



# Westminster United Church

## "Embracing Our Community"



## Weekly Worship Service each Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

# November 24, 2019

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.



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.

We are so glad you came! Thank you for worshipping at Westminster. We hope you will be encouraged by the teaching you hear and by the people you meet. Please take a moment to fill out "A Westminster Welcome!" card located in the seat pocket in front of you and place it in the offering plate. To stay connected with us, see our Facebook page, website [www.westminster-uc.ca](http://www.westminster-uc.ca) or sign up for our weekly email at [wuc@westminster-uc.ca](mailto:wuc@westminster-uc.ca).

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(\* Indicates standing in body or spirit)

## **We Gather Together**

**Prelude** - Joyful, Joyful - *arr. Hopson*

### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### **Aboriginal Acknowledgement:**

Today we acknowledge that where we meet, worship and live was land that was first and is still loved and nurtured by Indigenous/First Nations people. We are Williams Treaty people (1923) within the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat, Iroquois, and Anishinabek people. May what we do here help to create a space where all people may meet and work towards right relations.

### **Call to Worship**

**Gathering Verse - MV 4 All Who Are Thirsty (v1)**

### **Opening Prayer**

\* **Passing the Peace**

\* **Hymn: VU 872 Give Praise to Our God - *Laudate Dominum***

## **To Offer Ourselves**

### **Invitation to Offering**

**Offertory** - We Bow Down - *Paris*

\* **Sung Response - VU 537 Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands**

### **Offering Prayer**

## **To Hear God's Word**

**Junior Choir** - Joy - *Allstars Kids Club*

### **Time with all God's Children**

**Song while children leave for J.A.M.** "He's Got the Whole World"

**Ministry of Music** - Crown Him Lord of All - *Parks*

**Scripture: Luke 12:29-36; Mark 9:38-47 J.B. Phillips** *Debbie Joyce*

**Message: "Decide"** *Rev. Dan Yourkevich*

## To Respond in Faith

### Time of Silent Reflection

\* Hymn: VU 372 *Though I May Speak - O Waly Waly*

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

## To Go Into the World

\* Hymn: VU 509 *I, The Lord of Sea and Sky - Here I Am, Lord*

\* Blessing and Sending Forth

Closing Response - *If I Take the Wings of the Morning (v1) - Motum*

\* Postlude - Shine, Jesus, Shine - arr. Kendrick

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Next Week's Scripture: Genesis 8:1-12;  
Matthew 24:36-39; Luke 21:25-28  
Theme: "Crazy Old Noah and Christmas"



### Upcoming Services

- Sunday, December 1 Advent I; Minute for Mission
  - Sunday, December 8 Advent II; Stewardship Moment
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### Regional Prayer Cycle //

We are holding in prayer our fellow community of faith: Wellington.

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### 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 plates. The requests are read in the service during our prayer time together and then forwarded to our Prayer Team who will continue to pray for each concern.

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## **We have Hearing Assistance equipment available every Sunday //**

If you are hard of hearing or you wear hearing aids, we can assist you to enjoy the service. Either headphones can be worn without hearing aids or neck loops which can be used with hearing aids. If you wish to wear the neck loop you need to ensure that your hearing aids come equipped with a telephone coil (T switch). You can ask one of our ushers for assistance.

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## **We thank you for your generosity to our Food Bank and for helping to keep our shelves stocked //**

It's official - the cupboards are bare at the Food Bank. We have seen a huge demand these past few months. Our needs are: soup, tea, coffee and whitener, jam fruit, vegetables, cereal, children's snacks and juice.



## **NOOMA DVD Series //**



Mondays, 7:00pm - 8:00pm, Oct 28, Nov 11, Nov 25 & Dec 9  
NOOMA is a series of short relatable films that invite you to search, question and join the discussion.  
No registration is required.

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## **Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR)//**

PAR allows you to support Westminster through an automatic monthly withdrawal from your bank account. Besides being convenient, using PAR for your offering ensures regular monthly givings to help Westminster's ministry even when you are away. You will be providing a dependable flow of contributions, which increases the church's overall financial stability. Using PAR also reduces administration costs because of automated tracking of donations for tax receipt purposes.

Interested in making the switch or have questions? Come to the gym after the service and go to the table set up for PAR.

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## **Coffee and tea are served after worship in the gym //**

Purchases of organic coffee, green and **NEW earl grey tea** and Fair Trade chocolate bars we sell every Sunday enable us to provide the organic coffee and tea after church. **Our Christmas Baskets are now available with coffee, tea, and chocolate bars for that special person who has everything.**



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**A children's program** is available for your baby/toddler in the nursery down the hall. Children will be invited to head to **J.a.M.** during the service after the Children's Time. Please speak to an usher for directions or more information. If you have any questions or concerns regarding our J.a.M. program, please contact: Cathy Shaw, Minister of Faith Formation (cshaw@westminster-uc.ca)



### Toiletries //

The Christmas basket to collect toiletries for men and women is in the Narthex and will stay there until December 15th.

### Grocery Cards //

We all buy groceries, so why not support Westminster at the same time? Grocery gift cards are available for purchase at face value after service on Sunday in the gym or in the church office during the week. 5% of the proceeds go to Westminster United Church.



### Book Club //

The next gathering of the Book Club is Wednesday November 27 at 1:30pm at the church to discuss the book entitled **The Gown - A Novel of the Royal Wedding** by Canadian author: Jennifer Robson.

### What is Church Health Ministry

Health is harmony with self and others, the environment and with God—a continuum of physical, social, psychological, and spiritual well-being. Health Ministry is the promotion of health as wholeness— as a mission of a faith community to its members and the community it serves.

To learn more join us on Westminster Interchange

<https://interchange.livinglights.ca>

### Family ADVENTure Day //

**When:** Sunday, December 1st from 12 - 2pm

**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 (ages 10 and under), 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 on Nov. 17 and 24.  
**Hope to see you there!**

**Climate Committee Information Session //** Today, after church, Westminster's Climate Committee will be hosting a presentation on the connection between Plastics, Pollution, and Climate Change. Grab a coffee and then meet in the Founders' Room. The presentation will be about 15-20 minutes long, followed by discussion and displays. Hope to see you there.

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**Friday Flicks //**

This free movie night for adults is on Friday, November 29 at 7:00pm...bring a date, bring a friend or step out solo, as we watch the comedy/drama, *THE INTERN*, starring Robert DeNiro and Anne Hathaway...Popcorn included!



**Christmas Hampers //** A Westminster tradition has been to provide Christmas hampers to those in need in our community. Again this year we plan to help approximately 75 families with your generous help. Our tin cans have been counted, but we can still accept monetary donations towards the food portion of the hamper. Mark your cheque and envelope "Hamper Program". The tags to buy gifts for children or adults will be available on Nov 24, Dec 1 and Dec 8 if needed. The return date is Dec 14 and delivery will be Dec 15. Thanks to all for your support.

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*Lessons, Carols  
and Candlelight*



*join us on*  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 7 PM  
*at*

Westminster United Church  
1850 Rossland Road East  
Whitby

*featuring*  
The choirs of  
BROOKLIN UNITED CHURCH,  
NORTHMINSTER/ST. STEPHEN'S UNITED CHURCHES  
WESTMINSTER UNITED CHURCH

*and*  
THE DURHAM WIND ENSEMBLE  
KATHY BEATTY, OBOE  
PANDORA BRYCE, FLUTE





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

**Monday December 2nd, 2019**

In the Founder's Room at WUC

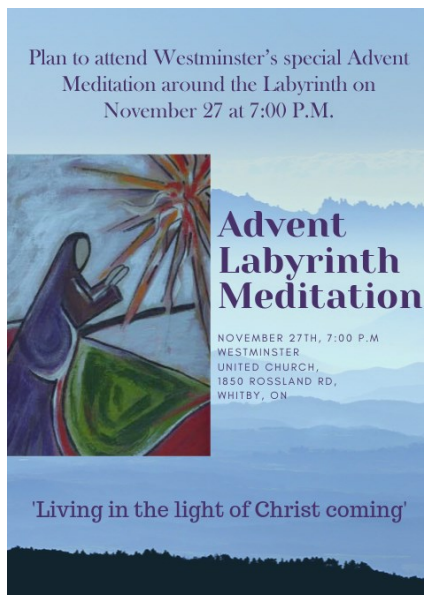
Gathering and appetizers at 5:30pm – Dinner @ 6pm

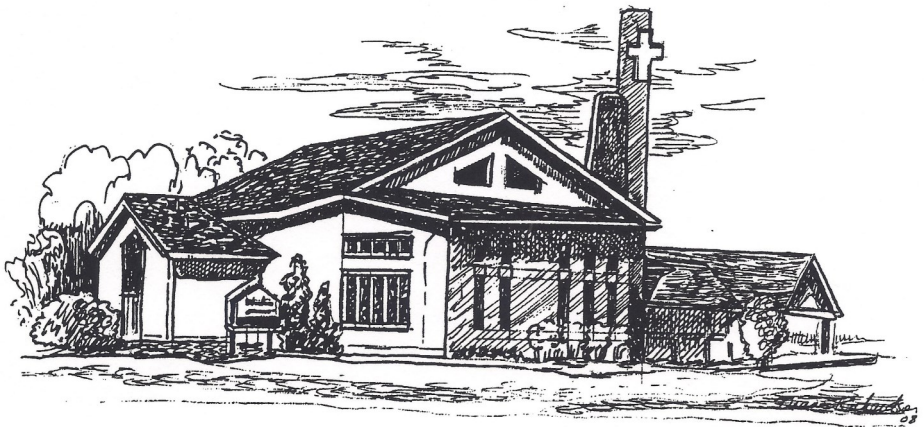
Please bring your favorite one of: A main course or a salad or a dessert to feed 4.

If you desire: Christmas Donations are being gratefully accepted for: Westminster's own Food Bank – especially: packages of 4 rolls of toilet paper, women's sanitary pads, toothbrushes, toothpaste, bars of soap, instant coffee, coffee creamer, raspberry jam, strawberry jam, or peak frozen cookies.

R. S.V.P. on or before Friday November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019 to Margaret M @ 905-723-7029 or

Susan P @ 905-493-3122 or Liz A @ 905-579-8459





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**Greeters and Candle Lighter**

Betty Cashmore

**Ushers**

Team 2 - Carol O'Neil, Mark Clarke,  
Clarence MacPherson, Barb  
Auchterlonie, Save Summers, Don Fry

**Coffee and Tea**

Team 2 - Gail Wild, Jim Wild, Bonny  
Ferguson

**Tech Booth**

Arthur Smith, Saudi Mohammed

**Volunteer Custodian(s)**

Team 2 - Bob Dingman (leader),  
Maureen Dingman, Bill Beer, Bonnie  
Beer

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**Rev. Michelle Robinson**, Minister of Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care  
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