next meeting of this monthly Bible Study will be on Tuesday, **November 21**, from **7:00pm - 9:00pm**.

Topic: "Why the bible is the only book we need"

Westminster United Church Advent Labyrinth "prepare to receive and spread the light"

When: November 29, 7:00-9:00pm

Join us during this special Advent Season for an illuminating prayer walk and liturgy to ponder the Lord's presence and light. For further information or to register - email clarencemac@gmail.com



Canadian Blood Services
it's in you to give

Canadian Blood Services report from our clinic on Nov. 7; 72 people attended and 66 units were collected. Several first time donors attended and there was one match to the test for marrow & stem cells. Thank you to those who attended and helped.

We need you all! Please book for the next clinic on **Tuesday, Jan. 2** by calling **1-888-236-6283**. Volunteer Convener, *Elizabeth Hatter*

Scott Woods Old Time Christmas Show Tuesday, December 12 at 7:00pm

This is a fundraiser for Westminster United Church. Tickets may be purchased after Sunday service in the gym or from the church office Monday to Friday between 9:00am & 3:30pm from Beth.

Ticket prices are **\$25 for adults, \$10 for children age 6-12**, children 5 and under get in free.

Celebrate an Old Time Christmas with Scott Woods and his band. For more information visit their website at www.scottwoods.ca



Wellness Committee Message

Westminster is a wonderful active place to gather and worship as we are able. As winter approaches we are reminded influenza season comes with it. Information to consider, on how to protect ourselves and others, on this year's flu vaccine can be found at the Durham Region Health Department website: www.durham.ca or through your pharmacist. "Facts About Influenza" can also be found on the information table in the Westminster narthex. Proper hand washing is the single best defense to prevent the spread of cold and flu viruses. Two other Wellness initiatives we wish to highlight:



For several years November has been "Movember" month. This public awareness campaign focuses on the topic of prostate cancer, and also addresses other aspects of men's health such as awareness of testicular cancer, the need for physical activity, and attention to mental health. The Wellness Committee will plan future opportunities for conversation and communication on these topics. Please let us know if you have suggestions or information to share.

Once again we will be making the Christmas Cranberry Prayer Candles this holiday season. Place your order in the gym after worship on Sundays, Dec. 3rd and 10th. For \$10 they make great centre pieces and host gifts, and will be available for pick-up on Sunday, Dec. 17th. Finally if you wish to recycle your vase(s) from last year's candle fundraiser, we will gladly accept them in the office, marked "Wellness candle fundraiser" with our thanks!

PLEASE NOTE THE NEW TIME ...

Wednesday, November 22 at 1:30pm -3:00pm at the church to discuss *They Left Us Everything* by Plum Johnson.

"After almost twenty years of caring for elderly parents author Plum Johnson and her three younger brothers experience conflicted feelings of grief and relief when their mother, the surviving parent, dies. *They Left Us Everything* is a funny, touching memoir about the importance of preserving family history to make sense of the past, and nurturing family bonds to safeguard the future." To borrow the book or for more information, please call Susan at 905-493-3122.



Westminster Weekly Calendar

Monday November 20

08:30 AM - 04:30 PM-YDAC (Room 1, Youth & Computer)
09:30 AM - 12:30 PM-Taoism Tai Chi (Gym)
10:00 AM - 04:00 PM-Youth Employment Readiness Pgm (Founders Room)
06:30 PM - 08:30 PM-Guides (Gym)
07:00 PM - 09:00 PM-Foodmangroup Meeting (Kitchen)
07:00 PM - 08:00 PM-Nooma DVD series (Youth Room)

Tuesday November 21

10:00 AM - 04:00 PM-Youth Employment Readiness Pgm (Founders Room)
12:30 PM - 03:00 PM-Stroke Recovery Group (Gym/Kitchen)
06:30 PM - 08:00 PM-Whitby 31st Brownies (Gym)
07:00 PM - 09:00 PM-Wine, Women and The Word (Founders Room)

Wednesday November 22

09:00 AM - 12:00 PM-Whitby-Brooklin Probus (Gym)
10:00 AM - 04:00 PM-Youth Employment Readiness Pgm (Founders Room)
01:00 PM - 03:00 PM-WUC Book Club (Youth Room)
07:00 PM - 09:00 PM-Friendly Visitors Meeting (Founder's Room)

Thursday November 23

10:00 AM - 04:00 PM-Youth Employment Readiness Pgm (Founders Room)
11:15 AM - 12:00 PM-Senior Fitness (Gym)
03:00 PM - 05:00 PM-We Care (Gym)
07:00 PM - 08:30 PM-Family Karate (Gym)
07:00 PM - 08:30 PM-Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

Friday November 24

08:30 AM - 04:30 PM-YDAC (Room 1, Computer Rm, Gym)
10:00 AM - 04:00 PM-Youth Employment Readiness Pgm (Founders Room)
12:30 PM - 03:30 PM-YDAC (Sanctuary)

Saturday November 25

Sunday November 26

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM-Sunday Worship
10:45 AM - 10:50 AM-Stewardship Moment
12:00 PM - 02:00 PM-Christmas Play Practice (Sanctuary)

*Come one, Come All -
 Women of Westminster United Church –
 You are invited to the
 U.C.W. Christmas Potluck Dinner
 Monday December 4th, 2017*

In the Founder's Room at WUC

Gathering and appetizers at 5:30pm – Dinner @ 6pm

*Please bring your favorite one of: A main course or a salad or a
 dessert to share.*

*If you desire: Our Christmas Donations project is Back Door
 Missions located in downtown Oshawa, which helps feed the
 homeless and a box will be provided for one's anonymous cash
 donations.*



R. R.V.P. on or before December 1st, 2017 to Margaret M @ 905-723-7029 or Susan P @ 905-493-3122 or Liz A @ 905-579-8459

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