



# Westminster United Church

## "Embracing Our Community"



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

# January 5, 2020

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**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Call to Worship**

One: Darkness descended over the land.

**ALL: The people lived in fear.**

One: Then something so unexpected happened.

**ALL: Something that filled the people with surprise.**

One: A star burned brightly in the heavens!

**ALL: A star beyond imagining!**

One: Though the night be dark and times are difficult, a new light shines.

**ALL: God hears us and gives us hope!**

One: Let us celebrate God's light given to us!

**ALL: Let us praise the God of hope and promise!**

One: For the light of life is Jesus Christ, who breaks through the Darkness.

**ALL: Let us live as people of light and hope.**

### **Gathering Verse - MV 115 Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New**

### **Opening Prayer**

**\* Passing the Peace**

**\* Hymn: VU 222 Come, Let Us Sing - Forney**

## **To Offer Ourselves**

### **Invitation to Offering**

### **Offertory**

**\* Sung Response - MV 34 All Is Done for the Glory (v4)**

### **Offering Prayer**

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

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

**Song (while children go back to their seats) - MV 36 Glory to God**

**Ministry of Music** - Just When We Truly Needed Peace - *Carter*

**Scripture:** Matthew 2:1-12; 1 Timothy 2:1-7 - *Bev Crumb*

**Message:** "Just Follow the Signs" *Rev. Dan Yourkevich*

### **To Respond in Faith**

**Time of Silent Reflection**

**\*Hymn:** VU 54 **Unto Us a Boy is Born** - *Puer Nobis Nascitur*

**Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**

### **To Go Into the World**

**\* Hymn:** VU 91 **The First Nowell** - *The First Nowell*

**\* Blessing and Sending Forth**

**Closing Response - MV 58 We Sing of Your Glory (v4 2x)**

**\* Postlude**

Next Week's Scripture: John 2:1-11  
Theme: "For the Joy of It"



### **Upcoming Services and Events**

- Sunday, January 19 Communion



### **Regional Prayer Cycle //**

We are holding in prayer our fellow community of faith  
Pickering Village - Audley: Ajax.

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

On behalf of the Food Bank, we would like to thank  
everyone for your generosity this past year. Our cupboards  
are well stocked at present, but our needs are growing, so  
donations will always be received. Merry Christmas!



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

Your purchases of organic coffee, green and NEW earl grey tea and Fair  
Trade chocolate bars enable us to provide the organic coffee and tea  
after church.

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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.



### **Grocery Cards //**

The terminal is available each Sunday in the gym after  
service, and Monday through Friday in the office during  
office hours. Use the debit/credit card terminal to make  
an offering; purchase tickets to events; and/or purchase  
grocery cards. We accept debit, MasterCard and VISA.

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### **Faith and Fellowship //**

Our Faith and Fellowship group resumes on  
Wednesday, January 8th. This monthly "come as you  
can" group brings adults of all ages together for a  
time of fellowship, food, devotion and prayer...No  
registration required...Hope to see you there!  
Upcoming dates and times: *January 8, February 12  
and March 11 from 1:30pm-3:30pm.*

## **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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## **Bazaar Debrief Meeting //**

There will be a meeting on Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 7:00pm in the Founders Room to discuss the Bazaar.

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## **Ways to Give Your Offering //**

\* Via envelope: cash or cheque

\*Via PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance): contact the office or pick up a brochure in the Narthex

\* Via text: text "give" to 833-963-1387 to set up your account. Once you have set up your account, you can text your offering amount at any time. It's that simple!



**Tithe.ly**

\* Via Tithe.ly app: download the app for free. Set up your account within minutes!

\* Via e-transfers to [wuc@westminster-uc.ca](mailto:wuc@westminster-uc.ca). Please make the security question and answer the same. For example, both could be "Offering". In the message section, please specify what the money is for (i.e. Local Fund, Building Fund, Mission & Service, Foodbank, Special Appeal, etc.). If you require a tax receipt, please include your mailing address if your contact information is not already on file with the church office. Donation receipts for offerings/donations of \$20 or more (cumulative) are issued in February of the following year in which the offering/donation is made.

\* If you have questions regarding any of these options, please see Monica Veenstra after the service or contact the Office Administrator, Becky Clingman.

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There will be NO J.a.M classes or Nursery this Sunday, January 5th.

### ***Sunday January 05***

**10:30 AM - 11:30 AM**-Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)

**10:45 AM - 10:50 AM**-Minute for Mission

### ***Monday January 06***

**08:30 AM - 04:30 PM**-YDAC (Room 1, Youth & Computer)

**09:30 AM - 12:30 PM**-Taoism Tai Chi (Gym)

**06:30 PM - 08:30 PM**-Guides 18th group (Gym)

**06:30 PM - 08:30 PM**-UCW Meeting (Founders' Room)

**07:00 PM - 09:00 PM**-Foodman Group Meeting (Kitchen)

### ***Tuesday January 07***

**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**-1st Mapleshade Rangers (Room 1)

**07:30 PM - 09:00 PM**-11th Whitby Scouts (Computer Room)

### ***Wednesday January 08***

**09:30 AM - 12:00 PM**-Bridge to a New Home (Founders Room)

**12:00 PM - 03:30 PM**-Living Alone Luncheon (Gym, Kitchen)

**01:30 PM - 03:00 PM**-Faith & Fellowship (Founders' Rm)

**07:00 PM - 09:00 PM**-Mission and Vision Working Group (Founders Room)

**07:00 PM - 09:00 PM**-Parish Mosaic Cmte (Youth Room)

### ***Thursday January 09***

**06:30 PM - 08:30 PM**-Youth Group (Youth Room)

**07:00 PM - 08:30 PM**-Choir Practice (Founder's Room/Sanctuary )

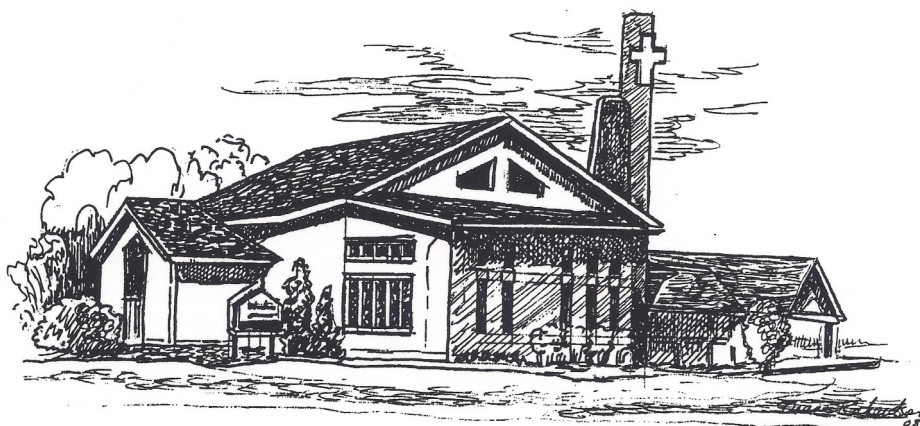
**07:00 PM - 08:30 PM**-Family Karate (Gym)

### ***Friday January 10***

**08:30 AM - 04:30 PM**-YDAC (Room 1, Computer Rm, Gym)

### ***Saturday January 11***

**12:00 AM - 12:00 AM**-Ron Aldred's Memorial Service (Whole Church)



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## **Greeters and Candle Lighter**

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

**Coffee and Tea** Team 3 - Tom Medlock, Karen Kennedy,  
Janet Hendrikse

**Tech Booth** William von Zuben, Liam Bonikowsky

**Volunteer Custodian(s)** Team 2 - Dave Summers,  
Ava Tomlinson, Don Fry

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